



Monkfrith Newsletter Autumn Term: Issue 3

Dear Parents,

This week I am including some information about our achievement outcomes for last year. It always takes a little while for the data to be checked by Barnet, but there is lots for us to be proud of, as well as lots for us to continue to work to develop.

EYFS

In 2018, just over 78% of our children achieved a Good Level of Development. This is above the Barnet and National averages. It was a slightly higher figure than the year before, but Miss Cooper and I have lots of ideas about how to improve this.

Phonics

In 2018, 90% of our children achieved the standard for the phonics screening check at the end of Year 1. This is fantastic and an improvement on the previous year.

End of Key Stage 1

Reading – This year our reading results were excellent and put us in the top 4 of Barnet Schools for reading in Year 2. 90% of the children achieved the Expected Standard, with 30% reaching Greater Depth.

Writing – Our results improved from the previous year. 80% of children at Monkfrith achieved the standard, which is above both the National and Barnet average. We also had more children reaching Greater Depth for writing than most other Barnet schools.

Maths – 85% of our children achieved the expected standard, with 32% achieving Greater Depth. Our results were in the top 20 of Barnet schools and were above the National average.

End of Key Stage 2

Reading – 87% of the children achieved the expected standard or higher. This is above National and Barnet averages.

Writing – Our writing results were also very good and put us in the top 10 schools in Barnet with 90% of children meeting the standard expected of children at the end of Year 6.

Maths – 94% of children achieved the standard expected. This is significantly above the National average and puts us in the top 10 of Barnet schools.

Year 4 at Moat Mount

Both Year 4 classes had a brilliant time at Moat Mount (despite the spiders!). They were polite, respectful and supportive of each other; a credit to our school.

A big thank you to all the school staff who went with them and made sure that they were safe, fed and had a good time.

Meet the Teacher

It was great to see so many parents come along to our Meet the Teacher meetings last week. Thank you for all the suggestions and ideas about how we can work together – they are really helpful. Hopefully you will start to see some changes in the coming months. All the information from each year group's meeting can now be found on the website, along with any handouts that were distributed.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

To celebrate Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September the children can wear their own clothes (**as long as it includes something green!**) in return for bringing a £1. FOMS are also hosting a Coffee Morning that morning to raise money for Macmillan in the Dining Room from 9am.

Dates for this term

We are now trying to make sure that all the dates for the year are on the School Calendar on the website. Please can you remember to check there if you are looking for a date. Contact the Office if you need information about a date that is not there.

Nuts

Just a reminder that Monkfrith, like all schools in Barnet, is a nut-free school. We have several children and members of staff who have allergies to nuts. Please do not send any form of nut as part of a packed lunch.

Attendance Information

Our whole school attendance dropped last year and is something that we are going to need to focus on improving this year. Please remember that Requests for Authorised Absence are only for exceptional circumstances. If you would like more information about what is considered an exceptional circumstance and the penalties for unauthorised absence, please go to <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/schools-and-education/parents.html>.

Attendance for week commencing 10th September 2018

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak		3M	99%
Reception Willow		3P	99%
1B	97%	4F	99%
1K	98%	4P	98%
2K	100%	5	97%
2S	100%	6	100%

(Reception will be included when they start full time.)

Congratulations to all of Year 2 and Year 6. The overall attendance was 99%, which is fantastic! Let's try and keep it up.

Key Stage Two Drama Club

Key Stage Two Drama Club, with The Playing Space, runs on Thursday lunchtimes starting 20th September. The theme this term is the ever-popular Matilda! There are a few spaces still available and the cost is £65 for the 10 week course with a

performance for parents on 29th November. For bookings or more info please contact The Playing Space on info@theplayingspace.co.uk / 07743 987 556

Code Club for KS2

We have had a fantastic response to Code Club. We will not be able to take everyone but I have made a waiting list and hopefully later in the year there will be more spaces. Texts will be sent out later this week to let you know if you will be able to start on Wednesday 26th September 2018.

FOMS News

FOMS are pleased to announce the dates for our events this term. Please mark them in your calendars. We hope to see many of you there.

Friday 28th September 9am - Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan

Friday 9th November 7:30PM - QUIZ NIGHT!

Friday 12th October 9am - Christmas Fair Planning Meeting - all are welcome!

Friday 7th December from 3:30 - ☐ Christmas Fair ☐

Also, in the next couple of weeks, your children will be asked to complete their Christmas-themed drawings that will then be available to purchase as cards, mugs, coasters, and gift tags all in time for Christmas. We have found it to be a good idea to mention this to your children in advance, and even get a practice round in at home to help them create their masterpiece.

Your questions answered...

Can my child wear a watch to school?

Absolutely! Learning to tell the time on an analogue clock is a maths objective that each year group teaches. Sometimes they can become a distraction, in which case the teacher will let you know.

Next week there will be information about Zones of Regulation from Mrs Whent.

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