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Helen Moss visits and inspires future authors

A fantastic day was had by all at Monkfield Park as the famous author, Helen Moss, came to visit us! She spent time with each year group delivering reading and creative writing workshops based on her mystery stories full of suspense and adventure. The children immersed themselves in a variety of activities, including exploring objects in an investigation kit to solve mysteries, creating a world-saving quest for a band of characters with obstacles to overcome along the way, thinking about story structure, and how to immerse yourself into dangerous writing whilst thinking like a film director to draw the reader in a scene. Helen was successful in opening the children's imaginations to create their own stories and inspired the children in becoming more confident in coming up with their own creative ideas for writing.



Year 3 visit West Stow



Last Wednesday Year 3 became amateur archaeologists during their visit to West Stow. They looked for clues in the replica Anglo-Saxon houses to discover what they might have been used for and learnt about what life would have been like for the Anglo-Saxons who lived in the village. They discovered how to 'talk' to an artefact to gain information about its history and embraced the Anglo-Saxon way of life by wearing their clothes and trying their hand at weaving.



Begin thinking about your World Book Day costume!

This year, World Book Day is on 7th March. Bring your favourite book character to life and fundraise at the same time! Now the charity 'Book Aid International' has made dressing up for World Book Day even easier for you, with their budget-beating ideas to make full costumes or simple props for many amazing characters - all from inexpensive items or things you already have around the home. Donate £1 to dress up and you can help change lives at the same time. See the full range of step-by-step character idea sheets and videos and find out more about the charity on the Book Aid International website: <https://bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>

Sentence Starters

- Ask your Reception child to tell you three facts about their favourite Arctic or Antarctic animal.
- Ask your Year 1 child what an author is.
- Ask your Year 2 child to sing you their favourite song from their production.
- Ask your Year 3 child to describe the style of the artist Quentin Blake.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain how to calculate a fraction of an amount.
- Ask your Year 5 child to tell you the main reasons why Spartans would have a better life in Athens.
- Ask your Year 6 child to explain how we see (making reference to how light travels).

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Adam in Pegasus Class—Adam put much thought into his homework and came up with a stunning shadow puppet theatre. Well done Adam.

Gopika in Violet Class—You have a careful work ethic Gopika, which results in some very well thought out ideas, particularly in your response to reading.

Forthcoming dates

1st February at 9am—Columba Class assembly	21st March at 9.30am—Reception 'Come & Share'
w/c 4th February—Book Week	22nd March at 9am—Blue class assembly
4th February—Parent consultations for Violet Class only	26th March at 4pm—Year 4 Burwell House information evening
12th February at 10am—Year 2 Spring performance	27th March—Reception & Year 6 height & weight checks
13th February at 2pm—Year 2 Spring performance	28th March—Parent consultations
13th February at 9.30am—Reception 'Come & Share'	2nd April—Parent consultations
14th February—Parent consultations for Violet Class only	3rd April at 2pm—Year 5 performance
15th February—LAST DAY OF HALF TERM, CHILDREN RETURN 25TH FEBRUARY	4th April at 6pm—Year 5 performance
w/c 4th March—Discovery tuck shop	5th April—LAST DAY OF TERM, CHILDREN RETURN 23RD APRIL
13th—20th March—Book fair	
15th March—Red Nose Day	

Healthy eating hints and tips

Be creative

All the vibrant colours in fruit and vegetables come from natural plant chemicals that have healthy effects on our bodies. Different colours have different effects, so it's good to eat a variety of different colours each day. Offer your child/ren a colourful snack of different fruits and berries, or chop vegetables into interesting shapes to make them seem more fun and exciting.

