



## Monkfrith Newsletter Autumn Term 2019: Issue 11

I learnt that we can smile at people to make them happy. Nina, 1K.

We had a great Anti-Bullying week last week. In every class I visited there were interesting and thoughtful discussions about friendship, kindness and uniqueness as well as responsibility and consequence. On Tuesday we had 'Odd Sock' day to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. Even the Boys' Football Team, who played on Tuesday, joined in



as you will see from the photo! At the end of the week, the children were asked to reflect upon what they had learnt or taken away from the activities and

I am including just some (there were so many more I could have chosen!) of the really reflective and inciteful comments they made...



I liked talking about how we are all unique and like different things. Philip, 1C.

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I liked it when we made posters about what we could do. It made me realise all the amazing things I could do and remember. Elijah, 2D.

I enjoyed doing my self-portrait because we can show everyone our different faces. Jaiden, 1C.



I enjoyed drawing my family picture and seeing everyone else's different families. Bronwyn, 1C.

If you see someone hurt or sad, it is good to ask them if they are okay and help them. Logan, 1K.

I liked when we wore our own socks because it shows we don't have to be the same we can be different. Nayan, 2K



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From making our storyboard we are a lot clearer on what to do if we ever find ourselves in the position of being bullied. We know that as soon as we tell an adult it will be dealt with properly. George, Emily and Jai, 3B.

I have learnt that you have to be kind to other people, otherwise people won't be kind to you. Emma, 2K.



It was great to watch some videos about different friendship situations, and think about what we would do. Afterwards we wrote anonymous compliments for our classmates, which we got to take home on Friday. It made us feel more confident about ourselves.  
All of 5D.



We have to help stop bullying by telling our teachers if we see it – even if it isn't aimed at us. Maria, 4B.

2D



To prevent bullying we have to show kindness. It is everyone's job to help stop bullying. Ben, 4B,

We will pledge to sit with someone at break or lunch if they are on their own and look lonely. All of 3P.

Anti bullying week is good because it sends the message to bullies that they shouldn't bully people and because it's a week long they may have been convinced by it. Sean W, 5F.



I think anti-bullying week is good for children that are quiet because it's taught them that they can be more open about their problems. Rachel, 5F.



## Monkfrith reads...

### Miss Deasey reads...Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico

This week I have chosen another picture book. I was browsing in Waterstones this weekend and came across this book published by Greenpeace inspired by Greta Thunberg. The book is about a girl called Greta who lives in a beautiful forest threatened by the Giants. Greta, together with the animals and then other people, make a stand. The book has a clear message about the environment and would be the start of great discussions about protest, climate change and the future of the planet. The illustrations are lovely too!



It would be lovely to have a book of the week from a child in Key Stage 1 or Reception. It can be a joint effort between parents or grandparents and the children. Please email via [office@monkfrithschool.co.uk](mailto:office@monkfrithschool.co.uk).

### Instrumental Lessons for NEW students who wish to start lessons at the beginning of the SPRING Term 2020

At Monkfrith School we offer **individual lessons** on the following instruments: trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone and recorder.

Group tuition from Year 2 on the recorder is also taught at Monkfrith. If you are interested in group tuition please sign up at the school office.

If you would like your child to **start individual lessons in January**, you have to log on to [www.beatrust.org.uk](http://www.beatrust.org.uk) to enrol. There is a lot of helpful information on the website, but should you need any further advice please leave a note at the school office for the instrumental teacher who will be able to answer your questions; your child may need a suitability test. Alternatively, you can call Barnet Education Arts Trust on 020 8959 4111 if you need further information.

**IMPORTANT: The closing date for signing up online for individual school based lessons for the Spring term is midnight on Tuesday 10th December. Please note late enrolment is not an option.**

**NB** If your child currently receives individual lessons from BEAT you will automatically be sent an invoice through the post.

### Dining Room Floor

Here is an update on the current situation with the dining room floor as lots of parents have been asking me over the last few weeks. We believe that the problem is as a result of the work done during the expansion building work in 2016/7, however there is some dispute about that with the contractors. A big thank you to Charlie (Zekeriya and Leyla's mum) for all her advice. She has been emailing the Head of Building Services at Capita with the parents' perspective over the last week and this has really helped move the situation on. She has assured me that she will not let the matter rest. I have a meeting this week with Capita and the contractors to try and resolve the situation and we will let you know how it went in coming weeks.

