



**Monkfrith Newsletter**  
**Autumn Term: Issue 9**

Dear Parents,

**Parent Consultations**

These will take place in the Hall on Tuesday morning (8am-8.40am), Tuesday after school (4pm – 6.20pm) and Wednesday evening (5.30pm to 7.50pm). The teachers are going to try and stick to the times so as not to inconvenience anyone, so please make sure you are there for your appointment slot. If you have not booked one yet, please contact the Office and see what times are available as you will not be able to see a teacher without an agreed time.

**The Governing Body**

Last week we had the termly Pupil Progress and Welfare Governors committee meeting. The Governors analysed the data from last academic year as well as the outcomes of the Achievement Review that was held with our School Improvement Partner from Barnet's Education Team. On Tuesday evening, after parent consultations, there will be the second Finance Committee meeting of the year.

**Year 6 at Westminster Abbey**

On Thursday last week, Year 6 visited Westminster Abbey as part of their Remembrance Celebrations. They learnt about the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior and the poetry of Wilfred Owen. The Education Team were really impressed by how sensible, respectful and engaged the children were on the visit. We are very proud of them!



From today, there will be poppies available at the gate in the morning as well as Breakfast Club, After School Club, in the Office and at Reception.

**Christmas Fair Posters**

Everyone in KS2 was given the chance to design the poster for this year's Christmas Fair. The entries were fantastic and it was a really difficult decision for the FOMS Committee. All the children who submitted an entry will be given 5 housepoints. The finalists were Dillon in Y4, Yashvi Y6, Lorin Y6, Charlotte Y5, Tiahn Y4, Maria 3P and Katrine Y6.

There is a special mention for Zac in Y4. His painting was excellent and will also feature in some way. **The winner was Isabella in Y4. Congratulations. It was brilliant!**

All the posters will go on display around school in the coming weeks.

**\*\*\*Year 2 Dress Up Warning \*\*\***

This term Year 2 are doing a topic called 'Big Dreams and Changemakers' in which they will learn about inspirational people who have changed our lives such Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Ada Lovelace (and others). As part of this they will be having their own special non-

uniform day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The children will be asked to dress up as a person who they find inspirational. Miss Siekkeris and Miss Kontos will send you more information shortly.

### Key Dates

**13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Book Fair after school – please come in through the Office.

**16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**21<sup>st</sup> November** – Year 5 class assembly (9am start)

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** – KS2 Choir Concert in the Hall (3pm)

**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Recorder Concert in the Hall (2.30pm)

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

### 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>.

The Educational Welfare Officer comes to visit our school every term to review our attendance information. There is a particular focus on children who's attendance is **below 90%** (this does not include children with a particular medical need).

- 90% attendance = 1/2 school day missed every week.
- One school year at 90% attendance = 4 weeks of learning missed.
- Over 5 school years of school = 1/2 school year missed.
- All children nationally whose school attendance is 90% or below are considered to be 'persistent absentees'.

If you would like to know your child's attendance so far this term, you can ask your child's teacher at parent consultations.

### Attendance for week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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

Congratulations to Reception Willow, Year 2K and to 3P classes. Attendance was a fantastic 98.5% this week. Thank you!

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

### **Tapestry Meeting for Reception Parents – 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Instrument Lessons for NEW students starting in the SPRING Term 2019**

At Monkfrith School we offer individual lessons on the following instruments: trumpet, voice, piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone and recorder for children in Year 2 upwards.

Group tuition from Year 2 on the recorder is also taught at Monkfrith. Please ask at the school office for further information.

If you would like your child to start individual lessons in January, you can visit [www.beatrust.org.uk](http://www.beatrust.org.uk) to enrol. There is a lot of helpful information on the website, but should you need any further advice please leave a note at the school office for the instrumental teacher who will be able to answer your questions; your child may need a suitability test. Alternatively, you can call Barnet Education Arts Trust on 020 8959 4111.

**IMPORTANT:** The last day for signing up online for individual lessons is **Monday 10 December**. **NB** If your child currently receives lessons from BEAT you will be automatically sent an invoice through the post.

### **Lost Property**

Despite only being in school for 4 days this week, there seems to be more lost property than ever in the Medical Room. If your child has come home without an item of clothing please get them to come and check.

### **FOMS News**

#### **QUIZ NIGHT THIS FRIDAY AT 7:30!!**

We are very excited to be hosting our annual Quiz Night this Friday!! It is always a fun night out, all in support of Monkfrith School.

Leaflets went out in book bags for Quiz Night last week. If you did not receive one in your child's book bag, please email [FriendsOfMonkfrithSchool@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfMonkfrithSchool@gmail.com) to book your tickets.

The deadline for food order tickets is Tuesday 6th November. Please return your ticket order with money in an addressed envelope via book bags, or drop off to the main office. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to 'Friends of Monkfrith School'.

Tickets to the Quiz Night without a food order will still be available to purchase anytime, even at the door that night, so please come along! Friends and family are also very welcome.

### **CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS**

You should receive your child's Christmas Card sample and order form in book bags today. The designs this year were amazing!

Please return your order forms by this **Friday 9th November**. This is to ensure we place the order for the whole school as soon as possible so the cards will be delivered in good time before Christmas. Please return in a labelled envelope via book bags or drop off to the school office. We accept cash or cheque. **Please make cheques payable to 'Friends of Monkfrith School'**.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR - Friday 7th December 3:30-6:30

We will begin to accept donations for the Christmas Fair from next week. As a reminder, here are the items we will be collecting, and other ways to help support the Fair:

1. **TOYS** – including soft toys (for the Teddy Tombola), games and/or general toys. **NO BOOKS PLEASE.**
2. **SWEET JARS** – Please fill empty jars with pre-wrapped sweets or chocolates for our Sweet Tombola. **NO NUTS PLEASE.**
3. **PRESENTS** – Back by popular demand is our 'Present Room'. This is a secret room where the children can go in and pick out a present for an adult in their life, whether it be their parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle etc. Please donate any small gifts that would be suitable for an adult to receive. These presents can be candles, picture frames, mugs, boxes of chocolate etc.
4. We are also always on the lookout for raffle prizes, booking sellers for a stall, or sponsorships. Please do get in touch if you can help in any of these ways.

We also have another Christmas Fair Planning meeting scheduled for the 16th November at 9am. Please do come along if you would like to get more involved.

Thank you again for all of your support. We look forward to seeing you Friday at Quiz Night!

Best Wishes,  
FOMS Committee

### And finally...

Congratulations to Leon in Year 5. Yesterday Leon attended the St Johns' Ambulance Award ceremony for London and South Region where he was presented the highest award Badger can achieve, Super Badger. From the entire London and South Region only 11 Badgers achieved this award and Leon was one of them. Badgers are judged on their skills, commitment, presentation and support. Well Done Leon – we are all very proud of your achievements!



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