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The Parish office is open to receive phone calls and emails to our staff, however, we are limiting visits to the office by arrangement only. Whilst there will be some things that may take longer, we will endeavour to ensure that we continue to respond where we can and continue to support our community. Our Advice Service can still be accessed via email and phone.

MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at either the Oldbrook Centre or Springfield Centre, please see the website or noticeboards for more information.

Please note that it may be necessary to restrict the number of members of the public attending Council meetings.

See page 4 for next meeting dates.

CPPC COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

Campbell Park Parish Council



Since our last update to you we have submitted the Reserved Matters planning application to Milton Keynes Council.

Having received approval to our Outline Planning Application in November last year, this application presents MK Council with our detailed proposals which include the proposed site layout, appearance and landscaping plans. MK Council are now considering these proposals and we await their decision, which we hope to receive any day now!

Since the demolition of the old pub building, we have commissioned further site surveys and ground investigations. The results of these assessments will help to inform the specifications required of the building contractors when the construction begins and will help to ensure we don't get any costly surprises when the work gets going.

We have also recently started the process to identify potential construction partners. We have invited interested contractors to provide us with a package of information which includes details of their experience with similar projects, their financial status/stability, their approach to sustainability as well as providing us with references. We will use this information to carry out an assessment of each contractor to enable us to narrow down the field of companies who will be invited to submit comprehensive tenders later in the year.

Over the coming months we will also be exploring external grant funding opportunities that will help us keep the borrowing required to deliver this project as low as possible.

Currently we remain on target to start the construction of the Community Hub in the spring 2023.

POTENTIAL NAME CHANGE

The creation of the new Hub presents us with the opportunity to re-brand ourselves as a Community Council and at the same time address a historical misnomer!

Becoming a Community Council best reflects the services we offer and the future direction and objectives of the Council, with an increasing focus of meeting the changing needs of residents. Removing the Parish connection eliminates the confusion of some who believe that we are in some way connected to the Church. The inclusion in our name of Campbell Park is an inaccurate reference which does not reflect the changes made in the 2012 boundary review, which saw the area transferred to CMK Town Council.

With the above in mind, we have made an in-principle decision to change our name to Secklow Community Council, something we want to consult you on and hear your views. Secklow is a reference used extensively across Milton Keynes, ranging from street names to bars. Some of you will be aware of the location of the Secklow Hundred mound at the rear of the central library and the role that it played in the historical administration of what has become Milton Keynes. Changing our name to Secklow Community Council will be a nod to our origins, at the same time its non-geographic nature future proofs us against any area changes that might come about because of a future boundary review.

One thing that we are mindful of in making this proposed change is the potential cost to residents. For this reason, we will look to re-brand physical assets at the point that they are replaced rather than overnight, that way we will keep costs to a minimum. Thankfully changes to websites, letterheads and emails are easily made due to their electronic nature. We do not intend to make wholesale changes and will look to retain our logo, including the familiar tree emblem.

We will spend the next few months listening to your views and taking onboard any feedback from MK Council, before we make a final decision towards the end of the year – please email admin@campbell-park.gov.uk or attend and get involved in one of our meetings where the name change will be discussed www.campbell-park.gov.uk/calendar

ANNUAL MEETING OF **PARISH ELECTORS**

Campbell Park Parish Council

Thank you to the residents that attended the Annual meeting in May, which provided an opportunity to raise issues and put questions to Council.



The main topics raised and discussed were around landscaping, Neighbourhood Watch, ideas on the format of future Annual Meetings, the distribution of Homeground magazine and the potential for the Parish Council to acquire further assets from Milton Keynes Council through the community transfer scheme.

A number of points were aired in relation to services provided by external agencies, these included waste service collection arrangements and the response to unauthorised and obstructive parking – we will raise these concerns with the agencies involved.

CONSULTATION ON THE 2023-2024 BUDGET/PRECEPT

This month we are posting a letter to every house in the Parish inviting you to participate in our annual consultation on the 2023-24 Budget/Precept level.

