

Newsletter 9

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Ofsted feedback

Ofsted visited us in school on Tuesday of this week to see the school and the children hard at work. Although we aren't able to share the outcomes until the final letter from Ofsted is published, we are able to tell you that this was a great opportunity to share the work of the school with the inspector. Thank you to all of those who wished us well and who provided such positive feedback in their Parent View online questionnaires....thank you also for the donations of cake and biscuits for the staff!

We will of course update you when we have more information.

Year 2—WoW History Day

Year 2 were thrilled this week to transport themselves back to one of the most significant events of British history: The Great Fire of London. Dressed as members of that famous Tudor community, the children were tasked with many different activities to immerse them in their WOW day!



Models of houses were built to replicate the scene on Pudding Lane before the fateful event in 1666. Children made bread according to a traditional recipe from the infamous bakery; whilst Ms Deegan dirtied her hands helping the children to make wattle and daub, which was strenuously tested! Mrs Martin, however, had the slightly more glamorous task of running a perfume shop (helping to get rid of those dubious building material smells).

The day culminated with the story as told by a street dog: great learning all round.

Cambridgeshire libraries

Cambridgeshire Libraries are now offering term time after school weekly Homework Clubs in our larger libraries - Central Library Cambridge, Huntingdon, St Neots, St Ives, Ely, March and Wisbech. These clubs are open to all children, but are specifically aimed at primary school children.

The clubs offer:

- access to books on hundreds of different topics
- free use of the computers and our online encyclopaedias
- a Homework Helper to help children to find the information they need
- free photocopies/print-outs
- space to do homework
- sessions that are free and no need to book. Stay as long as you like (whilst the library is open!)
- Parents and carers, please stay with children under 11

Please ask in the library when their club is held. Of course, our resources are available any time we are open, but attending the club means that someone will definitely be on hand to help with a homework enquiry.

Friends of Monkfield Park and clubs information

Under the new General Regulations for Data Protection (GDPR), we are no longer able to send parents marketing information for organisations such as after school clubs or Friends of Monkfield Park, without express consent. This could potentially mean that you are missing information about events and opportunities such as discos, second hand uniform sales, clubs on offer before and after school, etc. If you would like to receive such information then please just e-mail the school office stating that you'd like to receive such communication.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Yasmin in Phoenix Class—Yasmin read to our visitor this week and overcame her initial nerves and conquered her fears!

Ruiraidh in Delphinus Class—Ruiraidh's written work has shown so much improvement and really does reflect the extra effort that he has been putting in.

Alexa in Lacerta Class—Alexa always demonstrates the values from our 'Monkfield Way' and tries to be the best version of herself in all circumstances.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to draw a firework picture and to describe it using WOW words.

Ask your Year 1 child to name a variety of different vehicles and what they might be used for.

Ask your Year 2 child what they learnt about producing a newspaper from the editor of the Cambridge Independent.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain what the e-safety acronym 'SMART' stands for.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain how and why volcanoes erupt.

Ask your Year 5 child how different breads vary in taste and texture.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain a typical day in a World War One trench.

Forthcoming dates

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