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Some Wonderful Awards

I am delighted to announce that thanks to the hard work and expertise of the staff at Monkfield Park we have received two prestigious awards.



At the end of July we were awarded the Gilt Primary Science Quality Mark for our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. The report commended us for engaging children with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive atti-

tudes towards science as well as securing scientific understanding and skills. We are very proud to have received this award.

We have also achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Mrs Howell.



YOUR GOVERNING BODY



A Message From the Governing Body

Do you have a passion for education and a desire to improve the life chances of the children at Monkfield Park? If you do, have you ever considered becoming a school governor?

We are currently searching for a committed individual who would be interested in serving as a parent governor. You do not need to be an expert in education or to have previous experience in the education sector. As a governing body, we require a wide range of skills and expertise to enable us to constructively support the Headteacher and the school at a strategic level, in maintaining high standards and achieving its vision.

Parent governors play a vital role on a governing body, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. The role is voluntary but very rewarding and it offers the opportunity to have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of children in our community.

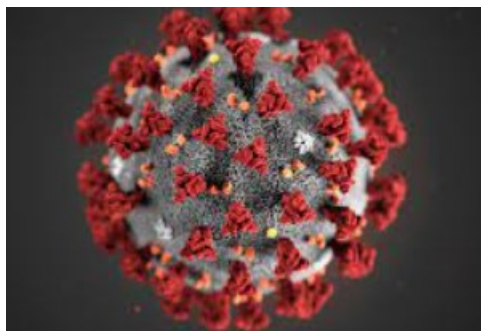
If you are interested in our children's future, have energy and enthusiasm and would like to find out more about this important role, please contact the school office on 01954 273377 or by e-mail at office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Settling In Well

A sense of pride, excitement and a good degree of trepidation was probably being experienced by the parents of our Reception children this week, as their children began staying at school for their first full days. However, the children remained calm and took it all in their stride! They are already proving to be a most delightful group of confident, happy and relaxed children, who have impressed with the way in which they settled so quickly. They are already an important part of the 'Monkfield Park family' and we look forward to spending time with them and helping them on their learning journey with us. I hope the photographs below show how well they have all adapted to life at Monkfield Park.



Covid 19



My apologies for having to mention Covid 19 in my second newsletter of the year!

Sadly, Covid hasn't gone away, and if you have been following the news you will have probably heard that the number of Covid cases is increasing once more and we are aware of a number of cases locally.

If you are experiencing any of the symptoms of Covid 19, including a high temperature, the current government guidance is that you should stay at home and avoid contact with others. You may return to your normal activities once your temperature has returned to normal and you are feeling well enough to do so.

There is no longer a requirement to take a Covid-19 test, however, if you do have a positive test adults should stay at home for 5 days after the day you took the test and your temperature has returned to normal. Children and young people who have had a positive test should stay at home for three days after the day of the test and when their temperature has returned to normal. To avoid transmission wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day, especially after you cough, sneeze or blow your nose, and before you eat or handle food.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Applying for a School Place



If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, and you live in Cambridgeshire you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2024.

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. In addition we will also be offering an open evening event so that you can meet and chat with the Reception teaching team. Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office. The dates for the tours are:

Friday 29th September at 9.30am

Thursday 5th October at 2.00pm

Wednesday 11th October at 9.30am

Wednesday 18th October at 2.00pm

Thursday 9th November—Open Evening from 6.00pm

Friday 24th November at 9.30am

Monday 4th December at 2.00pm

Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of those classes who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

Ben in Delphinus Class: Ben has grasped the challenge of being in Year 6 with both hands and has produced some great persuasive writing this week. We are really impressed with the example you are setting for everyone Ben.

Emily in Lacerta Class: Emily has been a star this week, helping the younger children to settle in at Breakfast Club. Thank you for being so kind, caring and compassionate Emily and for putting the Monkfield Way into practise.

Mia in Indigo Class: Mia was very excited to tell me about her Spanish lessons and then impressed me further by singing a Spanish song about numbers perfectly. Thank you for always being so enthusiastic about your learning Mia.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about the Autumn hunt they went on this week.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you some interesting facts about jungles.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain what animals need to survive.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how to partition a 3 digit number in different ways.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you how particles behave in solids, liquids and gases,

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you about the key countries in the 'Space Race'.

Ask your Year 6 child to recount the story of Kensuke's Kingdom and predict what might happen.

Welcome to Mrs Wilkinson



I am very pleased to introduce Mrs Wilkinson as the new member of our Reception team. Mrs Wilkinson will be teaching Yellow Class on Fridays.

Mrs Wilkinson has a wealth of experience teaching in both Reception and Key Stage 1 and she is looking forward to getting to know all the children. In her time away from school, Mrs Wilkinson enjoys reading, art and singing in choirs. Please do say hello to Mrs Wilkinson when you see her on the playground and I hope you will join me in giving her a great Monkfield Park welcome.

FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2023

18th September—RWInc evening for new Reception children at 5.30pm

w/c 25th September—Year 6 Bikeability

27th September—Meet the Teacher Evening for Reception parents

29th September—Tour for prospective parents at 10am

29th September—Year 4 Bikeability

4th October—Year 5 and Year 6 Careers' Convention

5th October—Tour for prospective parents at 2.00pm

9th October—Individual school photographs

10th October—5.00pm -7.30pm—Parent consultation evening

11th October—Tour for prospective parents at 9.30am

13th October at 9:15am— Phoenix Class Assembly

16th October—Art Week

18th October—Tour for prospective parents at 2pm

19th October 4pm —7pm—Parent consultation evening

23rd—27th October—HALF TERM

30th October—Children return to school

30th October to 3rd November—Children's Art Gallery

9th November—Open Evening and Tour for prospective parents at 6pm

w/c 13th November—Anti bullying week

17th November—Children in Need Day

17th November at 9.15am—Indigo Class assembly

22nd November—Flu vaccinations for all children

24th November—Tour for prospective parents at 9.30am

4th December —Tour for prospective parents at 2.00pm

12th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

13th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

13th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

14th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

14th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Carol Concert

20th December—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

21st December—5th January 2024—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

4th January—INSET Day (school closed for children)

Monkfield Park



Care and Learning Centre

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 News

This week we have been welcoming our 13 new children into the Care and Learning Centre. They have made a great start to settling in and making new friends. Now that the weather has been a bit cooler, we have been able to make full use of our garden area and the children have enjoyed climbing, playing in the big sand pit and exploring the mud kitchen.

Belongings

Please ensure that all children's belongings including coats, bags, lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly named. We have several children with the same items so this is really important. Thank you

Mobile Phones

We kindly ask that parents and carers do not use mobile phones whilst they are bringing and collecting children from pre-school, but are ready to receive their child and any messages that staff may need to relay. For safeguarding reasons phones are not permitted to be used within the building and no photography is allowed on the site unless prior permission has been granted by the Headteacher. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Mrs Turner