As we prepare the Parish Council budget for 2023/2024 and beyond, we would like to hear your views on the subject. It is essential that we understand the issues that are important to you and the area of the Parish that you live in. We appreciate that issues and priorities will inevitably differ from estate to estate, there will however be many views that residents share regardless of location. We know that opinion will be split between those who would like us to protect the services that we currently provide and those who would like us to keep the Precept as low as possible.

YOUR FEEDBACK WILL HELP US TO STRIKE THE CORRECT BALANCE WHEN DETERMINING THE FUTURE BUDGET.

For your views to be taken into account, please ensure you return your consultation form to us by the submission deadline and we thank you for taking the time to participate.



HOW DO I ... **REPORT A LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ISSUE IN THE PARISH**

To report comments/queries/complaints about Parish Council landscaping works, please complete the landscaping enquiry form on our website.

This can be found at www.campbell-park.gov.uk/landscape-services/report-a-landscaping-issue-in-the-parish/

If you would like to check if the area is part of the Campbell Park Parish Council landscaping contract, please visit the **My Milton Keynes** section on the Milton Keynes Council website (link on top right of MK Council website homepage), Enter the **postcode**, select your address and then click on Find. Click on the **My Maps** tab and then under Map Categories (on the left of the map) **tick Landscape – Maintained General**.

MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at either the Oldbrook Centre or Springfield Centre, please see the website for more information.

It is our intention that all meetings will be held in-person with due regard to prevailing Covid-19 advice.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

held at the Oldbrook Centre

20th September, 7.30pm

18th October, 7.30pm

15th November, 7.30pm

COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT

8th August, 6.30pm

5th September, 6.30pm

3rd October, 6.30pm

31st October, 6.30pm

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & POLICY

6th September, 7pm

BUILDINGS & PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

13th September, 6.30pm

11th October, 6.30pm

8th November, 6.30pm

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL WELLBEING

26th September, 7pm

24th October, 7pm

21st November, 7pm

COMMUNICATIONS

27th September, 6.30pm

25th October, 6.30pm

22nd November, 6.30pm

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN OUR PARISH DISTRICT



When the national Neighbourhood Watch charity did a survey recently something like 94% of the respondents said they recognised the logo. This is phenomenal. I wonder how many charities can say that!

You will see our logo above and also our special 40th anniversary logo which in itself marks a great accomplishment for a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation.

For 40 years we have helped people protect themselves and their property, and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home and personal security; greater vigilance, and accurate reporting of suspicious activity through improved communication and liaison with our local Police. Our overall aim is to foster a community spirit where neighbours look out for each other.

Residents within the Campbell Park Parish Council district have the benefit of a growing number of voluntary Neighbourhood Watch schemes which benefit from the overseeing work of the Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch Association, whose current mission is two-fold:

We want to encourage more Watches with more membership in our parish district.

If you would like to start a Watch scheme where you live, or would like to know more, please contact us at enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk or call **07910 175223**.

We are keen to reach out and help as many of the existing watches that we can.

If you run a Watch scheme or if you are part of a scheme and would like some help and guidance, then please contact us at enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk or call **07910 175223**.

Across Campbell Park Parish Council district we have some excellent schemes but there's plenty of scope for more and to strengthen the current schemes we have. So do please get in touch and help us make a difference.

Nick King,

Secretary Milton Keynes NHW Association

Woolstone Pre-school

Woolstone Pre-school
For children aged 2 - 4 years old

The Community Centre Church, Mill Lane,
Woolstone, Milton Keynes MK15 0AJ

Opening Times:
Monday to Friday
9:15 till 2:45

Call us for more details, or visit our website:
07923 511808
www.woolstonepreschool.co.uk

COMMUNITY CENTRE/PARISH OFFICE/ALLOTMENT CARETAKER/ CLEANER VACANCIES £10.15 per hour

Campbell Park Parish Council (CPPC) controls and manages community centres in Oldbrook (next to Oldbrook First School) and Springfield (next to the One Stop Shop).

Both are open seven days a week, providing facilities used by a variety of community, charity and faith groups.

The Parish Office is in Fishermead and is open from Monday-Friday. The Parish Council also operates two allotment sites in Willen and Woolstone.

The Parish Council is currently recruiting part time caretaker /cleaners for the centres, the office and the allotment sites and would like to hear from local candidates interested in applying for the posts.

