



Autumn Term 2020 Newsletter 2

Thank you to all the parents who took part in the survey last week. I felt like it was important for us to get an idea of how you were all feeling about the return. The comments were really helpful and hopefully you will see how we are addressing some of the issues that were raised over the next few weeks.

All the information sent to parents is available on the website. Newsletters are still in the Newsletter tab and anything that is related to Covid-19 is in the tab marked Covid-19.

If your child has symptoms of Covid-19 please keep them off school while you get a test. I know that there have been some problems accessing a test but it is in everyone's best interests to follow the process. Over the next few weeks, we are starting to put plans into place for providing some home learning for children who are having to isolate or wait for test results. The Government have asked that schools have this in place by the start of October.

It has been great to go around to the classes and see how well they have settled into their work. As a school we follow the White Rose Maths Scheme which promotes children's fluency and reasoning skills. You can find the overview of this on our website on the Maths page. At the moment all classes are learning about place value, which provides an excellent foundation for maths. I popped into **Year 2P** and they were doing some great work using dienes to understand tens and ones.

We are starting to do some initial baseline assessments with children to identify where the curriculum is pitched, what learning needs to be revisited and what support and extension we need to offer. We are also taking part in the Barnet Covid Learning Recovery Project which provides training and support for schools about how to address any potential 'gaps' in knowledge and skills that may have arisen over the last few months.

Before the end of September all class teachers will meet with me to discuss each child as well as deciding what support we will be able to offer either as a class, group or individual. Teachers will then be able to feed this back to you at parent meetings. There will be further information about these meetings next week.

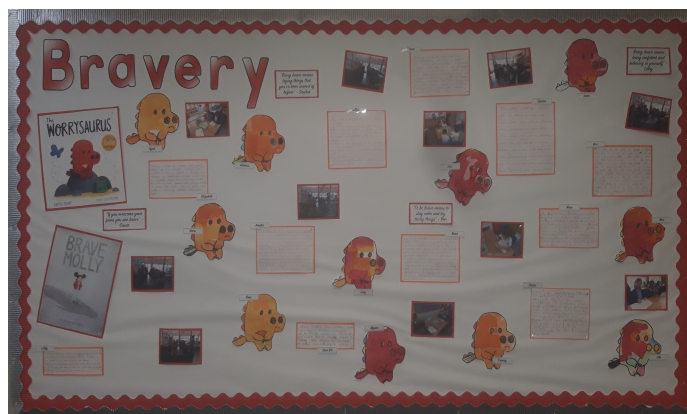
PSHE

There have been some fantastic discussions happening in classrooms around their class value. In some of the classes they have been using Here We Go by Oliver Jeffries to consider their

place in their world. In **Year 2** they have been using the books *Worrysaurus* and *Brave Molly*. I saw some lovely vocabulary work in **2K** this week based on *Brave Molly* which led to some writing for their display.

Meet the Teacher

We would normally be holding meet the teacher meetings in the first few weeks back at school to let you know about what learning will be taking place and other important pieces of information. However, instead, teachers are preparing short videos to share which you should receive this time next week.



Tapestry for Year 1 parents

Children who were in Reception last year used Tapestry for their online learning. In Year 1 to 6 we use google classroom as it fits better with the move to the National Curriculum. If parents would like to keep a record of their child's Tapestry work we have now made it possible to download their online learning journey and any additional videos. If you wish to download it then please do this by 30th September 2020. You should be able to do this by logging into your account. Please let us know if you need any help with this. After this date, their work on Tapestry will be archived.

Google Classroom

We are going to be continuing to use google classroom to set homework (where appropriate) throughout the year and if there is a need for home learning again. We have moved from individual class pages to year group pages as the work is the same between each class. Teachers will only check google classroom when they are setting or marking homework (and not at weekends or evenings as they were doing when we were using it as our system for home learning during partial school closure.) If you need to talk to the teacher, contact the Office and they will arrange time for a phone call. Year 1 parents will receive more information about how to access google classroom shortly.

Monkfrith reads...

Valentina in **2P** sent me her book review last week...

I would like to share with you, Mr Powell and my friends at school the wonderful book I read during the summer break.

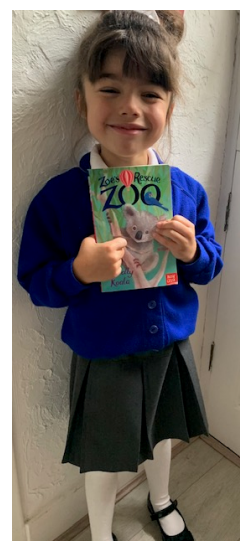
The book is called "Zoe's rescue Zoo" from Amelia Cobb.

Zoe loves living at her uncle's rescue zoo as there is always something exciting going on.

She has an amazing secret.....Zoe can actually talk to the animals!

Year 6 and Secondary Schools

Alongside the newsletter today, Year 6 parents will also receive information about secondary school visits and the application process. Although many secondary schools have planned for open evenings, we



have been asked to let you know that these are extremely unlikely to go ahead and to check the school websites before attending.

The online application system is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk. All parents must apply online, paper forms are not available. The website has been redesigned so has a new look this year, step-by-step guidance on how to submit an online application is included in the attachments. Parents can call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 02083597651 for support and guidance. **The deadline for applications is the 31st October 2020.**

If you have a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan you will be contacted by the SEN Team as you will need to complete a different form.

Many schools have delayed selection test dates due to COVID-19, which means that parents may not get the results of tests until after 31 October. Where a test result might affect the outcome of an application, parents will be able to change their preferences up until 10 December.

Chicken Shed Cycling Challenge from Heidi (2P) and Lily (5F)

We will be cycling around and around and around the Chickenshed car park on Saturday 19 September and as a team we will complete 130 laps which is 46km – 1km for every year Chickenshed has been working with children and young people.



Due to social distancing guidance we won't be able to open this event up to general supporters on the day but if you would like to support by donating towards our £5k target please click on the JustGiving link below:

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Happy School Bag Collection - Tuesday 13th October.

It is time to sort out those wardrobes and cupboards Monkfrith School has been lucky enough to secure a collection slot with Happy School Bags. It is a great fund raising scheme that will help the school raise funds through the collection of unwanted reusable clothing. This scheme is designed to help schools to raise funds whilst also helping the environment by diverting discarded but reusable textiles away from landfill. You will all soon be receiving a bag to fill with all your unwanted but usable clothes, paired shoes, handbags and accessories. The filled bags need to be returned to school on the 13th October and we will receive a payment for the items collected, if items that are on the do not accept list are found to be in the bags the school will be penalised and may not be able to have any future collections, so please take care when filling your bag.

We can accept:

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Fashion accessories
- ✓ Handbags, Belts, Hats
- ✓ Jewellery, Perfumes

We don't accept:

- ✗ Uniforms
- ✗ Toys, Books, DVD's
- ✗ Duvets, Pillows, Household linen
- ✗ Carpets, Blankets, Curtains
- ✗ Bric-a-Brack
- ✗ Dirty, Damaged, Wet Clothing, unsuitable for reuse.

Piano Lessons (outside of school)

Experienced and encouraging teacher offers piano lessons for all ages and levels - including preparing for ABRSM & Trinity exams, Grade 5 theory, playing your favourite music, sight reading, aural and singing. ABRSM Diploma in piano teaching. Currently teaching on Zoom.

Contact Ruth (07977 569076)