



Monkfrith Newsletter

Spring 2020: 6



Last Monday school felt empty as three classes were out on school trips! **Year 4P** went to the Tate Britain to see their photo in the Steve McQueen exhibition. 4B are going today. **Year 2** went to Willows Farm as part of their Scrumdiddlyumptious topic.

Both teachers were really impressed at the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children. We are very proud! Thank you to the parents who were able to come and help on both trips.



Year 6

There has had to be a slight change to the dates for the Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight due to changes to the dates for Barnet Athletics events and secondary transfer days. The confirmed dates are Sunday 17th May to Friday 22nd May. This is available to pay on parent pay and further information will follow closer to the time.



Mrs Hudson

As you know Mrs Hudson has been off sick for the last 7 months. Unfortunately, it has now been confirmed that she will be unable to return. She began working at Monkfrith in 1994 and is an incredibly sad loss. After half term, we will be saying a proper goodbye to her at school. If you would like to send a card or a message to be included as part of her leaving celebrations, please do so via the Office.

School Communication – Email system

This year we are going to make some changes to the text and email system in order to make things more straightforward. We will let you know about these changes later in the year, however in the short term, we will not be using the email2parents service. This will really only effect how you receive the newsletter. For the next few weeks it will be on the website only. We will text to remind you it is available although I usually upload it by 12pm on Monday. If you need to send the office an email then you can continue using the office@monkfrithschool.co.uk as usual. This will not change.

Parent Consultations

They are this Tuesday and Wednesday in the hall. If you have not made an appointment, just contact the Office as there are slots available.

Photos

Following some conversations with parents about the school photographs we have had over the last few years, I am investigating making some changes. When you come to parent consultations, I will have some possible examples of alternatives for the usual class photo in the Summer Term. Have a look and let me know what you think.

Coronavirus

The children have been really good at following the NHS guidelines about using tissues to 'catch' the sneeze, however this does mean we have a shortage! If you could spare a box of tissues, we would be really grateful. Thank you!

The Governing Body

In the last two weeks, we have had two Committee meetings. Finance met on 31st January to discuss the current state of the budget, look at the income we are generating and complete our yearly audit for Barnet. Last week we had our Pupil Welfare Committee. At this meeting we looked at attainment and progress for each year group, discussed a section of the School Development Plan and went through some policies.

Fitbits

I have had a few queries about Fitbits over the last few weeks. If your child would like to wear their Fitbit to school, they may do so as long as they take responsibility for them. Class teachers will ask for them to be removed if they become a distraction.

Monkfrith reads...

Miss Deasey reads... **The Dark Portal by Robin Jarvis**



I have been planning my 20 books for 2020 and was talking about 'The first book you loved' with my sister. Her immediate response was *The Dark Portal* – a book we both read as children. It is set underground in Deptford. The sewers are run by rats, who are led by the Lord of Rats – Jupiter, a terrifying creature. Albert Brown – a kind country mouse – gets magically lured into the sewers. Audrey, his daughter, (and some of her mice friends) try to rescue him along with the help of a cheeky town mouse called Piccadilly. Jupiter has terrifying plans for the world and only Audrey can stop them. This is a really exciting adventure with lots of dramatic and dangerous twists and turns. The final encounter in the throne room leads to a shocking revelation...

This is a book for Year 5 or 6 and if you enjoy it, is part of a great series of books, of which I read all as a child! If you have a book review, then please email the Office. You could also send me an update of how you are getting on with your 20 books for 2020.

Monkfrith Vs Martin – East Barnet Cup Quarter Finals

On Tuesday 4th February our football team faced Martin School in the quarter final of the East Barnet cup. We knew they would be a challenging opposition, but we remained confident with our undefeated record. The first half proved tricky and was a very even match, with both teams showing skills and strong ability. Although the first half ended 2-1 to us, there was no predicting who was going to win. We had been defending a lot and our goalkeeper – Ezra - had made some crucial saves.

As we got into the second half, Martin received a penalty. They scored, but it was disallowed as the referee had not blown the whistle. Luckily for us, on the second attempt, they missed. From this moment, the game changed. We proceeded to score three more goals to win the match 5-1, which doesn't reflect the strength of Martin's football team. We are really proud of the team's determination and confidence despite being up against a strong opponent. Bring on the semi-finals!



BEAT Music Tuition

This is just to let you know that the enrolment for summer term lessons is now live on our website. **This is for any new students only.** Existing students must not enrol again as it will put their name into a waiting list, invoices will be sent to parents later this term.

To enrol online please ask parents to go to <https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/> The deadline to enrol is midnight on the 10th March.

Attendance

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

Parents and Carers of Autistic Young People

There are a number of sessions for parents coming up in the next few months. Click on the links below to find out more information and booking.

[PreSchool Autism Training](#)

[Autistic Wellbeing: Theory and Practice for Families](#)

[Puberty, Sexual Wellbeing and Relationships Paren](#)

FOMS

FOMS are busy planning events for this year. Please mark the following dates in your diaries as we hope to see you there!

Friday 13th March at 7:30 pm - FOMS Parent's Evening - details to follow soon!

Friday 24th April 9:00 am - FOMS AGM

Thursday 2nd April 3:30 pm - Easter Tea Party

Saturday 27th June 1-3 pm - SUMMER FAIR