Ideally candidates will have experience in a similar post, as well as a flexible approach to duties, location and hours of work. Good communication and customer service skills are essential. Successful candidates will be required to undertake a DBS check.

Potential candidates for the posts, should e-mail admin@campbell-park.gov.uk or call **01908 608 559** to request an application pack. CPPC is an equal opportunities employer



SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER



JOIN US FOR A

HALLOWEEN TEA PARTY

• 2-4PM •

SPRINGFIELD CENTRE

WEAR YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

**FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING
FACE PAINTING | REPTILE ROADSHOW | MAGICIAN**

CPPC GRANTS

Campbell Park Parish Council

We recently awarded a grant of £500 to **Frank Howe Court Social Club** to support their summer events.

We also awarded a grant of £400 to **Woolstone Community Centre** to enable them to host a Jubilee event for local residents.

The event was a great success bringing the **Woolstone** community together, with over 160 attending the event.



Actions Speaks MK were awarded a grant of £1000 to support the delivery of community events in Fishermead.



We also awarded a grant of £1000 to the **Sierra Leone Community Milton Keynes** to enable them to deliver community events to raise cultural awareness and engagement within the Parish.

YMCA Milton Keynes were awarded a grant of £1000 towards their Supported Living Programme.



We also recently awarded a grant of £10,000 to **The Geoff Taylor Educational Trust** which enables them to distribute small grants to local people to support continued educational opportunities

If you're from a community group or charity, who is supporting local residents in the Campbell Park Parish, visit our website to discover more about our grant funding:
www.campbell-park.gov.uk/services/grants/

Celebrating Her Majesty the Queens Platinum Jubilee

OUR MAIN EVENT WAS TO HOLD A FAMILY FUN DAY ON 2ND JUNE - AND WHAT A FANTASTIC DAY IT WAS!

The sun shone, the music played, and everyone had SO much fun. There was picnics and ice creams, dancing and singing, faces painted, crowns made, circus skills learned, balloon models galore and a visit from the Mayor of Milton Keynes. There were snakes around people's necks and chinchillas on people's heads, there were zorb balls and bouncy castles and football skills put to the test. A visit from a fire engine, a VR gaming lorry, lots of selfies and rush to meet Paw Patrol's Skye & Chase (& not just from the children!) and with Elsa's magic we even had snow!

There was such a lovely atmosphere, and the day exceeded all our expectations.

We ended the day by joining in with the national celebrations and lighting a beacon.

Campbell Park Parish Council & Willen Pavilion set out to work in partnership to bring our community together to celebrate our Queens Platinum Jubilee – and we succeeded!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Jubilee Family Fun Day.



DEXTER HOUSE – JUBILEE PARTY

The residents of Dexter House in Oldbrook gathered together to enjoy an afternoon tea party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Campbell Park Parish Council were very pleased to provide the sheltered housing scheme some decorations, tablecloths and flags to help set the party scene.

The children from Oldbrook First School and Jubilee Wood Primary School also very kindly made some bunting for Dexter House.

Dexter House reported that the tenants had a lovely time at their Jubilee Tea and loved the bunting made by the children. They had a beautiful spread and a royal-based quiz afterwards with prizes – we even had 'the queen' attend.

Our Community Officer, was honoured to sit on the Oldbrook First School Royal Throne to receive their beautifully coloured in bunting.



JUBILEE CRAFT SESSIONS

Thank you to all the children who took part in our half term holiday Jubilee Craft Sessions. Over 60 children came to our sessions, delivered by MK Play Association, making crowns and bunting.



WOOLSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE – JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA

Residents of Woolstone gathered together to celebrate the Jubilee, with a community afternoon tea, thanks to a grant from Campbell Park Parish Council. Over 160 residents attended the event at Woolstone Community Centre and enjoyed a lovely variety of cakes and treats and getting to know their neighbours.



JUBILEE ROSE

Campbell Park Parish Council invited all the sheltered housing centres within the Parish the opportunity to receive a commemorative Jubilee Rose to plant within their communal grounds.

