



Monkfrith Newsletter Summer Term Issue 38

Dear Parents,




Thank you to those of you who contributed to the Parent Survey. There were some really helpful comments. We have already discussed them as a staff as part of our INSET Day on Friday and on Thursday they will be discussed in the Full Governing Body meeting. I will include the results in next week's newsletter with some initial reflections.





There will be some staffing changes this term. Ms Bullard, who has been teaching 1B this year, is leaving us. We thank her for her enthusiasm and hard work and we wish her the very best of luck in the next stage of her career! We will also be saying temporary goodbyes to Ms Michael and Ms Siekkeris who are going on maternity leave at the end of this term. Congratulations to both of them – it is sad for us but also very exciting!





New Reception parents have known for the last few weeks that Miss Cooper and Ms Czuprynska will be continuing in Reception in September.

The children will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers in the coming weeks. As we have some new staff joining from other schools, it will happen at different times over the next two weeks. Teachers have dedicated time slots to ensure that the handover between teachers is thorough and detailed, this includes any new teachers joining us in September.

We are still in the process of finalising the arrangements for support staff. If your child has support as part of their Educational Health Care Plan then Mrs Whent will contact you directly.

<p>Year 1C (current Reception Willow)</p>	<p>Mrs Emma Choudhury</p>		<p>Hello everyone! I've just completed my Schools Direct Teacher Training, having worked in schools for several years and I'm so excited to be joining you as a teacher at Monkfrith in September. I had such a wonderful time when I visited your lovely school in the Spring term and know we have a very exciting year to come! I have lived in North London since I was little and still live in Barnet now with my husband, my son who is 9 and my daughter who is 5. I enjoy reading and going to the cinema and I love to travel. My favourite things to do are discovering new places with my family and spending lots of time outside, especially by the seaside!</p> <p>I am really looking forward to us having lots of adventures together in our new class and I know you will love the exciting topics we will be focusing on in our learning in Year 1. I hope you have a fantastic summer and can't wait to see you soon!</p>
<p>Year 1K (current Reception Oak)</p>	<p>Mrs Bina Kotwani</p>		<p>Hello and welcome to my new Year 1 children and parents. My name is Mrs Kotwani and I am excited to be your year 1 teacher. I have been at Monkfrith for 5 years and I love teaching Year 1.</p> <p>I am looking forward to taking you on new adventures, exploring and learning together in a variety of ways, I will do my best to throw in some fun too. Looking forward to meeting you all soon.</p>
<p>Year 2K (current 1K)</p>	<p>Miss Crystel Kontos</p>		<p>Hi everyone! I'm thrilled to be staying in Year 2 for another year. My personal interests include geography, current affairs and global cultures, particularly in the face of environmental and ecological changes. I think these are important topics that contribute to an inclusive and diverse classroom. I'm very much looking forward to getting to know my new class and I hope we can all come back after the summer holidays refreshed and ready to dive into our first topic 'Wriggle and Crawl'</p>

<p>Year 2D (current 1B)</p>	<p>Miss Katrina Donaghy</p>		<p>I have been part of the Monkfrith family for many years and have been fortunate to work in both Key Stages. Respect is key and I have high expectations of all children - both socially and academically. With my love for all things connected with writing they'll be using exciting vocabulary and be encouraged to experiment. Sprinkle in some singing and you get an idea of what makes me tick. Above all, we need to be enjoying our learning and I look forward to working with you in Year 2.</p>
<p>Year 3P (current 2K)</p>	<p>Miss Elena Pierides</p>		<p>I have taught at Monkfrith for many years now (who's counting?) and I have enjoyed every year. I am enthusiastic and passionate about learning and hope I instil that into every child I teach, in a fun and enjoyable way. I have a love for sports and keeping fit, which I encourage throughout the school. I am really looking forward to getting to know my new class and seeing them grow in confidence and maturity.</p>
<p>Year 3B (current 2S)</p>	<p>Miss Georgina Bowman</p>		<p>My name is Miss Bowman, I am extremely excited to be your new Year 3 class teacher. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you. I know we will share lots of positive experiences together in the coming year and further our love of being curious learners together. I love to be outdoors, camping and learning about nature so I hope to incorporate lots of fun outdoor learning within our lessons.</p>
<p>Year 4B (current 3P)</p>	<p>Mr Martin Batchelor</p>		<p>My name is Mr Batchelor and I am very excited to be joining Monkfrith School next year. My favourite part about being a teacher is the sheer variety of ideas that children bring with them to the classroom. My favourite food is sushi, my favourite film is Mulan, and my favourite children's books are Stuck by Oliver Jeffers and The Wind Singer by William Nicholson. Out of school I enjoy salsa dancing, power-lifting and playing board games with friends.</p>

