



Monkfrith Newsletter Autumn Term: Issue 8

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term.

INSET Day

This morning the staff have been working together to think about the writing process. We have thought about the opportunities we give for writing, how we teach planning and how to teach children to develop their vocabulary. This afternoon the staff will have Zones of Regulation refresher training and think about how we can develop children's resilience and confidence.

Parent Consultations

From tomorrow, you will have the opportunity to sign up for parent consultations. As we have done for the few years, the meetings will take place in the hall on Tuesday morning (8am - 8.40am), Tuesday after school (4pm – 6.20pm) and on Wednesday (5.30pm – 7.50pm). They are an opportunity to find out how your child has got on in their first half term, the things that have been going well and the targets for the next term. If you do not drop off in the morning for Breakfast club or at the Gate, you can text, email or drop into the Office after 9am to book a slot.

Cross Country

On Thursday 18th October Miss Pierides took a group of children from Key Stage 2 to the Barnet Schools' Cross Country Competition at Allianz Park where just over 80 schools took part. **We finished 5th overall which is a fantastic result!** Well done to the team: Sebastian (Y6), Jean (Y6), Jeslyn (Y6), Tomini (Y6), Timo (Y5), Alex (Y5), Ned (Y5), Charlotte (Y5), Ellie (Y5), Jack (Y4), Philbert (Y4), Poshia (Y4) and Ece (Y4).

A particular well done to Jeslyn, Timo, Charlotte, Jack who all finished in the top 10 for their year group. Thank you to Miss Pierides for organising our participation and to the parents who helped with transport. It is much appreciated.

Football Team report from Jack (Y6)

On Tuesday 16th October, it was a new season for Monkfrith football team. Our first match had arrived – Monkfrith V St. Theresa's. In the first three minutes the other team managed to claim the first goal to make it 0-1. Just a short time after our right winger Zaid had run down from the halfway line to get our first goal to make the score a fair 1-1. For the rest of the first half Sebastian managed to score but then the other team got two goals to get the score up to 3-3.

In the second half, we worked hard to score two more goals to make it 5-3. After that our luck changed and we couldn't hold onto the lead. Sadly, the other team scored two more goals to make it even and then another making it 5-6. Despite our many attempts on goal and our determination we couldn't score again.

Although we had a brilliant match, we were not able to claim the victory that we had wished for. It was a very promising first match and we are looking forward to our next one.

Alex – our defender was amazing. He saved us many times and even had an attempt on goal himself.

A special mention to Ned, who stepped into defence and tackled a very skilful Year 6 boy many times during the match. Even St Theresa's teacher praised how well he played, and how shocked he was at how he kept up with his striker. A very well-deserved players player voted by his team mates.

Well done team! Let's go into our next match positively. Thank you Miss Pierides and all the parents that helped us get there.

If you would like to see the pictures and find out more about the football team, then look at the website <http://monkfrithschool.co.uk/news-info/pe/>.

Key Dates

2nd November - Individual Photographs

13th – 16th November - Book Fair after school – please come in through the Office.

16th November - Be Bright, Be Seen Day. This is a non uniform day to raise awareness of the dangers of crossing the road in the winter months when it is dark. Children should wear bright coloured clothing instead of their school uniform and sensible shoes. There is no charge or cost to wearing your own clothes on this day.

21st November – Year 5 class assembly (9am start)

22nd November – KS2 Choir Concert in the Hall (3pm)

All these dates (along with others) are on the school calendar on the website.

Tapestry Meeting for Reception Parents – 12th November 2018 at 7pm

The presentation and the videos from the Phonics and Reading meeting are now on the website. We look forward to seeing you at the Tapestry meeting.

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 15th October 2018

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	97%	3M	97%
Reception Willow	97%	3P	98.5%
1B	95%	4F	93%
1K	98%	4P	96%
2K	95%	5	96%
2S	97%	6	98.3%

Congratulations to Year 2S (again!) and to both Year 4 classes. Attendance dropped to just below 97% this week.

The website has the term dates and INSET days for 2019/20.

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