We were pleased to present a 'Platinum Jubilee' potted rose to Dexter House



OFFICIAL OPENING OF

NEW PLAY AREA FOR UNDER 5'S

Campbell Park Parish Council

We officially opened the new play area for the under 5's at the Pirate Park in Fishermead on a rainy Saturday morning in June. We were joined by some local residents and the Mayor of Milton Keynes, who kindly cut the ribbon.

This event was a good opportunity for Campbell Park Parish Council to reflect on the improvements it has made to the Pirate Park/ Kernow Crescent play area since taking ownership from MK Council in 2020.

These improvements have included the provision of additional street lighting columns along the pathways, installation of extra play items (trampoline & multi play unit) and the refurbishment & repainting of the Pirate Ship, as well as the latest installation of the brand new fenced play area. It is lovely to see this area being used and enjoyed by local children.



CAN YOU HELP SOME OF OUR ELDERLY RESIDENTS?

Some of the older residents of our Parish who live in Dexter House, the Sheltered Housing complex in Oldbrook, need some help to maintain their small, allocated gardens.

We are looking for some community-minded volunteers to help them with some gardening on a regular or occasional basis. **Could this be you?**

The tasks would include helping the residents keep their outside space tidy; helping to trim plants & bushes etc so they can enjoy their gardens. You would only be asked to do relatively simple tasks, that they are no longer able to do for themselves.

If you are able to help, or would like more information, please contact the Parish office in the first instance and we will put you in contact with Dexter House. **01908 608559** or email **admin@campbell-park.gov.uk**



STAFF PROFILE

If you have visited or phoned the Parish office, the chances are you have spoken with Tracey Waistnedge.

Tracey is the Parish Councils Administration Receptionist based at the Parish office in Fishermead.



As well as being the first point of contact for general enquiries, Tracey is also responsible for all the administration associated with the two allotment sites in the Parish, dealing with plot allocations and inspections.

Tracey is an important part of the Parish Council team, getting involved in and supporting whatever is going on, whether that is preparing for Council meetings, litter picking at the Pirate Park, helping at community events or greeting residents to hand out Activity Packs during the school holidays.

We are continuing with our extracts from the **5 Ways to Wellbeing Toolkit** that had been published by the The Milton Keynes Self Care Steering Group.

We hope you find the information and tips it provides helpful.

5 WAYS TO WELLBEING?

THIS EDITION WE ARE COVERING “KEEP LEARNING”

KEEP LEARNING



Continued learning through life enhances self-esteem, encourages social interaction and a more active life.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that the opportunity to engage in work or educational activities particularly helps to lift older people out of depression.

The practice of setting goals, which is related to adult learning in particular, has been strongly associated with higher levels of wellbeing.

HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS:

Find something out about your colleagues or neighbours

Sign up for a class

Read the news or a book – maybe visit the library and select a different type of book to what you would normally choose to read

Do a crossword or Sudoku

Learn a new word.

Research something you've always wondered about

WHY NOT LEARN SOMETHING NEW TODAY?



For more information and resources visit

<https://www.healthwatchmiltonkeynes.co.uk/advice-and-information/2020-06-30/self-care-and-wellbeing-information>

LANDSCAPING REPORT

Campbell Park Parish Council

The start of the spring/summer season brought our usual rapid growth spurt across the Parish, from both grass and shrubs.

We switched to our summer maintenance programme in April and the mowers have been on a continuous cutting cycle across all of the estates, whilst another team have been strimming/weed control and ticking off smaller jobs from resident enquiries.

In July the grass growth rate slowed down, so for a couple of weeks we took a break from the mowing cycle and the full team were out working on clearing the sightlines (at road junctions), inaccessible footpaths and attending to issues raised by residents. During the spring/summer months there are restrictions in place from March-August to protect bird nesting. This means that we are not able to do any cutting back until the autumn/winter months, unless it poses a risk to safety.

Also, at this time of year in the shrub beds we often come across ground wasp and bee nests. If you see a half-completed job, it usually means we



have disrupted the nest and there is no working with an angry swarm. The nests are usually active up until the first frost and this is when we will return to finish the job.

JUBILEE TREES

During June we received ten trees to be planted as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy project. Each estate was allocated two each. If you see them on your estate with a green water bag attached to the bottom of the trunk, we are encouraging residents to help with watering. If you are passing a tree or if you have one close by, it would be great if you could give them a drink.

