

# Newsletter 7

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## Camsight and goalball

Nick Burr, from the charity Camsight, visited Monkfield Park this Monday and Tuesday with his guide dog, Amber. Nick lost his sight in 2014 and talked with all of the children in assembly about how he has had to become resilient in the face of adversity by working on his talents and remaining positive.

Nick is an Olympic goalball player, a sport played by those affected by blindness or partial sight. Nick introduced the children in Years 5 and 6 to this game, where they had to wear masks to appreciate how it felt to have no sight. The children had to heighten their other senses to be able to play this team game and had to become excellent listeners. The ball used in the game has a bell inside of it, which was the only clue the children had about the ball's position on the pitch. We look forward to seeing Nick and Amber around the school more as we promote the charity Camsight this academic year.



## No pencil cases required

Please note that children do not need to bring their own stationery or pencil cases into school. In some cases where pencil cases are in school, this has caused unnecessary disagreements between children, so please ensure that your child leaves them at home.

Thank you for your co-operation

## Food tasting in Year 2

Last Friday in Year 2, the children enjoyed tasting Jewish food. The children over this half term have been learning about Sukkot, a Jewish festival celebrating harvest and remembering when the Jews had to shelter in the desert on the way to Israel.

They compared harvest celebrations to see if there are similarities or differences between them.

The food tasting included trying Kugel (a Jewish pudding made with noodles and raisins), Pretzels, Vanilla Wafers, Chicken noodle and Vegetable noodle soup, and Cholla, which is Jewish, plaited bread. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and gave all the food a try. The whole morning got a huge thumbs up from all the children.



# Headteacher Roll of Honour

Mia in Indigo Class—For her super efforts with her home learning about Sir Isaac Newton.

Amber-Rose in Aquila Class—For being confident in herself and her own abilities and showing that she can reach her goals.

Ali in Delphinus Class—For showing support to a peer by agreeing to be their mentor.

## Homework achievements

Thank you for so much positive feedback about the new home learning grids, which have really inspired our children to be creative in their thinking and support their learning in school. We have seen some extremely good examples of how children have tackled the varying tasks and have used their time to create some magnificent pieces of learning. Below you are able to see some of the work which reflects the topic of St Lucia in Year 6.



## Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to taste test a new food that they have not eaten before.

Ask your Year 1 child to name 3 nocturnal animals.

Ask your Year 2 child to recall a simple food chain, which includes a producer, consumer and predator.

Ask your Year 3 child when and how Yom Kippur is celebrated.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the features of a comic strip.

Ask your Year 5 child what the key features of a non chronological report are.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain Kensuke's emotions during chapter 8.

## Year 6 English Challenge



After a tiring day of school, four chosen Year 6 students headed off to Trumpington Meadows Primary School for several challenging rounds of English literature (and biscuits!). First came the book quiz - a round of questions consisting of a number of well-known book characters, titles and quotations. Next the memory round commenced, where they had to memorise a tough, 5-verse poem and scribble it down for the judges to mark. Soon enough, after a break, 'extra thinks', basic skills and an exhausting text types round, it was time for the drum roll, the moment of truth. Monkfield Park had come in second place and came home triumphant!

### Year 1 handwriting workshop



Children in Year 1 enjoyed impressing their parents this week with their handwriting skills. Parents were invited into the classroom to see how handwriting is taught in Year 1 and to share some ideas for practising letter formation. It was a great turn out with almost 50% attendance, so a big thank you to all those who made it. There was some lovely positive feedback received.



### Forthcoming dates

- 22nd—26th October—HALF TERM
- 29th October—Children return to school
- 7th November 5.30pm—Reception maths afternoon
- 9th November at 9.15am—Indigo Class assembly
- 19th—22nd November—Year 6 Bikeability
- 23rd November at 9.15am—Violet Class assembly
- 26th—28th November—Book Fair
- 11th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 carol concert
- 12th December at 1.30pm—Reception come and share
- 12th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 carol concert
- 13th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity
- 13th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 carol concert
- 14th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity
- 18th December—Christmas lunch
- 18th December—Christmas festive fun afternoon
- 19th December—Last day of the Autumn term
- 20th December—2nd January—Christmas holiday
- 3rd & 4th January—INSET days (school closed to children)
- 7th January—Children return to school