



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2020
Newsletter 6



Thank you to all the parents who have been so constructive and supportive in parent consultation phone calls so far. If still need to book your slot, please call the Office.

There is lots of great learning going on all around school. From maths where addition and subtraction is the theme for most children at the moment, to some fantastic writing and great topic work.

Reception have created these brilliant self portraits as well as continuing with their phonics, learning 'i', 'n', 'm' and 'd'. **Year 6** have been learning about the differences in culture between Mexico and the UK. As part of their homework, they created some Mexican dishes. **Deeya in 6D** made this delicious guacamole, which she told me all about. The food looked incredible! **Year 5B** took their learning outdoors to learn about food webs as part of their Predator topic. **Year 2P** worked collaboratively to create their own collaged woodland scene in Golden Time on Friday.

It was great to give out two more certificates in Friday's assembly to **Maria in Year 5** and **Angela in Year 6** for their 20 Books for 2020. When you have finished your chart, just bring it to me or email it to the Office.





Monkfrith reads....

Innaya in Year 1 reads... Oi Dog by Kes Gray (inspired by last week's review from Leila)

I read Oi Dog get off the frog. I liked this book as it is about a dog who likes sitting on frogs. It's funny because the dog has to sit on a log and he doesn't want to and it rhymes. It is also funny because the frog changes the rules and orders everyone to sit on different things. I would like to talk to Leila about Oi cat and I can tell her about Oi dog.

Christmas Cards

This week all the children will be designing their Christmas Cards which help raise money for FOMS. When they have completed their designs, the children will bring them home for you to see and decide whether to buy (on the back there will be a bar code). There will also be a leaflet with instructions about how you can use the barcode to place your order. Once you have made your order, please return the design (and the barcode) to school for FOMS to collate and send off.

If you would like to make your order, please do so and return to school by the 6th November at the latest. Orders after this date will not be fulfilled.

School Meals

Just a reminder to check your Arbor balance and clear any outstanding payments. please.

Pick up and Drop off

There has been some extremely unsafe driving around school. Parents 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. I also know that the residents have been complaining to the Council as Parking Enforcement were out and about around school last week.

In case you missed it...

Dates for your diary

26th -30th October - Half Term
 31st October - Year 6 deadline for secondary school applications
 2nd November - INSET Day
 4th November - Dress like a Firework Day! For FOMS
 6th November - Individual and Sibling School Photos
 13th November - Flu Vaccinations
 18th December - Break Up 2pm
 4th January - Spring Term starts

Year 6 and Secondary Schools

The online application system is now open at 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 31st October 2020.

Happy Bags

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



Message from FOMS

It was great to see some new faces in our first 'zoom' meeting of the school year. We discussed new ways to raise money for our school in this socially-distanced climate.

I'm sure you have guessed that we are unable to hold a Christmas Fair this year but we did discuss different ways to raise money and achieve some Christmas fun:

🎨 The children will soon have an opportunity to design their very own Christmas Card whilst at school. This year, parents can choose to purchase their child's design of Christmas card, wrapping paper and other Christmas items online instead of returning money and order forms to the school. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

👴 As there will be no Father Christmas this year to give presents from his Monkfrith Grotto, FOMS will be offering parents an opportunity to purchase a 'Christmas Box' for the children to take home. Further information will be provided nearer the time.

🎁 We will be hosting a 'virtual' Christmas raffle and will have a special item or two to auction. This virtual raffle will be held on **Friday 4th December 2020 at 12 noon** at Monkfrith School. If you are able to source or donate a gift for our raffle or auction, please do let us know.

💰 We appreciate that we are in uncharted, financial times so every little helps. If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money raised by FOMS could be matched by your employer. We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. Please let us know if your company is able to 'match fund'.

💙 And if you would like to join FOMS or just contribute your time or skills to a particular event, please drop us a line at:
friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com
It's a great way to meet new parents and help raise money for our school!

Covid Update

If your child is off school for a Covid related reason (e.g awaiting the result of a test or the test of a family member or having been asked to isolate, and is well enough, we will provide work. This will be emailed to you or set via google classroom. If your child is not able to do the work because they are unwell, then please do not worry.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/Barnet-weekly-COVID-19-dashboard>

. If you need to book a test please visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

