



Monkfrith Newsletter

Spring 2020: 2

Thank you for the positive feedback about our little 'people' who are helping with parking on Knoll Drive. On the whole this has proved to be more of a deterrent, although I notice some parents are still ignoring them and parking on the verge anyway. If you are one of the parents parking on the dropped kerb outside the gate on Brookside South or across the pavement at the top of Parkside Gardens, please can you stop. This is extremely dangerous for those parents who are walking (often with small children). The safety of the children is the responsibility of us all.

This half term our PHSE theme for assemblies and within the classroom is Generosity and Gratitude. We will be exploring the different ways that we can be generous and the ways in which we can show gratitude.

Year 2 and 6 Parents

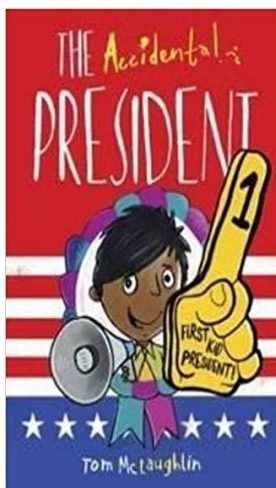
This is tonight. KS1 will begin at 7pm and KS2 at approximately 7.30pm. Please come to the 2D classroom but use the Office entrance rather than the car park entrance as you will end up wandering through Greek Dance. If you are not able to attend, don't worry as I will put the information on the website in the Parent Zone later this week.

EYFS Coffee Morning

It would be lovely to see you on Tuesday morning from 9am. Please use the main office entrance.

Monkfrith reads...

Halil in Year 3 reads...The Accidental President by Tom McLaughlin



This book is all about a boy called Ajay who unexpectedly became president of the USA. Now I bet you were going to ask how. Well now you will know!

One evening Ajay was having tea with his friend Joe and then they just started talking about an election taking place in the USA (By the way Joe is the first accidental Prime Minister). Then Ajay started to get very interested. So he decided to go and take part. The next day Ajay flew to America for the election. During the flight he met a girl called Sophie who was actually one of his fans.

Once they arrived at America Ajay slept for 36 hours. When he woke up, he said "new world record". That morning he had to be ready for his speech. Read it yourselves to find out the rest.

Thank you Halil! This is not a book I have read, but those of you who are following Monkfrith reads... may remember that I did read The Accidental Prime Minister in the Autumn Term. There are other books in the series too. It could be one of your 20 books for 2020 – A funny one.

20 Books for 2020

It is great to see that some children have already started their 20 books for 2020. As promised, mine is up on the door of my Office. There is still plenty of time(!) to get involved. The list is on the website and if you would like a paper copy, just send a text to the office and Evie will pop one in the book bag. I would love to include some updates in the newsletter of how you are getting on!

Online Safety

I had lots of conversations on the playground with children across school last week that involved the video-sharing social media app Tiktok. This has prompted me to include the guidance from National Online Safety about the app, potential risks and ways to keep your child safe. Click [here](#).



Parent Consultations (particularly parents of children in 3P)

Parent Consultations are on Tuesday 11th February and Wednesday 12th February. I have been exploring online solutions to booking and have got one, although it will not be ready for February. As you may remember, our Athletics Team won through to the London Games earlier this year and the date for the competition is the afternoon of the Tuesday 11th. Miss Pierides will be taking the children that afternoon and will not be back in time for part of Parent Consultations so we going to make a change to the timings of slots for 3P (not for the rest of school). Tuesday morning will go ahead as usual (8am to 8.40am), Tuesday afternoon will be a slightly later start (5.30pm to 6.30pm) and Wednesday evening will start earlier (5pm to 8pm). I am sorry if this causes any inconvenience, but I hope you can appreciate the reasons why.

Governor Visit Day – Friday 17th January

This Friday we are having our first Governor Visit Day! Governors have taken time off from their usual jobs to visit School during the day. They will be taking part in a range of different activities and will write something for the newsletter about their experiences next week. If you would like to put a face to a name, they will be out and about in the playground at the end of the school day on Friday.

Attendance

KS1		KS2	
Oak	93%	3B	99%
Willow	98%	3P	98%
1C	94%	4B	95%
1K	97%	4P	95%
2D	96%	5D	92%
2K	98%	5F	91%
		6	98%
Average Whole School Attendance		96%	

ADHD

Mencap are running a forum for parents who have children with diagnosis of ADHD. It is on Tuesday 14 January 2020.

Let's Talk About ADHD – A forum to share your experiences with other parents of children with ADHD (Barnet Mencap's office, 10am to 12pm).

If you would like to book a place for this session, please reply to this email at projectsupport@barnetmencap.org.uk or call Barnet Mencap on 020 8349 3842.

Ballet

Ballet will begin on Tuesday 14th January. There are a few more spaces available in our ballet classes on Tuesday (reception & Year 1) and on Friday (Years 2-6) mornings at 8-8.40am in the activity studio. For more information and to register for a trial, please contact Aniko at aniko@dancershealth.com or on 07789605166.

Free Informal Flute Concert at 5pm.

Wonderful Winds Flute Day - Sunday 19 Jan 2020

Have you heard over thirty flutes, of varying sizes in a massed ensemble? If not, you are most welcome to attend this concert which will showcase the pieces studied during the day, including "The Dambusters March". If you play the flute or are interested in learning the flute please come along.

Mel and Joss are looking forward to welcoming you to this performance