

# Monkfrith School

## Autumn Term 2020

### Newsletter 5



School was a hive of activity and learning last week.

In **Reception** they started their phonics lessons learning 's', 'a', 't' and 'p'. It was lovely to hear them telling me about the sound that they had learnt and how so many were keen to show me how to write it when I popped down to visit.



In **Year 1 and 2** they have been using books linked to their topics to inspire their writing. In **Year 1** they have been sequencing and retelling the story of Beegu by Alexis Deacon. In **Year 2** they have been using Paddington by Michael Bond to write diary entries using adjectives and the past tense.

In **Year 3** they have been writing about insect predators using prepositions and adjectives. They also had great fun in the hall learning about skeletons. The children worked in groups to show where they think they have bones in their bodies (see the photos on the next page) and then learnt the facts!



In **Year 4** they were writing letters from Alice in Wonderland using expanded noun phrases and had fun investigating states of matter in Science.

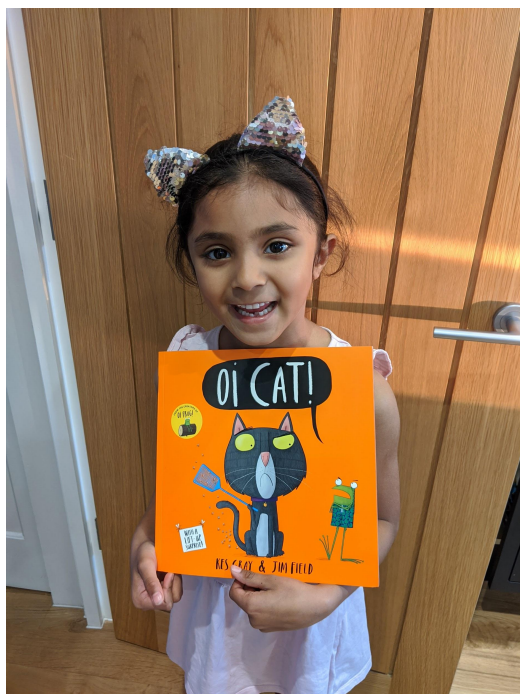
**Year 5** were doing some great writing when I dropped by. They have been learning about lifecycles. The photo of 5F shows them acting out the lifecycle of a butterfly. Then both classes had a fantastic afternoon creating their bug hotels out of recycled materials.



**Year 6** have been writing about the differences between the UK and Mexico and learning about the festival the Day of the Dead. They made their own mini skeletons out of wire and clay and posed them in silly positions, just as they do Mexico to help show children they need not fear death. There was also the start of some beautiful weaving when I visited on Friday.







**Pick up and Drop off**

This morning there was some extremely unsafe driving around school. Parents were reversing into crossing pedestrians and stopping in the middle of the road to let out children. This behaviour is completely unacceptable and is endangering the lives of our school community.

### Leila from Year 1 reads 'Oi Cat' by Kes Gray

This is a book called "Oi Cat!" and it's a rhyming book. It's about a frog that makes up rules about where different animals can sit like "Dingoes sit on Flamingoes" (this is my favourite one). I like this book because I'm not very good at rhyming yet and the book has lots of rhyming words. I learnt new words like "plough" from "Cows sit on ploughs". There are other books called "Oi Dog" and "Oi Frog", I can't wait to read them all.

Thank you so much Leila. You are the first review from Year 1, but I hope we get another one soon! Book reviews just need to be emailed to the Office.

### Accessing Library Books

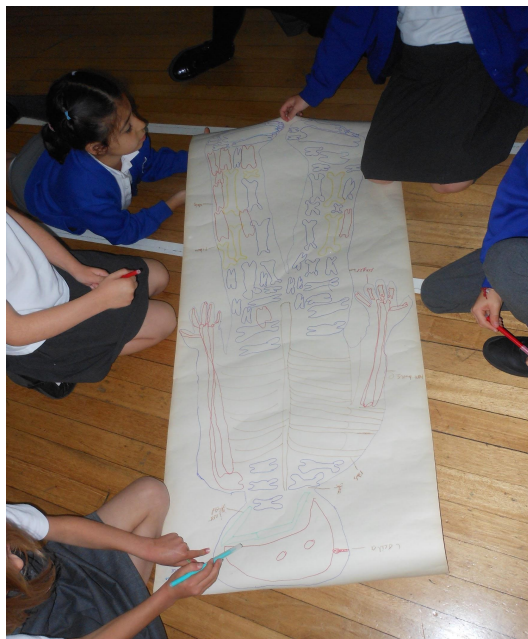
You can access free digital library services (Enfield or Barnet) for ebooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines. You can choose from thousands of fiction and non-fiction titles for adults, teens and children. All titles are free to download to your PC or Mac.

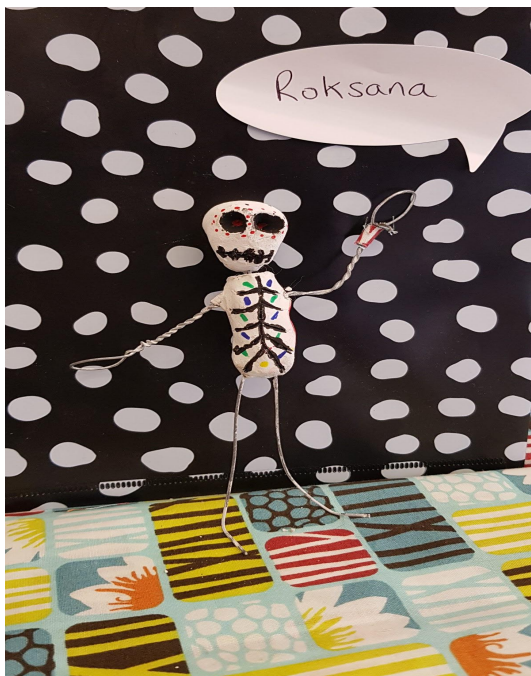
Or you can use the 'Libby' app to access titles on your iPhone, iPad, Windows Phone, Kobo, Nook, Kindle Fire or android device or transfer titles to your iPod, MP3 or E-Ink Reader. The link below explains more for Barnet but applies to Enfield too:

<http://admin.barnet.gov.uk/libraries/online-resources/ebooks-and-eaudiobooks>

All you need is your Barnet or Enfield Library card and PIN. If you do not have a PIN you can contact a Barnet library by email and they will give you one. With Enfield, you can ring Enfield Town Library on 02083798341 and they will give you a PIN.

In the current situation, if you are not a member of Enfield or Barnet libraries you can join online and start accessing online services without having to go into a library. The two councils have slightly different ways of doing this but if you google the respective library services it takes you through the process.





## Quick Reminders

If your child has long hair, please ensure that it is properly tied up for school.

## Parent Calls

If you booked a slot for a parent call this week, you should have received a message confirming the date at the end of last week.

Teachers will do their best to call within the time given and not overrun!

If you have more than one child and you are on the phone to one teacher as another calls, don't worry they will call back.

If there is a problem or you would like to book a slot, please email the Office.

## In case you missed it...

### FOMS

FOMS are really keen to recruit new volunteers who want to get involved in supporting and enriching the lives of our children. If you feel you have some time, ideas or enthusiasm just email [friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com)

### 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.

### Happy Bags

Thank you to those parents who have dropped in their bags. You have until next Monday to bring them to the Office.

## Covid Update

You may already know but each week Barnet publish the most up to date information about local figures. You can access the report here:

[https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/barnet\\_weekly\\_covid-19\\_dashboard\\_28.09.20.pdf](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/barnet_weekly_covid-19_dashboard_28.09.20.pdf)

A Local Testing Site (LTS) with walk-in capabilities is now open in Barnet. The LTS will be located at Watling Community Centre in Burnt Oak, and will be open from 8am until 8pm, seven days a week. The LTS has been risk assessed and it is COVID-19 Secure, with all mitigation risks being put in place to minimise any disturbance to surrounding neighbourhoods. If you need to book a test please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

