



## Monkfrith Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2019: Issue 9

All the classes started their new topics last week, many of which have a history focus. In **Year 1** they have been learning and writing about different types of memories as part of their topic – **Memory Box**. In **Year 2** their topic this half term is called **Dreamers and Changemakers**. So far they have learnt about the life and impact of Mary Seacole. In **Year 3** they will be learning about prehistoric periods in their topic, **Tribal Tales**. I popped into the classrooms on Friday afternoon and found all the children doing their own cave paintings as you can see from the photo! In **Year 4** they have started learning about the **Romans** and in **Year 5** their topic is focussed on the **Tudors**. **Year 6** have started their new topic, the **Frozen Kingdom**, although they have also been getting ready for their class assembly this Wednesday morning.



In KS2 the children have specialist music teaching by Ms Folan, who also runs KS2 Choir. Last half term both **Year 5** classes focussed on writing and composing their own song. Ms Folan taught them about how to develop song lyrics but left it very much up to the children to come up with the theme and the style of the song. On Thursday I was treated to my own performance from each class. In 5F they had written an upbeat song about going on a trip. It was really catchy and I have been singing some of the lyrics as I walk around school. In 5D their song was about protesting about taking action over climate change and was incredibly moving. Parents will be treated to a performance in their class assembly later in the year, however Mrs Folan and I are in discussions about how to record the song and put on the website so everyone can share in their talents!

Our assembly and PHSE theme this half term is about kindness and how to show empathy to others.

#### **UK Elections – School Closure**

As you will have seen the date for the election has been confirmed as Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. School will be closed that day as we are a polling station. Luckily this is one of the few days in the run up to Christmas where not much was happening. Year 2 have been able to rearrange their school trip.

## Anti Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week is taking place this year from Monday 11th-Friday 15th November. At Monkfrith we will be raising awareness of this and promoting the theme 'Change Starts With Us'. 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.



## Books for school

Thank you so much to the families who have bought books from our wish lists. When I have been taking down the Amazon boxes to the classroom, the children have been so excited. Your generosity and support has been overwhelming.

Reception

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/5S8XE7GBOGMD?ref=wl\\_share](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2V7ZPV6GF2B2Q?ref=wl_share)

## Cake Sale

Following the cake sale this week we were able to raise...

The children who organised everything and made the cakes are going to choose the books with me this week and I will include a photograph next week.

## Monkfrith reads...

### Jasper in Year 4 reads...Itch by Simon Mayo...



Itch was one of my favourite books. It's all about Itch who is 14 years old. He is an element collector and is very interested in chemistry. He finds an element that looks like iron but it is actually a new element, number 126. It was changing colour and when he and his geography teacher checked for radioactive molecules they measured 10,000 clicks per second, which is really high. This dangerous new element causes a lot of kerfuffle. Itch, his cousin and his little sister have to save the planet with only a bag of elements and Itch's knowledge of science to help them.

This book would be good for key stage 2, it has some sudden action.

Thank you Jasper. **I absolutely LOVE this book** and was thinking about doing a review myself and then Jasper's arrived! It is the first of three books about Itch's adventures. It is a little bit gory in places as it describes some of the effects of radioactive material on the human body, but the story is compelling. I am a big fan of

Simon Mayo's writing. If you have an older child (Year 8 upwards) he has also written another great book – Blame – which is set in a dystopian version of London in which children are punished for 'heritage crimes'. His most recent book – Mad Blood Stirring – is for adults and I also enjoyed that!

### **Cake Sale**

Thank you to those of you who bought cakes after school last week. The group of children in year 6 (with a little bit of help from their parents) worked really hard to sell the cakes that they had made. They raised a fantastic £80 which they would like to put towards buying new books for the library. The girls will get to choose the books themselves this week and I will include some photos in next week's newsletter.

### **Our Football Team**

Well, what a start to the season! Our first match took place this week against Tudor School in the East Barnet Small School Cup. We started very well and scored two goals to make it 2-0. However, Tudor were very determined, and they scored two goals before half time (2-2). We were disappointed to lose the lead, but we knew we could strike back. In the second half Tudor scored another great goal and we were then losing 2-3. We were running out of time... there were only 6 minutes left! We did not give up. Chance after chance but they were just not going into the goal.

The determination paid off though and we scored to take it to 3-3. Once that goal went in, we had the belief that we could win. We managed to score not one but three more. Final score was 6-3. Well done boys. You did it in the end. A special well done to Tom who was voted player's player - he did score 4 goals! ~ Miss Pierides.

### **A few dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – FOMS Quiz Night. Start assembling your teams...

### **Attendance**

Please do not request holiday during term time. I am meeting with the Educational Welfare Team today to review our attendance for this term so far.

<b>KS1</b>		<b>KS2</b>	
<b>Oak</b>	96%	<b>3B</b>	98%
<b>Willow</b>	98%	<b>3P</b>	99%
<b>1C</b>	97%	<b>4B</b>	98%
<b>1K</b>	98%	<b>4P</b>	97%
<b>2D</b>	98%	<b>5D</b>	96%
<b>2K</b>	100%	<b>5F</b>	98%
		<b>6</b>	99%
<b>Average Whole School Attendance</b>		97.9%	

Congratulations to 2K classes in Key Stage 1 and Year 3P and Year 6 class in Key Stage 2 for winning the attendance award this week!

## **SENDiass Annual Conference**

Barnet SENDiass will be holding their annual conference for parents of children and young people with special educational needs or a disability on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at North London Buisness Park from 9.30am. There will be a variety of workshops and a chance for parents to talk with organisations that can offer help or advice. To book email [sendiass@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@barnet.gov.uk).

## **FOMS News**

**QUIZ NIGHT** - Friday 15th November at 7:30pm. Quiz night is just around the corner now! We hope everyone received their Quiz Night order forms in the bookbags towards the end of last week. Please return your order forms with payment via bookbags no later than **Wednesday 13th November**.

**CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS** - Please return your completed order form and payment by this **Wednesday 6th November**. This is to ensure delivery of the orders will arrive in plenty of time before Christmas.

- If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to **Friends of Monkfrith School**

- Please note that you must order a pack of cards in order to order other items (gift tags, mugs, coasters)

- Be sure to make any necessary amendments to your child's name (if it is misspelled or you would like to add your surname) on the order form. This cannot be changed after the order goes out.

Thank you everyone for your help and support. The cards came out great this year!

