



## Monkfrith Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2019: Issue 5

This week was very busy in school. **Year 2** went on their trip to the Orchard Project at Oakhill as part of their **Wriggle and Crawl** topic. I went with one of the classes and was really impressed with how sensible and interested the children were. **Year 1** and **Year 2** had a drama workshop on Tuesday, which looked like great fun. **Year 4's** topic this half



term is called **Potions**. In addition to



some great writing about a short film called the Alchemist's Letter, the children have been learning how to create effective collages. **Year 6** are learning all about Mexico at the moment and are weaving their own art work. I will put photos

of some of the finished pieces next week.

Thank you to all the donations for MacMillan on Friday. I was going to take pictures at the Coffee Morning but I was too busy talking! Thank you to FOMS for organising everything. I will let you know how much we raised when all the money is counted and banked.

On Friday we also had our first FOMS Trustee meeting of this year. It is an opportunity to think strategically about the coming year and how FOMS and School will work together to support and enrich our children's experience.

#### **Parent Consultations for Years 1 to 6**

Parent Consultations will be taking place a little earlier than usual this year. The dates are:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 8am – 8.45am

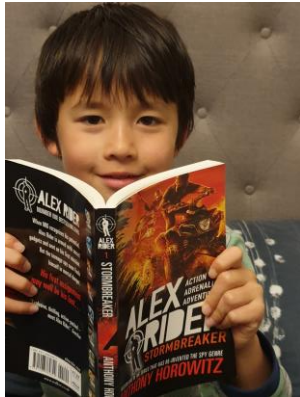
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 4pm – 6.20pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm – 7.50pm

You can sign up from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The sign up sheets will be by the Gate on Monkfrith Way on Wednesday morning (unless it is pouring with rain) or you can book an appointment via the Office after that. There is no ideal system for signing up, but this has proved most successful in recent years. I will continue to investigate a cost effective online system

## Monkfrith reads...

### Alexander (Year 4) reads... Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz...



My favourite book is called Alex Rider and it's about a boy called Alex Rider whose uncle gets murdered. Then Alex finds out that his uncle was actually a spy and a guy called Alan Blunt forces Alex to become a spy. Alex gets sent to a bootcamp for two weeks so he can train for his first mission. But Alex has yet to know that the person who killed Alex's father was called Yassen Gregorovich who is working for someone called Herod Sayle who is injecting a deadly virus called Smallpox into computers and giving them out for free to schools. What could Alex do to stop him?

By Alexander Koa-Wing 4B

Thank you Alexander! Anyone whom I have taught knows I am a big fan of Stormbreaker. The great thing about it is that if you enjoyed the book, there are lots more Alex Rider stories that come after it - my favourite is Point Blanc. If you would like to recommend a book, then send your review to [office@monkfrithschool.co.uk](mailto:office@monkfrithschool.co.uk).

### Saracens Cheer and Dance

Saracens Cheer and Dance teach recreational and competitive cheer and dance to children aged 6+ years in North London and Hertfordshire. In cheer lessons children learn motions, jumps, stunts, tumbles, routines and much more. In dance lessons children learn dance techniques, skills, routines and much more. As well as learning cheer and dance skills, we develop students soft skills throughout their journey with us such as confidence, positive attitudes, teamwork, communication, physical and mental health. We create a safe and inclusive environment for our participants to explore their creativity and grow as a performer and an athlete. We have opportunities for our cheerleaders and dancers to perform at rugby stadiums, competitions and festivals too.

If you would like to sign up to one of our classes please email: [jessicahammond@saracens.net](mailto:jessicahammond@saracens.net) to join now!

### Barnet SendIASS Annual Conference

Barnet SendIASS (formerly Parent Partnership) will be holding their annual conference for parents of children and young people with special educational needs or a disability, on Thursday 7 November 2019, 9.30am to 2.30pm, at The North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP.

There will be a variety of workshops and a chance for parents to talk with organisations that can offer advice. More details will be available in the newsletter later this month when parents will be able to make a booking.

### Guitar

Congratulations to Simran in Year 5 who passed her grade 2 guitar exam with merit.

## Attendance

Please do not request holiday during term time. The dates for this academic year are already on the calendar on the website and the dates for the following year will be there shortly.

KS1		KS2	
Oak	97%	3B	100%
Willow	96%	3P	99%
1C	96%	4B	95%
1K	99%	4P	99%
2D	97%	5D	98%
2K	98%	5F	98%
		6	100%
<b>Average Whole School Attendance</b>		98%	

Congratulations to both Year 1K classes and Year 3B and Year 6 for winning the attendance award this week!

### SHINE Night Walk

Mrs Gyer, Ms Hierro and Ms Ryan would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who sponsored their Night Walk. If you would like to support their efforts to raise money for Cancer Research UK, here is a link to their fundraising page:



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/natasha-antoinettes-giving-page>

### ZUMBA

We have a new lunchtime club starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If you would like to attend, please complete the form attached to the newsletter and return to the Office.

Jude Deasey  
Headteacher

**Zumtastics at Monkfrith School for Autumn Term**  
**10 week course**

Due to the popularity of Zumtastics in schools there is **limited space** in lunchtime classes and Zumtastics is on a **first come first served basis!!**

**Names must be registered ASAP**

Dates: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
(Half term/no classes on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October)

Class time for Years 1 & 2: 12.00-12.30pm

Class time for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 12.30-1pm

10 week course fee per student: £70

- Cash monies for fees must be placed in a secure envelope and handed in to the School Office stating 'Zumtastics fee' with your child's full name, Year & Class
- Cheques are payable to 'R VIOLARIS'. Please state your child's full name, Year & Class at the back of cheque and hand into the School Office
- Bacs Payments to: R VIOLARIS Account number: 79868290, Sort Code: 60-24-23 Reference your child's full name. Please also text to let us know you have made a bacs payment to cross reference

**\*Cash and cheque payments must be accompanied by the slip below\***

**Additional Information:**

- All children are welcome to wear their own gym/dancewear. Plimsolls or trainers must be worn and water is a must
- Jewellery is not permitted in Zumtastics
- Children with any current medical issues including asthma must inform the teachers of Zumtastics before participating
- Unfortunately Zumtastics does not offer refunds for absent children, school trips or any withdrawals after payment has been made
- **We can't wait to see you in Zumtastics!**

**Zumtastics Hotline: Speak to Roulla V on 07943 688568**

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Child's Full Name:

School, Class & Year:

Parent Name and Number:

Payment Method:

Additional Medical Information: