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Good Wishes for a Happy Half Term

The year is moving along at a very fast pace and it is hard to believe that the clocks will be going back this weekend! Autumn is in full flow and the Japanese Maple tree outside my office window is really showing it's superb canopy of Autumn colours. It has been wonderful to watch the children from Eco-Club and the pre-school visiting it to marvel at it and collect some of it's fallen leaves this week. The last few weeks have been very busy in school and I am sure everyone will agree that both the children and staff are now ready for the half-term break and some well earned rest and relaxation. I hope that the weather will be kind as we all head off to spend time with family and friends in this country and abroad. Wherever you are going on holiday or if you are spending time participating in the many activities which will be going on in Cambourne and the surrounding area, on behalf of all the staff, may I wish you a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term full of fun and exciting activities.

With best wishes

Mrs Howell.

Inclusivity in Football

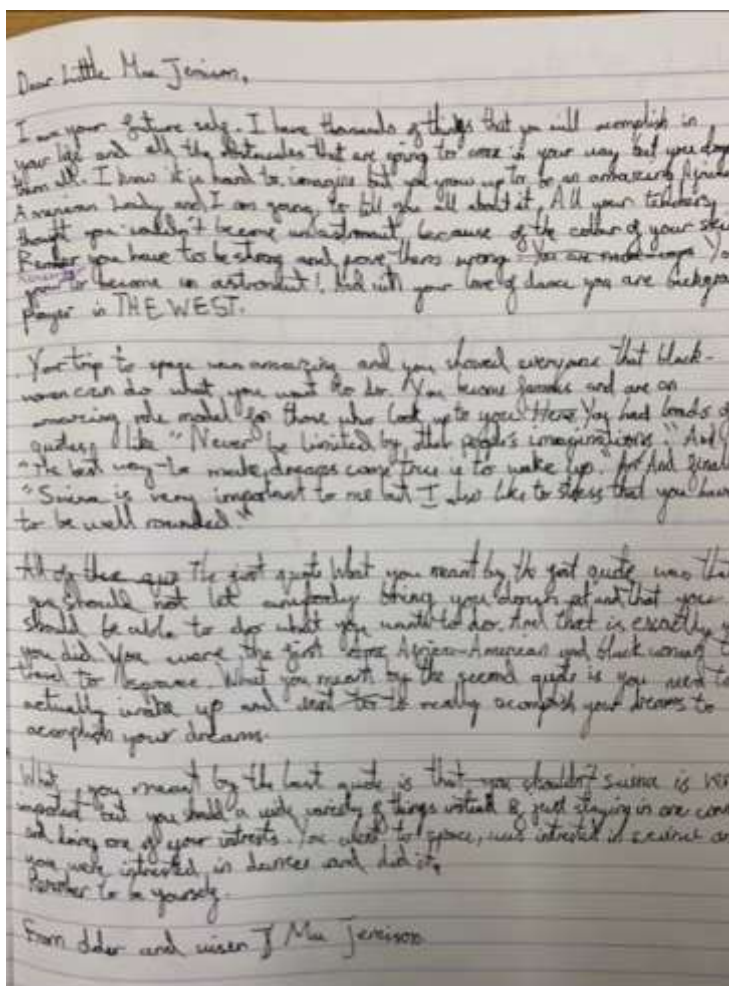
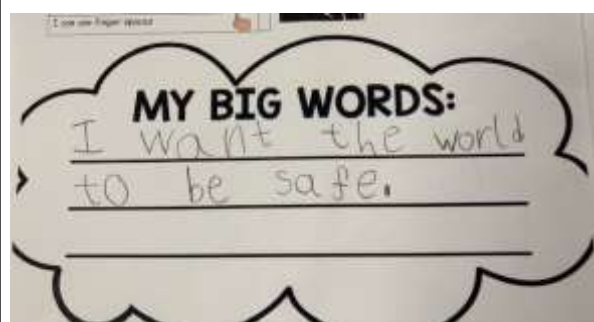
We are so very proud of our girls' football teams who competed in a football tournament held at Linton Village College this week. They girls played with great skill and team spirit to finish second in their group. Leila , in Year 6, was recognised by multiple schools for a 'spirit of the games' award for her teamwork and respect. Throughout the tournament Leila stood out for encouraging players from the other teams and congratulating them all when they did well. Another local school only had 6 players on their team as a number of children dropped out. Chloe, in Year 6, stepped in and filled in on their team for several games. As a result she was nominated for a spirit of the games award in recognition of her selfless contribution. All the girls were fantastic ambassadors for our school and earned Monkfield Park an award for providing equal access to girls football within school, one of only 5 schools to be given this accolade.



Black History Month

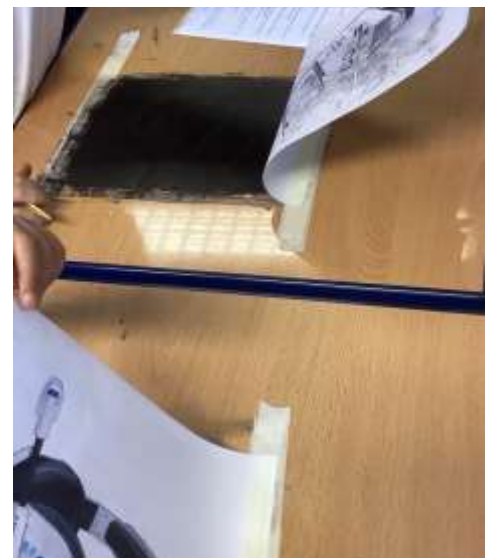
October is Black History Month and this has provided us with an opportunity to learn more about the black history, heritage, culture and achievements. This year the theme of Black History Month is on reclaiming narratives. This was defined in assembly as challenging misconceptions by sharing stories which may not be that well known. We heard the stories of people who had lived in Britain at different times in history and who all made contributions to life in this country. For example, how many people have heard of Olaudah Equiano who bought his freedom from slavery and became an author and key figure in the abolitionist movement in this country.?

