



Monkfrith Newsletter

Spring Term: Issue 24

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent Consultations this week.

This week the build for our Sensory Trail in the dip will start. If you usually drop off in the carpark for Breakfast/After School Club some of the spaces may be taken up by the equipment, so just be aware that there may be some disruption. Once the work begins, it may also mean that the long path that slopes up to the playground may be out of action for a period while the wild flower meadow is planted. A big thank you again to FOMs who have funded half of the money and to Kika (Demetrious and Constandinos's mum) who wrote a Lottery Bid for the other half.

Comic Relief

We will be having a **non-School uniform day** on Friday to raise money for Comic Relief. I will be collecting donations at the Gate (and Reception will collect at their Gate).

Fundraising

Thank you to the parents and teachers (and my Mum!) who have signed up so far. I am keeping in the instructions just in case anyone missed it last week.

It's quite simple to get set up, all you have to do is:

1. Join.

If, like me, you shop on your phone, download the app for free.

Head to the Friends of Monkfrith School page and create an account (you can use your Facebook account if that is easier)

2. Shop.

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping. You will get a message to say that any purchases you make will lead to a donation to FOMS.

3. Raise.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

The Governing Body

Last week the Finance Committee met to look at the budget as we draw to the end of the financial year and also reviewed some of the policies related to finance. Next week is the Spring Full Governing Body meeting to ratify the budget for the next financial year.

Online Safety

You may have already seen the promotional material around this on social media over the weekend, but if not this is a quiz you take against your child to see who knows more about the online world. It also tells you information about some of the dangers and you can get advice about how to help protect your child. Here is the link: <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids/play#/>

Year 5 Football Tournament

Last week some of our Year 5 children took part in a football tournament at PowerLeague with lots of other Barnet Schools. They won all the games in their group but succumbed to Akiva (the eventual winners) in the semi-final. They then went into a 3rd/4th play-off against Livingstone. Our boys were two nil up with minutes to go until Livingstone scored two and forced the game into penalties. It was an extremely dramatic shoot out, which ended up with Zac scoring the winning sudden-death penalty!

Congratulations to our team: Ezra, Alex, Emre, Timo, Ned, Zac and Joe. Miss Pierides was very proud of both the way they played and the way they conducted themselves.

If you want to find out more about our sporting success this year, please visit the website.

Word of the Week

There was some great use of the word plethora by both staff and children this week in conversations with me this week.

KS1

Word: thud (verb/noun)

Definition: a dull sound made when a heavy object hits something

There was a deep thud when the door slammed.

Synonym: thump

Antonym:

KS2

Word: dwindle (verb)

Definition: reduce gradually in size, amount or strength

*The town's population is dwindling away.
Her energy levels had dwindled; she could not continue to run anymore*

Synonym: decrease, reduce, wane

Antonym: increase, flourish

Woodwind and Recorder

If your child learns an instrument with Miss Porzi, we have just organised the dates for the Spring Concerts:

Recorder – Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm

Woodwind – Friday 29th March at 9am.

Kickers Trial – RECEPTION & YEAR 1

We now have the names of the children selected to take part in the trial:

Reception Oak – Isla B, Amelia, Tommy, Ross

Reception Willow – Danyaal, Maximus, Jaiden, Talia, Emily, Heidi

Yr1K - Stefanos, Kai, Matilde, Jasmin, Lily-May, Alfie

Yr1B – Alessia, Maya, Joseph, Cairo

Attendance

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>.

I am not authorising absence requests for holidays.

Attendance for week commencing 4th March 2019.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	93%	3M	98%
Reception Willow	100%	3P	96%
1B	92%	4F	100%
1K	97%	4P	98%
2K	99%	5	98%
2S	98%	6	96%

Congratulations to Reception Willow who were the winners for Key Stage 1 and our Key Stage Two winners, Year 4F. Attendance was 97% last week, which is much improved.

FOMS

Don't forget the FOMS Bingo Night on Friday 15th March. You can still order tickets with a food order until Wednesday. If you are just coming for Bingo and no food, then you can purchase a ticket on the night..

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