



## Autumn Term 2020 Newsletter 3

### Pick up and drop off

Thank you to everyone for adapting to all the changes around pick up and drop off. The complaints about parking have started again. Please make sensible decisions about parking around school.

Reception will start full time this week which will increase the number of parents moving around school at the end of the day. Please do not arrive too early for collection. The Reception gates will open at 3pm for Reception parents only to pick up at 3.10pm. Oak class parents should use the Oak entrance (there is a sign there) at the end of Knoll Drive to come to their collection point. Willow class parents should queue outside the Willow entrance on Knoll Drive. Don't worry if you are not sure, there will be staff out there to help.

### What has happened in school this week?

Last week everywhere I went around school, there was lots of learning happening. **Year 5** have started their Beast Creator topic. They started by exploring habitats on Monday and then **5B** were found worm charming by the allotment on Friday!



Each year group have put up a display in the corridors about their value. This is the lovely work produced by **Year 3** who have represented their community. There are some lovely drawings of themselves, their family, other significant people in their lives

and their environment. There are some very talented artists in both classes!

This week we have our Pupil Progress meeting to discuss how the children are getting on with the learning that they have been doing so far.

### **Meet the Teacher Y1 to 6**

Along with the newsletter today you will also receive a link to your Meet the Teacher meeting for your child's class. They are also available in your child's google classroom.

### **Parent consultations**

As I am sure you know, we are not going to be able to have our usual parent consultation arrangements this term. Instead, we will be offering you a 10 minute prearranged telephone call with your child's class teacher on specific dates between 5<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> October. Later this week you will receive a link to a google form to select preferences for times and dates for the conversation. We will then come up with a schedule and let you know when your date and time will be.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please let the Office know and they will arrange a call with teacher.

### **Year 6 and Secondary Schools**

The online application system is now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). Parents can call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 02083597651 for support and guidance. **The deadline for applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.**

### **Wellbeing workshops**

BICS are offering a series of free autumn wellbeing workshops and groups for children, young people and families.

[https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/parents\\_carers\\_wellbeing\\_summer-autumn\\_workshops.pdf](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/parents_carers_wellbeing_summer-autumn_workshops.pdf)

[https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/children\\_and\\_young\\_people\\_wellbeing\\_summer-autumn\\_workshops.pdf](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/children_and_young_people_wellbeing_summer-autumn_workshops.pdf)

They have also made some videos for parents and children about anxiety and wellbeing which you can find at <http://www.barnet.gov.uk/backtoschool>

### **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.

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