### UK Elections – School Closure

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December for the General Election.

## Parking

It was great to hear that there were parking attendants out and about this week, and more excitingly, there is some spray paint on the 'grass' verges which may indicate that bollards are going to be installed. Fingers crossed! Thank you to those parents who have written to Barnet Council to support my request for action on this, particularly Mr Parnes (Louis and Sophie's Dad). And thank you to the parents who have offered their support on this issue since last week's newsletter.

## Foulds V Monkfrith in the Dick Bailey Cup 1st Round

On Tuesday we travelled to Old Elizabethans Cricket Club, to play in the Dick Bailey Cup 1st Round. We felt confident after our last win and played very well against and strong Foulds side. We were on fire though and scored the first three goals making it 3-0. The celebrations didn't last long though as Foulds scored two goals against us. Luckily, we held on to the lead and it ended 3-2. 2nd Round here we come. They even wore odd sock for anti-bullying week! Miss Pierides.

## Hollickwood V Monkfrith in the Girls' Barnet Cup 1st Round

On Thursday, the girls travelled to Hollickwood School for their first ever match as a team. They had a great start and they were in Hollickwood's half most of the match. Unfortunately, we just couldn't score. Alara and Ellie hit the crossbar. We were so close. Hollickwood managed to score three goals though so we lost 3-0. Wow! What a first performance. We all thoroughly enjoyed seeing the girls having fun and playing together for the first time. They improved with every touch and their confidence just grew and grew. Well done girls. Miss Pierides.



## Attendance

As we get closer to Christmas, I would just like to remind everyone that holidays do not meet the criteria for 'exceptional leave'. Next week I will include more information following on from my meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer.

KS1		KS2	
Oak	100%	3B	99%
Willow	94%	3P	99%
1C	97%	4B	97%
1K	98%	4P	98%
2D	99%	5D	98%
2K	98%	5F	96%
		6	97%
Average Whole School Attendance		98%	



Congratulations to Oak Class for a fantastic 100% last week. In Key Stage 2, a big well done to both Year 3 classes (again!).

### **Autism training day for parents/carers**

This session will provide a choice of workshops for the morning session and 'My Experience of Autism' - a talk by Emma Marriott. This will be taking place on 25 November 2019 between 10am and 2pm at Woodcroft School, Goldbeaters Grove, Edgware, HA8 0QF. Lunch will be provided. This course is free but booking is essential. Please complete the information below to book. Please click [here](#) to book onto this course. If you need any help booking, please

### **FOMS News**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Quiz Night on Friday. It was a really fun night and it was great to see so many of you there - thank you for all of your continued support. Congratulations to the Year 2 team for winning the quiz this year!

We are pleased to announce that the Quiz Night raised £1,552!! That is an amazing addition to our fundraising efforts to improve the school's library this year! Thanks again to everyone who came out in support of the quiz!

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Please remind yourself of all the ways you can help for the Christmas Fair [here](#). Please start to bring in your donations for the fair now. We are asking for the following donations:

- Soft Toys
- Toys and Games
- Jars of pre-wrapped sweets (no nuts please)
- Adult presents for our Present Room (candles, fragrances, mugs etc)
- Cake donations for the cake sale on the day of the fair

The FOMS committee are having a planning meeting on this Friday 22nd November at 9am at school if you would like to come along.

### **GROTTO ROOMS**

We are still looking for enthusiastic dads or granddads who would like to serve as a Santa in our Grotto Rooms. We will provide the costume. We need 3 Santas to split the 3 hours between 2 rooms. We will also ensure your children visit the alternative Santa so you will not be found out! This is a very important role for the fair as the Grotto Rooms are hugely popular. Those who have been Santa in the past have really enjoyed doing it. It is such a magical experience for the children, the Santas always enjoy seeing the look of wonder and amazement on their faces. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please get in touch!

Information for how to book a slot for the Grotto Rooms will go out this week so keep an eye out for it in book bags. Grotto Rooms are booked in advance on a first come first served basis so be sure to sign up quickly!