



Monkfrith Newsletter Autumn Term: Issue 4

Dear Parents,

A big well done to all the children in the Reception classes. They have impressed us all by how sensible they have been. A fantastic start to their school life at Monkfrith!

Parking

I have been spoken to by several parents and residents this week who are concerned at the driving and parking around school at the start and then end of the day. There were also residents who were unable to get their rubbish bins collected this week as the bin lorries were not able to get down the roads around Knoll Drive and Cedar Rise. Please can I ask that you are considerate of those children and families who are trying to cross the road and our neighbours.

Reception Parent Meetings

This year we are offering 3 parent meetings for Reception in the Autumn Term. It is a chance to come along and find out more about particular areas of the Foundation Stage and how you can support your child at home. If you are not able to come along, then we will make sure any information given out is put on the website.

17th October 2018 at 7pm – Phonics and Reading
12th November 2018 at 7pm – Areas of Learning and Tapestry
28th November 2018 at 7pm - Maths

Year 6 at the Wallace Collection

Last Tuesday, Year 6 went to the Wallace Collection in Central London. This is an amazing art gallery and they took part in a free workshop run by an artist. They used sketches that they made in the galleries to create their own screen prints. Mrs Ditchburn was stopped by a member of the public who commented on how well behaved the children were. Well done Year 6!



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.

Attendance Information

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 17th September 2018

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak		3M	97%
Reception Willow		3P	98%
1B	96%	4F	95%
1K	96%	4P	99%
2K	100%	5	97%
2S	100%	6	96%

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

Congratulations to all of Year 2 and Year 4F. The overall attendance was 97.9%, which is good! Let's try and keep it up.

FOMS News

Friday 28th September 9am - Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan - FOMS will be supporting the MacMillan Coffee Morning to help make it a successful event for the community. In addition to raising money for Macmillan, you will also get an opportunity to find out more about who FOMS are and how we work towards supporting the school.

****We would be very grateful for cake donations on the day** Thank you!**

Upcoming Events

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

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

Friday 7th December from 3:30 - Christmas Fair

The FOMS website has been updated now so if you would like to find out more about FOMS, please check us out on <http://monkfrithschool.co.uk/foms/about-foms/>

Code Club for KS2

Code Club will start for new members this Wednesday at 8am. Please come to the Office. You will have had a text to confirm your place. The club was really oversubscribed and we hope to be able to offer more places later this year

KS2 Choir

It was lovely to see so many children at choir on Thursday morning. We have not got many children from Year 3 yet. If you would like your child to join just turn up at 8.15am at the Office.

After School Club

Just a reminder of the change to the prices of After School Club.

First Child	£9 per session
Siblings	£7 per session
Children collected by 4.30pm	£5

Your questions answered...

What is Zones of Regulation?

As part of our Social and Emotional aspects of Learning, we have introduced the children to: 'Zones of Regulation'. This is a curriculum designed to build social awareness and self-regulation skills important for success in school. The 'Zones' curriculum introduces these ideas by focusing on how the children are feeling; helping learners to recognise the cognitive, emotional and physiological signs in themselves. Rather than the complex mixture of physical or emotional feelings which can be confusing for a child to accurately interpret, they learn to describe themselves as being in one of 4 'zones'. It also helps us to use a common language.

These zones are then meaningfully linked to readiness for learning as well as empathising with the effect one can have on others. Children develop an awareness of their own triggers and use their personal set of strategies to bring themselves back to an optimal state for learning. Through practice and application, the Zones of Regulation helps build skills that can serve them as they move through the school and face challenging situations in the wider world.

The zones are linked to colours: red, yellow, blue and green. The children have been taught that there is no 'bad zone', it is just the way they feel at a particular moment and there are things they can do to help themselves move to a different zone. We have started working with the children to think about different strategies that they can use to help get themselves in the green zone where they are in the best place to learn.

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Any finally...you will be getting a leaflet for 'Beauty' at the Wyllotts Theatre in January in book bags this week. Please go along and support Mrs Cooper – Ellie (in Y1) and Jess' (Y4) mum. It sounds like it will be a great show!

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