



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2020

Newsletter 7



The children have been fantastic since they returned in September however it is noticeable how tired they are now! I hope you all have a lovely, restful half term. Remember that the Monday after half term is an INSET Day so we will see you again on Tuesday 3rd November.

Last week, **Reception** continued to learn their phase 2 sounds. This week they have learnt 'g', 'o', 'c' and 'k'. For the last few weeks they have also been learning about the Zones of Regulation. This is a way of teaching children about their emotions and how to help themselves regulate how they are feeling. They have been using some of the fantastic books which were bought by **FOMS** to help with this - Worrysaurus, The Colour Monster and Ruby's Worry. There will be more information about Zones of Regulation for parents very soon.

Year 1 had a very exciting week as you can see from the pictures. For homework, they created a spaceship for Beegu. There were so many fantastic ones that I could have included in the newsletter but you can see **Freya's from 1C** and **Ayaan's from 1K** above. That is not all that has happened; when the children arrived on Monday they discovered that we had had a visitor over the weekend. The children launched an investigation into spaceship that had crashed in the playground and have produced some fabulous writing about what they found.



Year 6 have completed their Maya-inspired weaving designs. There are some very talented textile designers!

20 Books for 2020

Well done to three more of our fantastic readers who completed their 20 Books for 2020 last week. **Annabel in Year 1C**, **Emma in Year 3P** and **Ayla in Year 5F** received their certificates in assembly last week. There is still lots of time to get involved. A chart can be downloaded from the website or you can ask the Office to send one home.



Monkfrith reads....

Georgia in Year 3P reads...Ninja Kid by Ann Do.

Hi, today I'm going to do a book review on Ninja Kid. It's about Nelson Kane, it's his tenth birthday but when he woke up there was a spider on his nose (he hated spiders). He fell out of bed (falling was something he did a lot) but today he did a amazing back flip and landed on his feet. Normally Nelson couldn't see anything at all when he didn't have his glasses on but today when he put them on it was blurry and he could see fine without. What has happened to Nelson? Did his dad have anything to do with thi

Book Is Ninja Kid 1 By Anh Do. If you like it you you can try Ninja Kid 2. It's a great book for anyone, but older kids might read it in just one hour!

Happy Bags

Thank you so much to FOMS for organising the Happy Bag collection and to everyone who donated. We raised **just over £600!**

Dress Up Like a Firework Day - 4th November

You can interpret this as you chose - bright and colourful, sparkly or something else! Just remember sensible shoes. Please bring a donation of £1.

Reception Parent Consultations

Parents will receive a link to book their phone call with either Miss Cooper or Ms Czuprynska this week. The calls will be in the week of the 9th November.

This will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into life and learning at Monkfrith as well as some of the ways that you can support that at home.

In case you missed it...

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.



School Meals

There will be a new menu after half term. The revised menu will be sent this week.

Pick up and Drop off

Complaints about parking around school continue - quite rightly.

Please set your child a good example by either walking or parking in a safe place.

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



PE update

Unfortunately, during this time we cannot go to external Barnet competitions. Because of this, Barnet have been running a weekly competition that the children have been enjoying taking part in, during their break, lunch times or golden time.

Barent Virtual League

Week 1 = Quadkids

We started with quadkids, where the children had to compete in four athletic events. (KS1 tried out the long jump for this competition).

Week 2 = Boccia

The second week was a boccia competition, where the children had to throw accurately from a seated position. Our Year 4 and Year 6 results were first.

Week 3 = Football

The third week (which was this week), was a football competition, where the children had to dribble around cones in the fastest possible time. Results will be released on Wednesday.

It has been great seeing the children joining in through choice and even trying to beat their personal best score.

We have had great results from many of our children and with our combined scores of the first two competitions, we are currently first in the KS2 competition. Thank you for all the children that have taken part so far and the adults that have helped with the results.

I am awaiting this week's competition challenge and the results from the football competition to be added. I look forward to seeing the children in the playground for our next competition.

You can follow our progress on twitter @BarnetSport.

London Youth Games

If you would like a challenge for home, London Youth Games are also running a School Virtual Games Personal Best Challenge each week. You can try these at home and submit your scores toward the Borough of Barnet. They release a video every Monday at 9am. They often have variations to try.

<https://www.londonyouthgames.org/virtual-games/>


Healthy body, healthy mind.


Miss Pierides


Position	School	Total points	Quadkids	Boccia
1	Monkfrith	8	4	4
2	Brunswick Park	5	3	2
3	Goldbeaters	3	0	3
4	St John's N20	2	2	0





Message from FOMS

 You have until 6th November if you wish to purchase your child's Christmas Card design. Use the barcode on the back to make your order and then return the design (and barcode) to school.

 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

London has now moved into Tier 2 . This means people must not meet someone they don't live with in any indoor setting, unless they are part of a support or childcare bubble.

Unfortunately this means that all play dates will now need to either happen outside or not at all.

Tier 2 has no additional measures for primary school although some staff may chose to wear a visor for working 1:1

. Please ensure that you are wearing a mask at pick up and drop off.

<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>.