Any amount of water is worthwhile, you can even use your dirty dish water (a little washing up liquid will do them no harm). It will really help them through these dry summer months.

OLDBROOK, GREEN –

Hawthorn/Hornbeam

FISHERMEAD, KERNOW CRESCENT

PIRATE PARK – Silver birch/Hawthorn

SPRINGFIELD, CANAL FRONT –

Acer/Silver birch

WOOLSTONE, GREEN – 2 Hornbeams

WILLEN, MILLINGTON GATE &

ALDRICH DRIVE – Crab apple &

Turkish Hazel



REWILDING

WHAT IS IT?

As you will have noticed, in various spaces across the Parish areas have been left to “rewild”. This is to play our part in expanding biodiversity across the city.



The mini meadows allow Bumble bees to forage on nectar from clover, dandelions and other lawn ‘weeds’, solitary bees can find nesting spots amongst the long grasses, birds such as finches can be seen feasting on seedheads, and the mini jungle provides shelter and breeding grounds to help establish habitats for many invertebrates, mini beasts and mammals.

WHY?

Rewilding is a conservation effort to protect and restore the vast amounts of declining nature around us on both a local and global scale.

Our Parish, along with many other councils across the country, are taking a step back from mechanical interference and leaving selected areas solely to nature, so that it can re-establish and restore its natural eco system and re-introduce the local flora and fauna back to our local areas. It is one of several methods the United Nations have listed that will help achieve restoration of our natural ecosystems.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Sadly, nature in Britain is in serious trouble. Over the past few years half of our natural species are in decline and 15% threatened with extinction! Conservation areas and charities work hard to save and create wildlife but sadly the threat to our ecosystem needs far more intervention from



everybody, not just the small patches these organisations tend to. We are playing our part to compliment the wider works being done to conserve nature and help restore our support system which human life depends on.

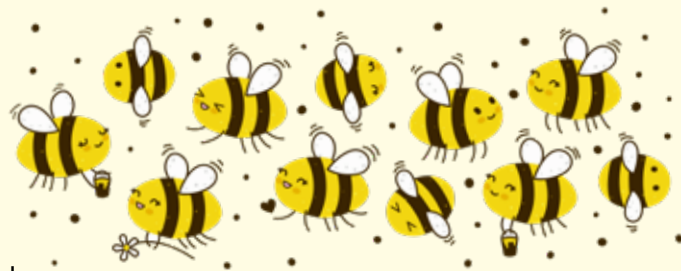
We have already seen an abundance of wildlife in these areas; including hundreds of dragonflies & bumblebees, two species rapidly in decline.

We are keen to work with and hear the opinions of residents on areas you feel could be used for rewilding or areas you feel have not been suitable. This will be reviewed and taken into consideration when planning next year’s rewilding areas.

We will begin to cut the longer grass towards the end of July. This is when all the eggs will be hatched, and ground nesting animals are able to move on. It will be cut in stages allowing the insects/animals time to move on and will regenerate the growth for next year.



THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES



Bees have an important part to play in maintaining our planet. Where trees and woods are essential to filter our air, bees are vital to both pollinate the food that we need to survive and also pollinate many of the trees and flowers that provide habitats for wildlife.



Luckily, it's not too late to help save the bees from extinction.

There are lots of things you can do to help protect these important creatures - most of which can be done from the comfort of your own garden.

Sadly, bee populations are in decline on a global scale as they face many threats, from habitat loss to the use of toxic pesticides. Many of the threats to bees share parallels with the threats to trees and woodland, so saving bees goes hand-in-hand with saving trees. If these threats aren't brought under control, we could be looking at a future without bees.



Fill your garden with bee-friendly flowers

Bees favour a wide range of flowering plants, including foxglove, birdsfoot trefoil and red clover, which can be grown easily from seed.



Stop using pesticides

Pesticides are one of the key threats to bees, and so one way to help bees is to stop using them in your own garden. Some pests provide food for crucial pollinators, so leaving them to be controlled naturally is the best choice if you want to help save bees.

