



Monkfrith Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019: Issue 10

Anti Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying week at Monkfrith. We will be raising awareness of this and promoting the theme 'Change Starts With Us'. Every day the children will be doing an activity related to this theme. On **Tuesday 12th November 2019** we will be holding an 'odd socks/tights day' where children and staff can come to school wearing odd socks or tights to celebrate what makes us all unique. The children will be sharing what they have learnt in next week's newsletter.



UK Elections – School Closure

As you will have seen the date for the election has been confirmed as Thursday 12th December. School will be closed that day as we are a polling station.



Parking

The complaints relating to parking continue. As I explained to a resident this week, I am confident that all parents know that they should not double park cars, park on the grass verges or across drive ways, but this does not always mean that they do what they should. I am including photos of the damage that has been done to the grass verges, which, when I first joined the Monkfrith,



looked lovely and ask that everyone is considerate and safe when driving in the local roads.

Aldi

Thank you to those of you who have brought in your Aldi stickers. We have collected nearly 500! The offer is now closed but if you have any stickers floating around at home, please send them in. We are so close to being able to win two sports kits for school.

Books for school

There have been books arriving every day for the last two weeks. Thank you so much for the incredible generosity. Not all the books have come with the name of the purchaser, so if we have not personally thanked you or your child, thank you!



Thank you to Michael's dad in **Year 2K** who sent in the plastic regrind his company processes. The children learnt that this is a way to try and repurpose the old plastic that is used in our environment. Last year they diverted over 3000 tons of plastic from being dumped in the ocean. It really captured their imagination and fitted in with their topic, where this week they were learning about David Attenborough's

conservation work.

Year 5 have been conducting science investigations into how the new discovery of sugar during the Tudor times impacted dental health. As the class couldn't source human teeth (we're not as gruesome as the Tudors were!), they used egg shells as they are scientifically similar to tooth enamel. They were pretty shocked at the findings!



Sportshall Success

This week Miss Pierides took a team of children from Year 5 and 6 to take part in the North Barnet School Sportshall Competition at QE Girls. There were a record 15 schools taking part in the event which includes a mix of track and field events. All the children in Year 5 and 6 were given the chance to try out for the team and then those who were selected have spent some of their lunchtimes practising over the last few weeks.



The children did incredibly well and finished in 1st place!

We now go through to the Barnet overall final in a few weeks time...

Thank you so much to the parents who helped with transport and gave up their time to enable the children to take part.

Monkfrith reads...



Miss Deasey reads...The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan

This story is about Shaun who enjoys collecting bottle tops. One day, while adding to his collection he discovers a strange creature that seems a combination of a machine, a crab and an octopus. Shaun realises that the creature is lost and tries to find out where it belongs...

This book is picture book but aimed at slightly older readers from Year 3 onwards. It is a great book to share. I first read this book in 2013 and the class I had that year absolutely loved the

illustrations but it also inspired some fantastic discussions about themes such as belonging, loss and separation.

If you enjoy it, there are lots of other thought-provoking books by Shaun Tan, including *The Arrival* and *The Rabbits*.

It would be lovely to have a book of the week from Key Stage 1 or Reception. It can be a joint effort with parents or grandparents and the children. Please email via office@monkfrithschool.co.uk.

Book Fair

You will have had a leaflet last week about a Book Fair which starts on Tuesday after school. Please come into school via the Office from 3.30pm.

A few dates for your diary:

Friday 15th November – Flu Vaccinations.

Friday 15th November – FOMS Quiz Night.

Attendance

Please do not request holiday during term time. I met with the Educational Welfare Officer this week to focus on 'persistent absentees'. These are children whose attendance falls below 90%.

KS1		KS2	
Oak	98%	3B	99%
Willow	96%	3P	100%
1C	96%	4B	99%
1K	94%	4P	96%
2D	98%	5D	95%
2K	99%	5F	98%
		6	99%
Average Whole School Attendance		97.8%	

Congratulations to 2K classes in Key Stage 1 and Year 3P in Key Stage 2 (with 100%!) for winning the attendance award this week!

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

QUIZ NIGHT THIS FRIDAY @ 7:30!!!!

Please bring in your ticket orders if you are having food no later than the end of day on Wednesday. If you are unable to hand in your ticket, you may also email your ticket order on FriendsofMonkfrithSchool@gmail.com and you can pay on the day. Walk up tickets without food will still be available at the event. Looking forward to seeing many of you there!!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please remind yourself of all the ways you can help for the Christmas Fair [here](#). We will be in full Christmas Planning mode from next week (after the Quiz Night) and will be asking for donations and ways to help then.

GROTTO ROOMS

We are currently looking for an enthusiastic dad or granddad who would like to serve as a Santa in our Grotto Rooms. 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 soon so keep an eye out. Grotto Rooms are booked in advance on a first come first served basis so be sure to sign up quickly!

Book Lists

Reception

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/5S8XE7GBOGMD?ref=wl_share

Year 1

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/10YXHOAXNZS0Y?ref=wl_share

Year 2

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2H0VK5YB3QJCC?ref=wl_share

Year 3

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/18O9540M6SOR9?ref=wl_share

Year 4

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3AHSQAAMFX6UP?ref=wl_share

Year 5

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1OWGZAU9I4WR?ref=wl_share

Year 6

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3NAPDSO0KA9LG?ref=wl_share

Library

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2V7ZPV6GF2B2Q?ref=wl_share