



Monkfrith Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019: Issue 3



There were lots of lovely things happening in school last week. We welcomed our new **Reception** classes at the end of the week. They looked very smart when they arrived (not always quite so when they left!) and have settled very well. This week they will stay for the mornings and lunchtime before starting full time the following week.

Year 3 were visited by Ranger Stu as part of their Predator topic. He brought in a range of animals to show the children, including a bearded dragon, a boa constrictor, a skunk and an armadillo named Vincent. The children really enjoyed their afternoon.

In **Year 2** and **Year 5** they have been learning about minibeasts as part of their topics' Wriggle and Crawl and Beast Creator. The art work in Year 5 has been fantastic and they have written non-chronological reports about different insects.



Year 6 had an exciting afternoon on Wednesday as they took part in an indoor rowing challenge. The children had to row as fast as they could for 1 minute and their distance was recorded. The staff were also given a go; without naming names, it got very competitive! Lots of other schools are taking part across Barnet before the winners are announced. As I write this on Friday night we are looking like we are in a good position...fingers crossed!

In our assembly today, I read an extract from a classic children's story – The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis – and we thought about new beginnings and being courageous even if we are a little unsure.

Meet the Teacher

It was lovely to see so many of you able to attend our Meet the Teacher evenings; I understand how difficult it is to fit it in. If you were not able to come, the teachers are in the process of uploading the information onto the class pages on the website, along with any resources/information that they handed out.



Aldi Stickers

Thank you to those of you who have brought in some Aldi stickers. Aldi have launched an offer to help schools. If you shop in Aldi over the next few months for every £30 you spend you will get a sticker. Please bring the stickers to school and if we collect enough we can receive sports kits and be in with a chance of winning £20,000.

Monkfrith reads...

I have not had any contributions for our Monkfrith reads... yet... so I am going to recommend another book that I read this summer.



Miss Deasey reads... Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

The main character is a girl called Sophie who was found as a baby floating in cello case in the middle of the English Channel. On her 12th birthday, she finds a clue about what happened to her and runs away to Paris with the eccentric man who has been looking after her. Sophie makes friends with the 'Rooftoppers' and follows the sound of the cello to make an astonishing discovery...

This adventure story is really aimed at children 8 and up. Sophie follows her dreams with resilience and tenacity. The descriptions of Paris are beautiful and there is a great chase scene on the roofs of famous landmarks. The vocabulary is stretching; the book is a great opportunity to learn and discuss new words.

I have read two more of her books in recent months (Explorers and The Wolf Wilder – this will be a class reader next half term in Year 6). She is a fantastic writer; full of imaginative and exciting stories.

Space Chase Reading Challenge

It was lovely to see four children who took part in the Barnet Library Space Chase Reading Challenge share their certificates in assembly last week. They had to read at least 6 books over the summer. If you would like to take part, the challenge continues for another week. Visit www.barnet.gov.uk/spacechase for details.

KS2 Choir

Come along if you are in KS2 and enjoy singing this Thursday at 8.15am.

Dance Club for Year 5 and 6

There are still some spaces in dance club on Tuesday after school. If you are interested, please text the Office.

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		3B	99%
Willow		3P	99%
1C	95%	4B	95%
1K	97%	4P	96%
2D	96%	5D	96%
2K	98%	5F	98%
		6	98%
Average Whole School Attendance		97%	

Congratulations to Year 2K and both Year 3 classes for winning the attendance award this week!

SHINE Night Walk

Next Sunday, Mrs Gyer, Ms Hierro and Ms Ryan will be taking part in the 10k Shine 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>

FOMS News

Here are the dates for our events in the Autumn term. Please mark them down in your diaries now and we hope to see many of you at these events throughout the term!

Reception Parents Welcome Evening - **Thursday 10th October at 7pm**

Quiz Night - **Friday 15th November at 7:30pm**

Christmas Fair - **Friday 6th December at 3:30pm**

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