Help a bee in need

Often during the summer months you may spot a solitary bee sitting unmoving on the ground. Whilst it is easy to presume it might be dead or dying, chances are it is actually exhausted and in need of a quick pick-me-up. You can help out a tired bee by mixing two tablespoons of white, granulated sugar with one tablespoon of water, placing it near the bee so it can help itself to this homemade energy drink.

Provide shelter for bees

Like most invertebrates, bees need shelter to nest and hibernate in. You can create your own shelter or buy a ready-made bee hotel – just hang it up in a sunny sheltered spot in your garden and watch bees filling the tubes during the spring and summer months.



Source of information: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

MK GALLACTICOS FOOTBALL CLUB

In the last edition of Homeground you will have seen that we awarded a grant to MK Gallacticos FC to enable them to host a presentation event to recognise all those involved with the club; players, coaches and supporters. A significant proportion of the clubs' members are residents of Campbell Park Parish, with some teams also regularly using the football pitches at Fishermead Sports Ground.

Councillor Greenwood was invited to attend the presentation event, which was held in June, where he was honoured to present some of the awards.

**Congratulations
to all the award
recipients and
Good luck for
the new football
season!**



The Willows First School and EYC



For this edition I thought I would show something other than the academic side of school.

Here at The Willows we have been super busy recently. Prior to the half term we were learning about what it means to be the Queen of our country and the children



found out many interesting facts. The children were busy making cakes for our Jubilee picnic too. Thank you all our families and community leaders who attended, it was an AMAZING EVENT.

At The Willows we have a very active school council who want to ensure that the experience our children have at school is as good as it can be. They spoke to other pupils and discussed what they may like to add to the playground to improve it further. Once they had made decisions they spoke to Mrs Orbell (Head) and Mr Morris (site manager) about the possibility of having a climbing wall. The children came up with the idea and vision and now we have a lovely new addition to our school playground.



Over the coming weeks our children are all very excited to be visiting their new classes or schools. We would like to wish all our Year Two's the very best of luck in their new schools, carry on being fabulous.

We have a few places left in our nursery in school please call or pop in if you are interested.



Shepherdswell Academy

Hello, from everyone at Shepherdswell Academy.



In June all the children at Shepherdswell Academy school took part in the Fun Run to Beijing. All pupils in EMAT trust schools took part in the event. Pupils and staff ran laps of the playground to step enough steps to get from Tokyo (where last years Olympics were held) to Beijing, home of this year's Winter Olympics. The children were joined by Deaflympics athlete Rebecca Oluchi who was an inspiration to the children.

To celebrate our school's diverse community, we invited all the children to come to school wearing their national costume and shared traditions from where their families were from. We had a great day and learnt a lot about how we are all different.



In **EFYS** the children have been learning all about addition and subtraction facts, using Numicon and part whole models to help us with our understanding.

Year 1 have been learning all about Queen Elizabeth II, the children have researched facts about her. They loved learning that she is a trained mechanic and that she loves dogs as much as they do.



Year 2 have been learning about significant people in history and writing fact files about them. They have been learning about poetry from the Caribbean and explored the similarities and differences between the Caribbean and the UK. The children loved the poem 'Carnival' by Valerie Bloom and

learnt it off by heart to perform to others.



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we had a Family Picnic in school. We all joined in with singing, wearing crowns and waving flags. It was so lovely to join together again.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2023 and would like to find out more about our amazing community school, then please contact the school office **01908 665418** or visit www.shepherdswell.emat.uk for further information



Willen School

At Willen we are always on the look out for ways to make our curriculum rich and exciting. Including enrichment opportunities makes learning engaging and fun for the children but also gives teachers a chance to get creative in the classroom, bring learning to life and inspire the children. We work hard to enhance the curriculum with opportunities, trips and visitors, some of our recent adventures include:

The OPAL Project

WPS are embarking on a new project which will transform our playtimes and lunchtimes, where the emphasis is truly on 'play'. We are working with a company called OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) over the coming months/years to give our children the most incredible opportunities to have access to so many different types of play. We will be seeking help from parents and local people to help us source all sorts of materials and loose parts to enable this to happen!



