



Monkfrith Newsletter Spring Term: Issue 25

Dear Parents,

Last week was extremely busy in school. The sensory area is taking shape despite the horrendous weather. Understandably they are a couple of days behind schedule – keep your fingers crossed for better weather next week!

On Wednesday the whole school was treated to a theatre performance of the Wizard of Oz. This was only possible thanks to FOMs.



Dance Festival

Last Tuesday Mr Powell and Mr Filby took a group of children from Year 4, 5 and 6 to the Arts Depot to take part in the Dance Festival. The children had been practising hard since January with their ballet/street approach to a song from Mary Poppins. I was so proud to see them performing on the stage in front of a packed audience. Thank you to the parents who came along to support but most importantly thank you to the children who represented our school so brilliantly. Well done to Leyla (Y6), Katrine (Y6), Amelie (Y6), Harley (Y6), Lilia (Y5), Mia (Y5), Emily (Y5), Hannah (Y5), Mikhail (Y5), Leon (Y5), Alea (Y4), Kyla (Y4)

Spring Competition

I have had some great conversations over the last few weeks with children telling me their egg-citing plans for their Spring Competition entries. From painting a wooden egg, to creating an egg scene in a shoe box – I am proud that so many children want to take part in our school tradition. Entries need to be brought in on the 1st April for our egg-hibition.

The Governing Body

Last week was the Spring Term Full Governing Body meeting. It was a long evening, with lots to discuss about how the school is progressing and a close look at the budget for the coming financial year.

Carer's Coffee Morning

Queenswell Infant, Nursery & Junior Schools would like to invite foster carers, adoptive parents and special guardians to a Carers Coffee Morning on Monday 1 April 2019 at 1.30pm to 3pm at Queenswell Junior School, Whetstone, N20 0NQ.

Please let us know if you will be attending by emailing Ursula Eady, the SEND Administrator, ueady@queenswelljnr.barnet.sch.uk, or call 0208 445 2056 option 1.

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: beware (verb)

Definition: to be cautious or aware of risks or dangers

Beware of the tigers!

Synonym: be cautious

Antonym: ignore

KS2

Word: flail (verb)

Definition: wave or swing wildly

The children were flailing their arms in the air, like they just didn't care.

Synonym: wave, swing

Antonym: still

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 11th March.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	97%	3M	94%
Reception Willow	96%	3P	95%
1B	92%	4F	97%
1K	96%	4P	96%
2K	98%	5	94%
2S	97%	6	95%

Congratulations to the winners for Key Stage 1 who were 2K and our Key Stage Two winners who were Year 4F for the second week in a row! Attendance was 96% last week.

FOMS News

Thank you to everyone who came out on support of Bingo Night this Friday. It was a great night with delicious curry and some fun rock and roll bingo games. We hope everyone who came had an enjoyable evening. We are pleased to announce the event raised £440 so thank you again!

Our next event will be the Easter Tea Party on Thursday 4th April from 3:30. We hope to see you there!

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