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Monkfield Park lifts the shield for public speaking!

Our Monkfield finalists for the public speaking final held at Peterhouse College this week blew the judges away with their delivery about topics such as global warming, equality and homelessness on Monday. Their task.....to compose and deliver a persuasive speech based around the phrase 'If I were in charge, one rule I would make is.....'. Kush (Y3), Lily (Y4), Devika and Naina (Y6) had all managed to get through the heats in school and were therefore chosen to represent our school in the competition, against other local schools who are part of Network CB23. The competition was extremely fierce and they were up against some tough opposition, however in the end the judges presented a hugely well earned trophy to Monkfield Park as the prestigious winning team. The children presented themselves in an extremely confident and professional manner, whilst being mindful about how their body language and use of words could affect their argument. These children have certainly made us very proud to have earned the shield on our trophy shelf.



Year 6 SAW project 2019



Throughout the Autumn term, Year 6 began their work on micro-organisms. Last week, we were fortunate enough to welcome the SAW project (science, art and writing) into Year 6 to put all of our learning into practise. After completing our own investigations a week earlier, we were able to witness which bacteria grew in the soil around the school. We then went on to look at helpful pathogens and how leaf cutter ants were revolutionising antibiotics.



Using the science as inspiration, we created poems and artwork on bacteria. We enjoyed expressing ourselves using inks and wax to create artwork in the style of Jasper Johns. This has given us an insight into the world of science, art and writing and inspired many of us to follow in their footsteps!

Head lice

We have seen/had reported several cases of head lice already this term across various classes. Please ensure that you check your child's hair at least once a week and use a comb or treatment to remove eggs and live lice. If you notice lice or eggs in your child's hair, then all family members should be checked.

If you need help in understanding how best to check and treat for head lice, we would recommend using the link below that is provided by the NHS.

<https://www.nhs.uk/video/Pages/how-do-i-check-for-headlice-and-treat-headlice.aspx>

Active minutes

The children in Reception and Year 5 were the winners last half term for being the most active classes. As a reward they celebrated together and made healthy chocolate cake with a secret ingredient...courgette! It was enjoyed by all and the recipe is available on request.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Ethan in Pegasus Class—Ethan's written pieces are showing such improvements. He is putting forward more sophisticated language and ideas, well done.

Julia in Blue Class—Julia is always so welcoming and has made a particular effort to welcome newcomers to the class. She makes them feel part of the Monkfield Park family.

Foster Carers needed in Cambridgeshire

Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer? If so, now is a great time to start your fostering journey as Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service is currently recruiting carers to a wide range of rewarding roles. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who could provide a home to a teenager in care and offer them the help and support they need. To find out more about how you can make a difference, call today on 0800 052 0078 or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering.



Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you three items they would take to the South Pole.

Ask your Year 1 child what a tally is.

Ask your Year 2 child what they have seen happen to each egg and to their drink in the egg experiment.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe how an archaeologist might use objects to find out information about the past.

Ask your Year 4 child what makes a complete circuit.

Ask your Year 5 child to show you the first 16 beats of their dance share routine.

Ask your Year 6 child how ant cutter ants are linked to antibiotics.

Forthcoming dates

25th January at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly

1st February at 9am—Columba Class assembly

w/c 4th February—Book Week

4th February—Parent consultations for Violet Class only

12th February at 10am—Year 2 Spring performance

13th February at 2pm—Year 2 Spring performance

13th February at 9.30am—Reception 'Come & Share'

14th February—Parent consultations for Violet Class only

15th February—LAST DAY OF HALF TERM, CHILDREN RETURN

25TH FEBRUARY

w/c 4th March—Discovery tuck shop

13th—20th March—Book fair

15th March—Red Nose Day

21st March at 9.30am—Reception 'Come & Share'

22nd March at 9am—Blue class assembly

26th March at 4pm—Year 4 Burwell House
information evening

27th March—Reception & Year 6 height & weight
checks

28th March—Parent consultations

2nd April—Parent consultations

3rd April at 2pm—Year 5 performance

4th April at 6pm—Year 5 performance

5th April—LAST DAY OF TERM, CHILDREN RETURN

23RD APRIL