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Staff News

Following the announcement last Friday that Mrs Squires would be commencing her maternity leave, little did we know that she had given birth to a little boy on Thursday evening!

Congratulations to her and her family.

Well done Year 6!

Our Year 6 children showed terrific resilience this week as they completed their statutory assessment tasks (SATs) along with other children nationwide. To ensure that the children at Monkfield Park were as well prepared as possible, they were invited to join us in school for a sociable breakfast to get the day off to a good start, where they were able to chat and relax amongst friends. Additionally, they were provided with some opportunities for mindfulness activities to support their well being and to practise some cosmic yoga before some of the tests to keep them well balanced and in a place of positive thinking. We are so proud of what they have achieved with us and look forward to sharing their successes with them when we receive the results.

Maths-Whizz accounts

If your child has a Maths-Whizz use subscription please take note of this important message from Maths-Whizz to ensure that they can continue to access it after 20th May...



Using Maths-Whizz on IE11? Update your browser before May 20.

As you may know, Whizz Education recently rolled out the new and improved Maths-Whizz 2.0. The new experience is optimised to work with the latest browser versions of Google Chrome, Edge, Safari and Firefox but not with Internet Explorer 11. From Monday 20 May, you will no longer be able to access Maths-Whizz if you're still using Internet Explorer 11. So act now - check which browser you currently use to access Maths-Whizz, and switch or upgrade to ensure you and your children can still enjoy all the amazing maths content of Maths-Whizz after this date.

How to check your browser version

It's easy! Simply go to <https://www.whatsmybrowser.org/> and your current browser will be displayed.

Why will I no longer be able to use Internet Explorer 11?

Maths-Whizz is fully compatible, and optimised to work best, with all the latest versions of Google Chrome, Safari, Firefox and Edge. Internet Explorer 11 is not supported or compatible with our new experience. For this reason, it's essential that any existing Internet Explorer 11 users change their browser to use one of those listed.

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please email support@whizz.com

Screen Time Battles

Is this a familiar scene in your home?

In a constantly changing world we all rely on our smartphones, tablets and the internet as valuable tools to keep us up to date. However, we are now discovering how reliant our children are also becoming on these gadgets. Nothing, it would appear, keeps a child as quiet and absorbed as a computer game! And woe betide any adult who tries to suggest homework, a family meal or bedtime when a child is constructing something in a virtual world or watching videos on youtube.

On Wednesday 22nd May at 4.30 pm, Sam Stacey and Clare Merrington will be running an informal course in school for parents and carers on how to deal with those difficult situations which arise from conflict over screen time and access to the internet. Aimed at parents of children aged 4 to 11, the workshop will give lots of information and practical advice to reduce conflict, promote one to one time and keep children safe.

We look forward to seeing you there.



New Chair of Governors

During the meeting of the full Governing Body last week, Susan Palmer stepped down from the position of Chair of Governors. Susan will continue to serve as a parent governor until the end of this academic year. Sharon McLaughlin has now become the Chair and Jane Crowden takes the position of Vice Chair.

Sentence Starters

- Ask your Reception child to tell you five finger facts about a fire fighter or a fire engine.
- Ask your Year 1 child what a pivot or lever mechanism is.
- Ask your Year 2 child about how to write a letter to the Queen.
- Ask your Year 3 child to name the three main periods of the Stone Age.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain what a food chain is and what happens when one is broken.
- Ask your Year 5 child about what an expanded noun phrase is.
- Ask your Year 6 child to tell you something they have learnt about perspective drawing in art.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

- Beren in Delphinus Class—Beren has been so positive this week, taking everything in his stride. His manners are also impeccable.
- Betty in Pegasus Class—Betty has shown great resilience across the course of this week. An excellent role model!

FORTHCOMING DATES

- w/c 20th May—Year 6 PGL residential
- 22nd May at 10am—Reception performance
- 22nd May at 4.30pm—Parenting workshop (screen time battles)
- 23rd May at 2pm—Reception performance
- 27th to 31st May—HALF TERM (children return on Tuesday 4th June)
- 3rd June—INSET DAY (school closed to children)
- 5th June—Sex and Relationships Education information evening for parents in Years 5 & 6
- 7th June—Year 4 to visit Stibbington
- w/c 10th June—Enterprise tuck shop
- w/c 10th June—Year 1 phonic screening checks
- w/c 17th June—Science week (STEM focus)
- 18th June—Year 5 Careers convention
- 19th June at 9.30am—Key Stage 2 Sports Day
- 20th June at 9.30am—Reserve Key Stage 2 Sports Day
- 21st June at 9am—Aquila Class assembly
- 25th June at 9.30am—Reception & KS1 Sports Day
- 27th June at 9.30am—Reserve Reception & KS1 Sports Day
- 3rd July at 9.15am—Reception to Year 1 transition meeting for Reception parents
- 4th July—Non uniform day in aid of Friends
- 4th and 5th July—Year 6 transition days
- 9th July—at 2pm—Year 6 performance
- 10th July at 6pm—Year 6 performance
- 11th July—Year 4 team building day
- 12th July—Reports sent home
- 15th July 3.45-5.00pm—Reports drop in
- 22nd July at 10am—Year 6 Leaver's assembly
- 23rd July—LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM FOR CHILDREN
- 24th July—INSET DAY (school closed to children)

Early Intervention Family worker drop-ins The Blue School Eastgate, Cambourne, CB23 6DZ

Aimed at offering parents and carers of children aged 4-16 years a supportive and informal environment, in which to talk about any parenting/behaviour topics.

Drop in Mon 6th May 10:00am – 12pm
Drop in May 13th May 10:00am-12pm
Drop in Mon 20th May 10:00am-12pm

Facilitated by Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington
Early Intervention Family Workers.

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