



Monkfrith Newsletter Spring Term: Issue 28

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Miss Sutton who starts as our new Deputy Head this half term. I am sure you will see her at the gate over the next week.

Spring Competition

Thank you to everyone who has created an entry for the Spring Competition. It is lovely to see so many children take part in a Monkfrith tradition.

Online Safety

Alongside the newsletter, I am sending out some information from National Online Safety. This week I am sending a guide to Fortnite. There continues to be so much in the news about this particular game. We have found Fortnite continues to be a huge topic of both conversation and argument between children across the school.



Parking

I have received a letter from Barnet Council asking me to 'advise' parents to be 'cautious when parking and to ensure that they do not block access to the road'. This follows two problems over recent weeks, in which recycling and waste collections were not possible because of parking in the mornings. The letter also warned that if these problems continued they would have to implement parking control measures around school.

Year 3 Tate Project

Back in September, we signed up for Oscar-winning director Steve MacQueen's Tate Project. His team are photographing hundreds of Year 3 classes across London. These class photos will then be part of a huge installation at the Tate Modern. **The photographer will be here on Wednesday morning (24th April).** There are still a couple of permission slips that have not been returned. If we have not had it by Wednesday morning, your child will not be able to be in the photograph.

Hair

I am repeating my request about hair. Please can you ensure all hair that is shoulder length or longer is tied up. Hair that is half tied up and half left down is lovely, but not appropriate for school. There are lots of reasons why this needs to be the case in, one of which is nits.

There are a few classes where nits are prevalent and long hair not tied up is one of the ways they can spread quickly.

Football News...

Dick Bailey Quarter Final – Monkfrith V Akiva

On Tuesday the 2nd April, we played Akiva in the Dick Bailey Cup -Quarter Final. This is a cup that goes against any size school in Barnet and we are really proud that we got to the Quarter Final. We knew Akiva would be a very tough match but we felt positive. The first half was tough, as we expected and we defended most of the half. We worked so hard and blocked many shots. Akiva did manage to get past us twice though, making it 0-2 at half time. The second half was a different story. We attacked them much more but unfortunately we just couldn't score, despite all our efforts and chances. It wasn't our day and in the last minutes, Akiva got their third goal to finish the match. Super proud of Monkfrith for their determination and never give up attitude. They did our school proud and I am super impressed with their progress as a team. Well done boys! Miss Pierides

On the very first day of the holidays, Miss Pierides sent me an excited email. It included this information:

'Pool B was very closely contested with 3 schools finishing on equal points and the winner being decided by goal difference. In third place was Our Lady of Lourdes with +5, second place was St Theresa's with +6 and the winners were Monkfrith with +7.'

We have made it through to the Small Schools' Final again! We will be playing Holy Trinity at some point in the next half term. We will let you know the date so that you can come along and support if you would like.

Parent Governor Election

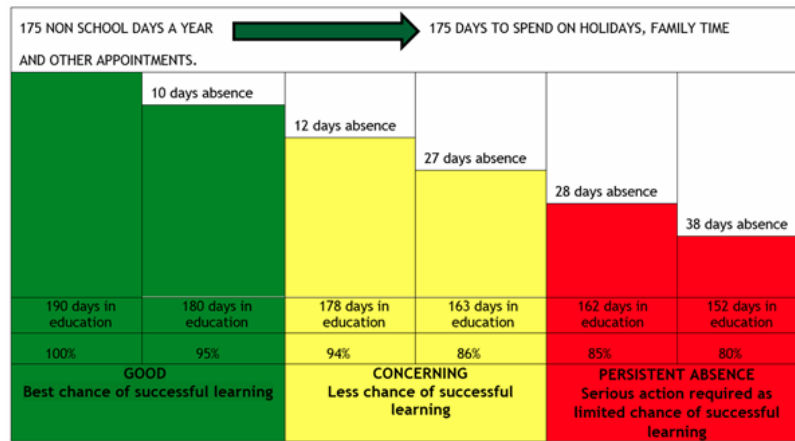
Just a reminder that you have until 12pm on Friday 3rd May to submit your vote for the Parent Governor election. I will inform you of the result of the vote in the newsletter the following day.

Word of the Week

Word of the Week will be back next week.

Attendance

I am not authorising absence requests for holidays and I will be referring families that take unauthorised holiday to Barnet to be fined.



Attendance for week commencing 5th April.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	88%	3M	98%
Reception Willow	98%	3P	89%
1B	89%	4F	92%
1K	100%	4P	86%
2K	94%	5	98%
2S	99%	6	96%

Congratulations to the winners for Key Stage 1 who were 1K. Our Key Stage Two winners were Year 5 and 3M! Attendance was a very disappointing 94.5%. This is below the Government target.

Letters will be sent out this week to inform you if your child has attendance that is below 96%. This is just to inform you of their current attendance.

FOMS News

Summer Fair Sponsorship

FOMS are pleased to announce that Kinleigh Folkard & Hayward (KFH) Estate Agents have agreed to sponsor the Summer Fair. We have been asked to provide 31 addresses to display a board that will advertise both KFH as well as the Monkfrith Summer Fair. If you could have a board outside of your house, please email friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com or send a message to a FOMS committee member with your full address so we can add you to our list. Please can you send through your addresses by this Friday 26th April as we need to provide them well in advance. Thank you!

Summer Fair Planning Meeting - this 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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