Reception explored the vibrant story of Elmer, learning how we can celebrate our individuality and embrace our differences. Year 1 have been enjoying the book 'Martin's Big Words', discovering the dreams and aspirations of Martin Luther King Jr. Inspired by his message, they created their own project titled "My Own Big Words," sharing their hopes and dreams for the future. In Year 2, the children took a moment to express gratitude by writing thank you letters to Rosa Parks. They discussed her bravery and the importance of standing up for what is right, fostering a spirit of courage and respect in our community. Key Stage 2 children delved deeper into history, researching learning about the key themes of equality and segregation and discussed the impactful legacy of Marcus Rashford, exploring how one person's actions can inspire change. Year 5 took a unique approach by linking their studies to space! They wrote heartfelt letters to a younger version of Mae Jemison, the first black, female astronaut sharing how proud they were of her accomplishments and encouraging her to follow her dreams, despite the challenges she faced. Throughout the month, we've engaged in meaningful conversations and activities that celebrate our rich history and promote understanding and respect for all. Together, we have honoured the past whilst looking forward to a brighter, more inclusive future where everyone is respected and valued.



Art Week

This week we have let our creative juices flow in school as we have focused on developing our art skills. The children have enjoyed some fantastic workshops delivered by some of our very talented parents. We are very grateful to everyone who has so very kindly shared their expertise with the children this week and given them the opportunity to explore new skills and art forms.





FREE HALLOWEEN EVENT

Mr Phil Priestly of the Cambridge Youth Panel and Inclusive Development is organising a **FREE** Halloween Event in partnership with i3 Parent Hub on 28th October at Netherhall School in Cambridge.

Mr Priestly, who works with us in school on Thursdays, is very excited about the event and has asked me to advertise it to our families. Mr Priestly tells me that it promises to be a truly spooky afternoon.

Scan the QR code to obtain your free tickets or follow the instructions in Mr Priestly's video via the link below.

<https://youtu.be/3c-3blwXiM>

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about Elmer the elephant.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you tell you about their family portraits.

Ask your Year 2 child to draw and describe a repeating pattern.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain the meaning of some of the decorations on their Malaysian kite designs.

Ask your Year 4 child to use different Alan Pete sentences to describe a tree.

Ask your Year 5 child to share the features of their moon buggy design with you.

Ask your Year 6 child what the most memorable part of the SAW project was.

FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2024

28th October—1st November —HALF TERM

4th November—Children return to school

5th to 7th November—Children's Art Gallery

6th November—KS2 Wellbeing Wednesday

6th November—Reception Come and Share

7th November—Y1 Castles WOW Day

w/c 11th November—Anti bullying week

13th November—Year 6 trip to First World War Huts

14th November—Open Evening and Tour for prospective parents at 5.30pm

15th November—Children in Need Day

20th November—Key Stage 1 Wellbeing Wednesday

22nd November at 9.15am—Indigo Class assembly

26th November at 9.30am—Reception 2025 tour

26th November—Trunk Theatre visiting Year 2

4th December at 2.00pm—Reception 2025 tour

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

12th December at 2.00pm—Reception 2025 tour

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

16th December—Reception theatre trip

17th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

18th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity Play

18th December—Team afternoon

19th December—Christmas Lunch

20th December—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

23rd December—3rd January 2025—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

6th and 7th January—INSET Days (school closed for children)

8th January—Children return to school

24th January—Columba Class assembly

3rd to 7th February—Children's Mental Health week

3rd February—Reception and Year 6 height and weight measuring

5th February—KS1 Wellbeing Wednesday

Applying for a School Place for September 2025

If your child will
be aged 4 by
**31st August
2025**

You need to
apply **NOW**
for a School
place



SCAN ME

**Apply by
15th January
2025**

For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your local School

We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn.

We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the Headteacher and staff. Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office on 01954 273377 or by email :office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

The current tour dates are:

Thursday 14th November 5.30pm

Tuesday 26th November 9.30am Now Full

Wednesday 4th December 2.00pm

Thursday 12th December 2.00pm

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school and hope you will join us for one of the tours. If you are unable to make this date, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date for you to visit the school and meet the Headteacher.

For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Room on the Broom

This week the children have been transfixed by the story, 'Room on the Broom', by Julia Donaldson. They have dressed up, made their own witch hats and broomsticks, and pretended to mix spells in the cauldron, reciting the words from the story, "Iggerty, Ziggerty, Zaggerty Zoom!" We imagined some funny spells and even turned Mrs Govender into a dog!



Song Time

During this half term the children have been busy learning new songs and rhymes, some of which have been related to our learning themes. We would love to invite all parents and carers to come and listen to our wonderful singing on Monday 4th November at 2:30pm. If your child does not normally attend pre-school at this time, you are welcome to bring them along to join in.

Half Term

Next week is half-term and the Care and Learning Centre is closed. We would like to wish you all a restful week and look forward to seeing the children back at preschool on Monday 4th November.

Have a great weekend everyone

JANE TURNER