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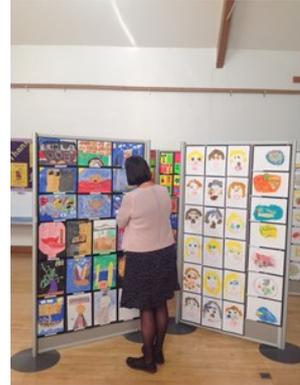
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The Monkfield Art Gallery

We hope that you were able to visit the Monkfield Art Gallery over the last week and that you enjoyed being able to look at some of the 'masterpieces' of the future which were on display. The staff at Monkfield Park are always overwhelmed by the amazingly talented children we have the pleasure to teach, but we were all very impressed with the attention to detail and the levels of skill which had gone into creating each piece. Many visitors to the gallery were eager to purchase these original works of art and the sold stickers caused much excitement when the children visited the gallery. All the money raised will go towards refurbishing our library.



Year 5 'Wow' Greek Day

On Friday the children in Year 5 experienced the first of our 'Wow' History days for this academic year. Their topic this term is the Ancient Greeks and so it was with great excitement that they all donned their chitons and girdles and stepped into Miss Simpson's time machine to be transported back more than 2,000 years to the time when Athens and Sparta vied to become the dominant power in the Mediterranean.



The children were totally immersed in Ancient Greek culture with a wide variety of hands-on arts and craft experiences, which included making decorative vases and mosaic panels to adorn their houses. In the afternoon they experienced the excitement of visiting a Greek theatre and rounded off the day with an authentic Greek banquet. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the day and learnt so much. The children are now looking forward to finding out more in the exciting lessons their teachers have planned for them.



Please Remember Your PE Kit

Several children have not had their PE kit in school this week, which has meant they have not been able to take part in the PE lessons that their teachers have planned. PE lessons are a compulsory part of the curriculum for all year groups, so please ensure that your child has everything that they require for these lessons and that all kit is named. PE kit consists of the following....

Indoor kit: plain white T-shirt, blue shorts, socks, plimsolls.

Outdoor kit: sensible trainers, socks, tracksuit or jogging bottoms and a jumper/sweatshirt for cold weather.

Children in KS2 may also wear football boots (without metal studs) for playing football.



Head Teacher roll of honour

Each week I have my eye out for children who have either made significant achievements or who have made an extra effort as part of their school life. These children are given a special mention in the weekly edition of the 'Head Teacher roll of honour'. Anyone who is nominated for this prestigious accolade also receives a special postcard, which is sent to their home to mark the occasion. This week, the following children have been recognised:

Kacper in Columba Class—Kacper has really made a wonderful impression on us all in his first week back at school by showing great perseverance and a desire to make his work the best it can possibly be. As a result he has already earned six merits!

Ella in Violet Class—Ella has made a fantastic start to Year 2. Her new found confidence and fantastic contributions in class have been so pleasing to see.

Max in Pegasus Class—Max has started Year 6 with a great attitude to work and school. He has impressed us with his willingness to share ideas in class and the amount of effort he is putting into his work. Thank you for being such a good role model.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

This term we will once again be running a wide variety of clubs which will take place either before school, during the school day or after school. These range from Art Club to dance, chess, yoga, cookery, football, boxercise and many more. To find out about the clubs we offer, please take a look at the timetable on the school website or ask for details at the school office. Over the next couple of weeks, our club providers will be writing to you so that you can sign up for the clubs which your child may be interested in.



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to share their favourite story with you.

Ask your Year 1 child what harvest is.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you an interesting fact about Isaac Newton.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe how 3 digit numbers are made.

Ask your Year 4 child about the difference between direct and indirect speech.

Ask your Year 5 child to name the features of a diary (recount text).

Ask your Year 6 child whether, after reading the first chapter of Kensuke's Kingdom, they think Michael should go on the Peggy Sue.

Recommended Reads—a note from Mrs Martin



All children should have taken home their Reading Records this week. Inside you will now find a list of recommended reads that the children should aim to complete before the end of the academic year. It might be a nice idea to add a couple of these books to your child's birthday or Christmas present list! If you cannot get hold of the books on the Book List, the local library in Cambourne and our school library will have copies to lend. Once you have read the book to your child or your child has read it themselves, simply tick the box and write a comment in the Reading Record. It would be really helpful if the Reading Record stays in your child's book bag so we can see what they're reading at home. Happy reading!

Volunteering in School

Do you have a few hours to spare each week? Would you like to get first hand experience of what school is really like?

Volunteers are greatly valued at Monkfield Park and we appreciate all the help they give us with many tasks in school. The role is very varied and enjoyable, so you may be listening to children read, putting up displays or helping on a school trip. If you would like to volunteer in school we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Howell or Mrs Walker via the school office for more information.

Forthcoming dates

18th September 6pm—Read Write curriculum evening for Reception parents

w/c 25th September —Harvest Festival Week

4th October 6pm—Maths evening for Reception parents

6th October 9am—Violet Class assembly

11th October from 5pm—Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)

12th October 1.30pm—Reception 'come and share' event

13th October 9am—Blue Class assembly

16th October—Individual children's photographs

19th October from 4pm—Parent consultations (more details to follow)

w/c 23rd October—half term (children return on 30th October)

10th November 9am—Aquila Class assembly

24th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

6th December—Flu vaccination programme (details to follow)

8th December at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly

12th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

13th December 1.30am—Reception 'come and share' event

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

14th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

14th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

15th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

19th December—Christmas parties

19th December—Last day of term

19th December—Christmas holidays begin

3rd January—INSET day (school closed to children)

4th January—All children return

IDEAS

It's the start of the new year and we would love your ideas and suggestions on what you would like to see this year. If you have anything you would like to suggest then please get in touch either via our facebook page: Friends of Monkfield Park or send us an email at :friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com



Uniform Sale

We now have 2 new uniform co-ordinators, so we'd like to welcome Mary and Hollie and thank them for coming on board.

We will shortly be holding a uniform sale in the KS1 playground. Date to be confirmed.



Bags To School

Bags to school will be collecting on Friday 13th October. Bags will be sent home via book bags leading up to the date.

It's a great chance to have a clear out before Christmas. They accept any of the following in good quality condition:- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels and bedding.



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