



## Monkfrith Newsletter

### Spring 2020: 9

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

It was lovely to see the book swapping on Thursday as part of our celebration of books. In the classrooms, we all read the same book – Window by Jeannie Baker. This book raises questions about the impact of humans on the environment, sustainability and changes over time. In year 6 they held a debate based on some of the issues raised by the book, Year 2 did some drama inspired by the book and in Year 4B they were creating pieces of art using our environment. There has also been a range of lovely writing.



#### First Aid



More First Aid photos this week as the remaining classes had their sessions. One of the key things that Martin – the trainer – told the children to do after the lesson was memorise their address as this is one of the key questions that they will need to know if they ever have to call an ambulance.

A huge thank you to FOMS for supporting this. **We would not be able to offer this opportunity without them!** Bingo night is on Friday – I hope to see you there!

#### 1K Class Assembly

I was really disappointed to miss 1K's assembly this week as I was at a conference however I have heard glowing reviews from other teachers and children! Well done 1K.

#### Coronavirus

The most up to date advice that schools have been given is on the website. At our Resources and Staffing Committee meeting, we reviewed related policies and discussed our level of preparedness.



#### 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.

### Year 5 Soupmaking

As part of their Allotment topic, Year 5 have been learning about whether our food comes from. 5D made 3 varieties of carrot soup, and the vast majority of the class really enjoyed them! They must have had about 3-8 little servings each.



### Mayoral Election and the May Bank Holiday

We will be closed for the Mayoral Election on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We have had an unprecedented few years where there have been as many polling days and we will think about whether we will continue to be a polling station beyond this year if this continues. As you will know the Bank Holiday this year has moved and so we will be closed for two consecutive days. I hope you are able to make the most of the extra-long weekend – fingers crossed for good weather!

### Dance Club

Our dancers will be taking part in the Barnet Dance Festival on Monday evening. Now that we have performed our dance, there are some extra spaces in Dance Club. The Club runs on Tuesday after school from 3.30 to 4.30. It is open to children (both boys and girls!) in Year 4, 5 and 6 and is free. If you would like to join, please text the Office and I will be in contact.

### Year 4 Football Tournament

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, two teams from Year 4 took part in the annual Year 4 football tournament. They showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout their five matches. We were very proud of the players' behaviour and resilience, even when they faced very challenging teams, showing a positive team spirit and attitude. Well done boys.

### SEND Coffee Morning

Mrs Whent and I will be hosting our first Coffee Morning on the **29<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am**. We will be welcoming Ruth Cooper who will be talking about anxiety in children and how this can be supported. If you feel this would be interesting, please come along.

### Monkfrith reads...



Callum in Willow Class reads...'The Day Louis Got Eaten' and 'Manfred the Baddie' by John Fardell.

Fardell's background as a cartoonist means the illustrations are beautifully drawn with loads of details to talk about with younger (and slightly older) readers! Despite the titles the stories are very wholesome with just the right amount of cheeky humour. Callum likes using the pictures to tell you the next part of the story and finds the men with 'Baldy Heads like Dada' extremely funny. His Dada doesn't.

Thank you so much Callum for sharing books that you enjoy! If you would like to send in your book review, please email the Office.

## 20 books for 2020

We have two children who have completed their 20 books for 2020 already! **A huge well done to Heidi in 1C and Ross in 1K.** The whole school community should be extremely proud of their attitude and enthusiasm. I know some other children are well on their way to completing the challenge and have been chatting to me about the books they are reading. If you have not started yet, don't worry - there is plenty of time left! The chart is on the website or we can send you home a copy if you text the Office. I have just started which is my book written before I was born!



## 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.

## 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	91%	3B	97%
Willow	92%	3P	96%
1C	96%	4B	96%
1K	97%	4P	97%
2D	98%	5D	96%
2K	99%	5F	100%
		6	98%
Average Whole School Attendance		96%	

## FOMS

BINGO NIGHT THIS FRIDAY!! Our fun and exciting Bingo night, featuring the popular Rock and Roll Bingo is this Friday night! Please return your ticket orders to the school by this Wednesday 11th March. Please note that if we have insufficient number of tickets sold by Wednesday, we will need to consider cancelling the event so please get those ticket orders in!

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