



## Monkfrith Newsletter

### Spring 2020: 8

Just a reminder that at the moment we are not able to send whole school emails as we are in the process of changing the system we use for this. This means for the next few weeks you will only be able to access the newsletter via the website.



#### World Book Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day is a registered charity on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It's also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by [UNESCO](#) as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

This year at Monkfrith we have decided to host a 'book swap' day for World Book Day rather than dress up. Each child will have the opportunity to bring a book to school they own and have read (and don't mind giving away to another child), which they can promote in their class and then swap for another child's book they would like to read. If your child would like to take part in the 'book swap' then they must bring their book to swap into school on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

In the classroom all the children (from Reception to Year 6) will be focusing on one book which raises issues about the environment and sustainability. I will share some of the outcomes next week.



#### First Aid



Last week (and this week) FOMS have very kindly paid for all the classes to have first aid lessons. This is an amazing opportunity – each year group has a specially tailored session. Oak and Willow classes had their sessions on Tuesday and spent the rest of the week finding out about parts of the body and writing about what they had learnt. Year 1 carried out their lesson using some very poorly teddy bears as you can see from the photos! They also learnt how to use a phone to get help. In Year 5 they used dummies and were taught how to carry out CPR. If your child has not had their session yet, they will take part next week. A huge thank you to FOMS for supporting this. **We would not be able to offer this opportunity without them!**



## Coronavirus

This is a fast-changing situation. We will continue to send texts to ask you to look at the most up to date information on our website. Within school we continue to reinforce messages about hygiene and handwashing.

## Spring Competition

The annual Spring Competition is a tradition that has been a feature of Monkfrith for many years. This year we are asking for a photograph that shows an aspect of Spring. Children can take it on a camera or a phone and simply email it to the Office with your child's name and class. If you want to print it out yourself, then entries can be left at the Office. The deadline for entries is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March and it **would be lovely to have each class represented**. Entries will be displayed in school.

## KS1 Show – important ticket information

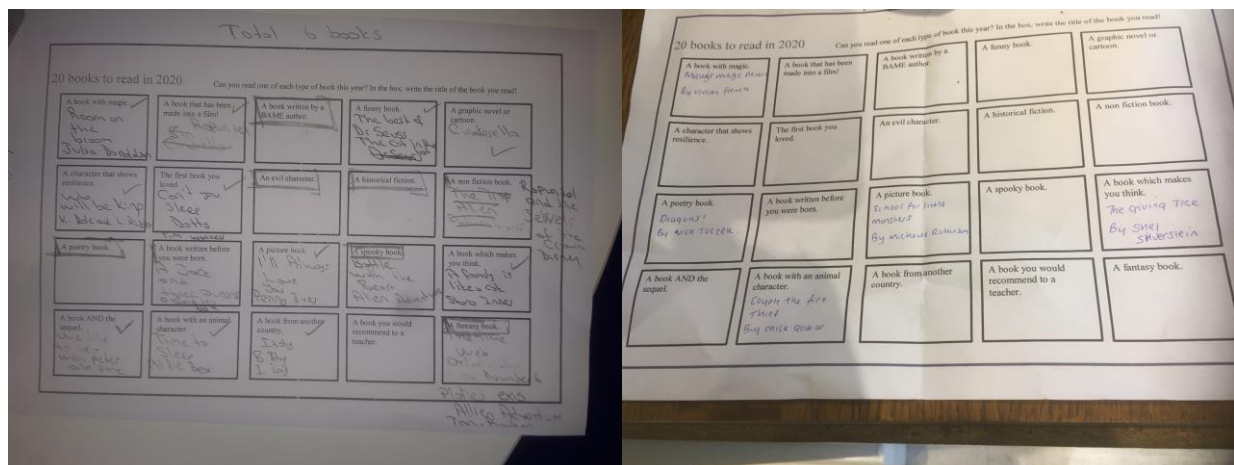
The KS1 Spring Show, The Litter Muncher, is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm or Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am. **Each family will be able to have 2 tickets in the first instance**. Each ticket is £2. Please send an envelope to the Office with the number of tickets you would like and for which performance by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Any spare tickets after that will be made available to other parents. Please do not leave it to the last minute and be frustrated that you do not have a ticket.

## Monkfrith reads...

If you would like to recommend a book that you have read, please write a short review (take a quick photo) and send it to the Office.

## 20 books for 2020

Thank you to those of you who have shared your sheet so far. I am including Melissa in 1C and Theodore in 2D who have both been doing a fantastic job so far! Well done!! 😊



There is one child who has read all her 20 books already and will receive the first certificate in assembly next week! If you have not started your list yet, don't worry there is still lots of time so just download the sheet from the website and get involved.

## 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.

### Khalil Year 4P

Khalil (and family) have been raising money for the Little Princess Trust for the last few months by growing their hair. The big day finally came, and as you can see from the photo, it has all gone! Thank you to those who took the time to sponsor him. This hair will now be used to make wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair due to medical conditions such as cancer. You can find out more information from <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk>. A huge congratulations to Khalil!



### Outstanding Balances

As we reach the end of the financial year, we would really appreciate it if you could clear your balances on Parent Pay. We are in the process of setting the whole school budget for next year and the decisions we make are impacted by outstanding balances. Thank you!

### Attendance

KS1		KS2	
Oak	94%	3B	98%
Willow	96%	3P	99%
1C	98%	4B	91%
1K	87%	4P	98%
2D	100%	5D	96%
2K	99%	5F	98%
		6	96%
Average Whole School Attendance		96%	

### 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 BINGO Night!

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