



Monkfrith Newsletter

Spring Term: Issue 26

Dear Parents,

Sensory Trail

The sensory trail has been finished however we need to leave it to settle, dry out and let some of the plants start to grow. Please ensure that children are not using it after school.

Parking

The parking problems continue unfortunately. As several parents have pointed out to me this week, as the weather gets warmer and the days get lighter, it would be great to see more children walking to school. However, if you still feel the need to drive, it would be nice to make sure that you park safely and considerately so that those who would like to walk, feel safe. I have asked the Safer Neighbourhood Team to visit again as well.

Parent Governor Nomination

On Friday you will have received forms asking for nominations for the role of parent governor. These need to be in by Friday 29th March. If you need any further information, you can contact myself or Simone Roberts, our Chair of Governors. Once I have received any nominations, I will let you know how to vote.

Spring Competition

Entries need to be brought in on the 1st April for our egg-hibition. Please ensure that they are named.

Dance Festival

Apologies – in last week's newsletter I congratulated the children who went to the Dance Festival, but in a cut and paste error, I missed some names. Here is the list of the children in full: Leyla (Y6), Amelie (Y6), Harley (Y6), Katrine (Y6), Emily (Y5), Hannah (Y5), Mikhail (Y5), Leon (Y5), Lilia (Y5), Mia (Y5), Alea (Y4), Mia (Y4), Olivia L (Y4), Kyla (Y4).

Sporting Success – a message from Miss Pierides

This week was another successful Barnet Schools Sports week for us. Firstly, we attended the cross country meet 2, where twelve children from Year 4 to 6, not only competed for their own personal position but as a team they competed for points as a school.

Well done to Tomini, Grace, Jean, Elliot, Charlotte, Ellie, Timo, Alex, Ece, Poshia, Dillon and Jack. They showed great determination and sportsmanship by encouraging and supporting each other. One child lost his shoes in the mud, picked them up and finished the race in his socks. One slipped over and finished with a cut lip. This resilience was great to see.

We gained three medals. Jack and Charlotte were placed second and Timo was placed 3rd out of 76 runners in their age groups.

Finally our scores were added together and out of the 33 schools who entered the two cross country events, we came 10th. This is an amazing achievement. We are very proud of them all.

Next we attended the Year 4 football tournament. We were lucky enough to enter two teams for this event and one of the teams progressed to the semi-finals, where they drew to take it to penalties. Unfortunately, we lost on penalties so played in the 3rd and 4th place match. The players played some great football but we just weren't good enough on this occasion. I know the children were disappointed but we are super proud to say we were 4th out of 25 school that competed. Well done.

Thank you to all the parents that helped and supported us with both these events. They wouldn't be possible without you.

Elena Pierides

(and...Thank you to Miss Pierides for her hard work to organise our participation. It takes a lot of additional work to hold trials, arrange transport and permissions as well as taking the teams.)

Word of the Week

There was lots of flailing this week in Key Stage 2! Here are this week's words. Thank you to those parents who are supporting us with this at home.

KS1

Word: fiddle (noun/verb)

Definition: a violin, to cheat someone or to fidget with

*I will play the fiddle. I have been fiddled!
Jimmy, please stop fiddling with your hair.*

Synonym: violin, cheated, fidget

Antonym: conform

KS2

Word: translucent (adjective)

Definition: allowing some light to pass through

Translucent wings spread as wide as the cavern.

Synonym: transparent

Antonym: opaque

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 18th March.

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

Congratulations to the winners for Key Stage 1 who were 2S and our Key Stage Two winners who were Year 5! Attendance was 96.5% last week.

FOMS News**Easter Tea Party - Thursday 4th April from 3:30 in School Hall**

Please join us for cake, snacks, drinks, crafts and other fun activities at our Easter Tea Party Event. We would be grateful for cake donations to help make the event a success. Cake donations can be brought into school through the main office on the day. NO NUTS PLEASE! Additionally, if you are available to help sell cake on the day, please let a member of the FOMS Committee know, or email us at FriendsofMonkfrithSchool@gmail.com as we will need a few extra hands on deck on the day.

Summer Fair Planning Meeting - Friday 26th April at 9am in Dining Hall

The Summer Fair, which is on Saturday 22nd June, will be here before we know it. We will be having a Summer Fair Planning Meeting on the 26th April to get the major planning of the fair underway. We would strongly encourage parents and carers to attend, especially if you've thought about getting more involved, or would like to help plan and/or organise certain elements of the fair. In particular, we are always on the lookout for family businesses or corporate sponsors that could sponsor a section of the fair (i.e. bouncy castles or the BBQ), or match-fund a stall. Perhaps you know of a meat supplier who can help source the meat for the BBQ at the fair? Additionally we are always in need raffle prizes, especially one or two big ticket items that we could use to heavily promote the raffle. These are just some of the ways in which you could help, but there are countless more tasks that are needed to be done to make the fair as successful as ever. Please do come along to find out more. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to get involved and have some ideas of what you could do to help, please email us at FriendsOfMonkfrithSchool@gmail.com

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