Venue MK

Last term, the Year 3 children at Willen were offered the opportunity to perform at the Venue MK. The children were extremely excited to perform in front of other schools as well as to an audience. The songs performed were: We Don't Talk about Bruno, The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Roar, and Amarillo. One of the children (Olivia) was even interviewed on stage! The children had a fantastic time performing and are looking forward to participating next year.

Safari Stu

As Early Years have been embarking on their 'Around the World' topic they have had a visit from Safari Stu. He came in to see the children with lots of exciting creatures including, snakes, cockroaches, tenrics and loads more. The children were able to ask questions and touch the animals. They then found their homes on the map afterwards.

We're so proud of all the hard work that our children have achieved this year, we are especially proud of our Year 6 cohort who are about to go off on their next adventure. We wish you all the best Year 6!

Find out more here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAR_sKX8CtZnbKPiddnnlw/featured



Jubilee Wood Primary School

In the last two years at Jubilee Wood Primary School, we have been busy launching a new exciting curriculum for all of our children to enjoy and to help them make the very best of themselves as they make their way into the world.

OFSTED praised us for our exciting curriculum in February this year and for the **'Outstanding' Personal Development** that the children enjoy at our school. This week we received our first set of **Y6 SATs results** since the start of the pandemic - we were delighted to find that because of the new curriculum at Jubilee Wood, the **standards** our children are reaching are now higher than they are nationally! Our children can now read as well as the national average; our children write better than is typical nationally; and our children's maths is a mile above what children score nationally. In all of the subjects above, large numbers of children also achieved a 'Greater Depth', the highest grade possible. We already knew that the children are now performing on a completely different level at Jubilee Wood than they have ever done in the past, but it was great to have this recognised more widely!



The amazing talents of our Y6 children here at Jubilee Wood go beyond even their literacy and maths skills – last week our **Y6 football team came 3rd** in a Milton Keynes-wide football tournament that involved over 40 schools across the city.

Our team worked together showing great sportsmanship and made the school proud.

At Jubilee Wood, we want to give the children frequent opportunities to **broaden their experiences**. So, with this in mind, our older children went to a residential centre at **Caldecotte** for two nights recently where they got to



experience camping, sailing, kayaking, climbing, abseiling and caving amongst many other exciting things! Another year group has gone on a residential to **Northamptonshire** where they enjoyed outdoors activities in the beautiful countryside before staying there overnight. Meanwhile, most of our year groups have visited the beach at **Walton on the Naze** this summer, enjoying an incredible day playing on the lovely sandy beach, making sandcastles and splashing in the sea. We plan all of these activities so that the children's personal development continues to be 'outstanding' as OFSTED said, so that they add to their wider experiences and gain a better understanding of the exciting world in which we live.

At the end of this school year, we are looking to the birth of the new one in September, and we are already looking forward to the large number of new families that we will have the pleasure of serving. The school roll is currently close to **500 children**, and with all of the amazing things going on at Jubilee Wood, we expect that figure to grow and grow! Have a wonderful summer from all of us at Jubilee Wood Primary School.



WE HAVE ACTIVITY PACKS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAY

(WHILE STOCK LAST)

The packs will contain a variety of paper based activities and colouring sheets.

We will also have Activity Packs available for the **October Half Term holiday**. These will be available for collection from **Tuesday 18th October**.

To ensure as many families as possible can benefit from this, please only take one pack per child. The packs will be limited in number and only available while stock lasts.

We would also love to see any photos of the children enjoying the packs or the completed activities that we can share. Most of all – we hope that the children enjoy them.

The activity packs can be collected from the Parish Office in Fishermead:

Parish Office, 1 Pencarrow Place (behind the Trinity Centre) MK6 2AS – Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm

If you have any queries, please contact **admin@campbell-park.gov.uk** or **01908 608559**

KID'S CORNER



Hello Children,

Hurrah!!! The Summer Holidays are upon us at last. What fun things have you all got planned to do? Maybe a walk down by the Grand Union Canal. Or around Willen Lake. If you are under 10 years old please make sure that you have an older brother or sister or one of your parents with you. Deep water can, and will be dangerous. Other things to do in our area, are the playground on Oldbrook Green, The Pirate Park on Fishermead, the play area at Woolstone, not forgetting the Jumbo Slide on Springfield and lastly the Football Sessions are every Tuesday at Willen Pavilion (see page 19). So something for everyone!