<p>Year 4P (current 3M)</p>	<p>Mr George Powell</p>		<p>Hey everyone! I can't wait to start my second year teaching at Monkfrith and I am very please to be placed in year 4 again. I have a passion for sports and the environment and I always try to incorporate these into my teaching. I'm looking forward to getting to know the new 4P and having a brilliant year.</p>
<p>Year 5F (current 4P)</p>	<p>Mr Kiran Filby</p>		<p>Hi! My name is Kiran Filby and I'll be teaching Year 5 this coming year. I have been teaching at Monkfrith for three years and worked closely with Mr Powell.</p> <p>I am passionate about literature, music and many other things and I relish opportunities to help children express themselves confidently and I love empowering them, helping them to understand their place in the wider world.</p> <p>I sincerely look forward to working with you and your children next year, seeing them progress further and preparing for Year 6.</p>
<p>Year 5D (current 4F)</p>	<p>Ms Rhiannon Davies</p>		<p>Hi, I'm Ms Davies, and I'm really excited to be joining Monkfrith as a Year 5 teacher. I like to run at Park Run at Oak Hill Park, so I wonder if I've seen any of you there already! I have two rescued cats who I love to talk about, and my favourite subjects in school are current affairs and creative writing</p>
<p>Year 6 (current Year 5)</p>	<p>Mrs Gerry Ditchburn</p>		<p>My first experience of Monkfrith is that of a parent – volunteering an hour a week during term time to teach the children netball after school, and help at the Christmas and summer fairs - so I feel a deep connection to the school, and still volunteer. As a teacher, I have a consistent approach to teaching and learning with high expectations of all the children. As they prepare to move on at the end of Year 6, an important part of my role is to nurture the children and ensure they have the maturity required for their next big adventure.</p>

Reports

The end of year reports will go out on Friday. It has been lovely to read them all over the last few weeks and see how hard the children have been working and the results that this has had. Once you have read the report, if there is something you would like to discuss then you can make an appointment on Wednesday 17th July between 4pm and 5.30pm to see the class teacher.

Arrangements for September for children currently in Reception

As we have done for the three years, 'soft start' will continue in September. This means that all children from Year 1 to Year 6 can be dropped off at the gate on Monkfrith Way between 8.30am and 8.55am. A member of the Leadership Team (myself, Mrs Whent or Miss Sutton) will always be there to receive them.

The children then make their own way to their classroom where there will be a teaching assistant checking they have arrived. Depending on the year group, there will be different activities going on in the classrooms from reading to singing to English or maths activities. Every minute counts!

If your child will be moving from Reception to Year 1 please bring them to the gate on Monkfrith Way. From there they will be taken in small groups to their classrooms by Year 6 helpers until they are confident to go on their own. If they need to go to the toilet when they arrive, the Year 6 children will make sure they are 'checked in' with the adult in the classroom first. The children will be doing some practices during the school day in the next two weeks ready for the move to Year 1.

East Barnet Festival Art Competition

This year the theme of the East Barnet Arts Festival was a piece of art inspired by Oakhill Park. Year 5 visited the park earlier this term, sketchbooks and sketching pencils in hand to create their entries. Miss Donaghy then selected a handful to put forward for the competition judged by the East Barnet Festival Committee. The competition is divided into Key Stages and I can proudly announce that Dimoula and Hayley in Year 5 came first and second respectively. Well done girls!

Guitar Success

I received a lovely email in my inbox last week – just after the last newsletter went out. Guitar gradings had taken place and we had some great success:

Marcus (Y3) passed Grade 1 with Merit

Sofian (Y6) passed Grade 2 with Merit

Isla (Y5) passed Grade 2 with Distinction

I know there are various other music exams coming up soon – good luck to everyone!

Streetdance

The last session for KS1 will be the 8th July and for KS2 will be the 12th July.

Ballet Club Open Classes

Friends and family of all our current dancers are welcome to watch the classes on Tuesday (reception), Wednesday (Year 1) and on Friday (Years 2-6) at 8-8.40am in the activity studio. We will have a few more spaces for new members from September, please contact Aniko at aniko@dancershealth.com or on 07789605166 to register.

Choir

This week will be the last week for KS2 Choir. We will start again on the 5th September 2019.

Code Club

Code Club will continue until 17th July for KS2. If you would like to join, I will put information in the newsletter in September. I would like to say a **big thank you** to Tangea (Jasper and Georgia's Mum) and Leo (Zac and Ben's Dad) who help run it – it would not be possible without all their hard work (and expertise!).

Attendance

Attendance for week commencing 1st July 2019.

Any requests for leave in the last week of term will be referred to the Barnet Educational Welfare Team.

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Reception Oak	98%	3M	99%
Reception Willow	98%	3P	96%
1B	99%	4F	97%
1K	97%	4P	98%
2K	100%	5	97%
2S	100%	6	88%

Congratulations to all the winners for Key Stage 1 who were 2K and 2S! Our Key Stage Two winners were Year 4P. The average attendance was 97%. For those keeping a close track of the attendance – besides me – Year 6 are so low this week as they have been visiting their new secondary schools this week.

Summer Term at Monkfrith

Wednesday 10th July

Recorder Concert - 2.30pm

Friday 12th July

Woodwind Concert – 9am

End of Year Reports will be sent home.

Wednesday 17th July – Optional Parents' Meetings

If you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child's report with the class teacher, please contact the Office.

Tuesday 23rd July

9.30am – Year 6 Leavers' Show

2pm – Break up! No After School Club on this day.

7pm – Year 6 Disco