Now, I would like to talk to you about Stranger Danger in the holidays. Take care more than usual and **KEEP SAFE**. Also, respect deep water, even if it looks nice, it might not be safe to paddle or swim.

Remember **THE GREEN TICK CODE**.

If you have forgotten, it will be on the website.

During the holidays we will be re-vamping the code, because of there being more electric cars on the roads. So that should be complete by the time the September term starts.

Have fun, keep safe, and we will talk again soon.

Road Safety:

Remember your green Tick Code.



Send in a Poem:

If you send in a poem, if it goes into the next Homeground you will win a prize.

Jokes:

Do you have any jokes?

If so, send them in and you could also win a prize if we put it into the magazine.

Activity Packs:

Look out on Social Media for information on our Activity Packs.

P.S: If you send anything into Kid's Corner we need to know your name, address, your age, and what school you go to, or we cannot send you your prize. The address is: 1 Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2AS.

Remember Stranger Danger

Until next time

Cllr Penny

Sophie the Magic Squirrel



The story so far.....

Sophie has been playing in the trees at Buttermilk Farm looking for something interesting to eat for breakfast.

Sophie went home with Mrs Perri Kitty Kat, she was taking Sophie to meet Cilla Comfy Cat and they had both had kittens.

Mrs Perri Kitty Kat was extremely frantic trying to find her kittens. Sophie kept giggling to herself knowing where the kittens had gone.

Cilla Comfy Cat and Perri Kitty Kat looked all around the farmyard and the kitchen trying to find the little boys and girls.

Mrs Perri Kitty Kat decided it was not normal for the boys to run off, so being frantic turned into being very very cross. She started to call them with her bedtime call. Prrra! Prrra! Prrra! No reply.

Well, that is odd she thought to herself. They always come back for a bedtime feed and a story.

Sophie was still giggling to herself.

Mrs Perri Kitty Kat was beginning to get very angry.

So, she decided to give them a very loud PRRRA! PRRRA! PRRRA! PRRRA! No answer again!!!!

Now the kittens started to giggle aswell.

Perri decided enough was enough. All of a sudden, one of the kittens started to sneeze loudly. A very big ATISHOO! Came from the chimney. Thick, black soot had got up their noses.

Then all of a sudden, one baby kitten rolled out from the chimney ATISHOO! Black soot all over the kitchen rug, black soot all over the nice clean stone floor and a very nice little kitten had turned into a soot ball with eyes.

So the kittens started to laugh, Mrs Perri was getting very angry again.

What do you think happened next??

Yes, you are right, one fell out, then another, and another, and another, and then the biggest bump, and a big soot cloud all over a white squirrel called Sophie.

The kitchen is now in a pool of soot. Mrs Perri and Mrs Cilla are now also covered in it too!

"Do you still think its funny?" said Mrs Cilla Comfy Cat.

So now we have 5 boys, 1 squirrel and 2 Mummy cats looking very sad and dirty.

The kittens started to laugh because Mummy was cross. Mrs Perri Kitty Kat looked at Sophie and said "This is all your fault" "You young Sophie will have to clear all this up, or there will be no breakfast, no lunch and no tea, and no bed time milk, do you understand?"

Sophie thought to herself "I need to do a spell, BUT, how am I going to get 5 kittens to stand on one leg" As you know that is how Sophie's spells start, if you can remember Isabel.

Sophie didn't think it was going to work, but poor Mrs Cilla Comfy Cat really needed her kitchen to be cleaned. She had run the bath for all the kittens and Sophie to get in, but Sophie said "Oh No!, not the bath! I don't do water!" So she quickly cast a spell. Only 2 kittens could stand on one leg, so only half of the spell worked. Which meant 2 of the kittens didn't have to go into the bath. 3 kittens had to get in. "Oh no! not the bath, I don't do water!..... Until next time.....

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 - Family or domestic difficulties
- Any other concerns you would like to discuss



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Resident was helped with Universal Credit, "The Advice Worker was very professional and made me feel calm and relaxed".