



# Monkfrith School

## Autumn Term 2020

### Newsletter 8



I hope you all had a restful half term. On our INSET day all staff attended a virtual training session about Autism. Support staff updated assessments and had additional training based on the interventions they will be running this half term. Teaching staff worked on planning, remote learning as well as some tasks to develop our School Improvement Plan. These will be shared with Governors this week and more details will appear in future newsletters.

Before the half term, **Year 2** finished off their Street Detectives topic with making their own model vehicles and **Year 1** made some Moon biscuits!

#### Mobile Phones

Children should not bring mobiles to school unless they are travelling independently. They should be brought to the Office at the start of the day for safe keeping.

#### Online Safety

At least half of the incidents related to behaviour that we deal with have actually started online (either through gaming or social media). This is a really challenging issue.

On Wednesday 25th November children from year 1 to 6 will be having a session about online safety (aimed at their particular age group) from an organisation that specialise in this world.

There will also be an online session for parents which can be viewed within a 48 hour window from the 25th. More details will be sent about how to access this closer to the time. I went on the teaching version of the training this week and I cannot emphasise how helpful and informative it was.

It is vital that we work together to help children negotiate the online world as safely as possible.

A huge thank you to FOMS who are funding these sessions for children and parents.

#### 20 Books for 2020

The children finishing their 20 books are coming thick and fast now. Before half term, certificates were given to **Esma Ceyda** and **Maxim** in **Year 1**, **Valentina** in **Year 2**, **Issa** in **Year 3** and **Sophia, Halil** and **Alice** all in **Year 4**. We are in the final half term now but there is still plenty of time to get yours finished.



Monkfrith reads...November is National Non Fiction Month so in honour of that I am sharing a non fiction book that I have read this half term.

Miss Deasey reads... LOTS by Marc Martin...

Each double page spread focuses on a different place in the world with lovely illustrations of buildings, landmarks, people, food, animals and culture. I tried to take a photo of the inside of the book, but I was photo-bombed by my cat, who was also fascinated by cats on the page about Cairo!



If you have read a good non fiction book, why not write a book review for the newsletter. Just email a short description of the book and why you liked it along with a picture to the Office.



This year we have only been sent poppies to sell for Remembrance Day. If your child would like to get a poppy at school, please send them in with a donation. Poppies will be brought to each class from Tuesday and given to those children who have brought their money.



## Covid-19

As the Prime Minister announced, schools will remain open. There may be some additional guidance for schools later this week. I will inform you of any changes.

If you have been somewhere during the half term that requires you to quarantine on return, please let us know. **Do not send your child into school.** Attendance is important but the safety of everyone takes precedent. We will provide work for your child during any period of isolation.

If your child develops symptoms of Covid while at school, we will call you and ask you to collect them (and any siblings) as soon as possible. We will also ask that you confirm the child has received a negative Covid test before they can return to school.

If your child becomes unwell or tests positive outside of school hours, please email the Office as soon as possible to let us know. Emails are monitored very regularly to ensure that we can act in accordance with the guidance for schools.


We are keeping doors and windows open more than usual. Please ensure that your child has a NAMED jumper and/or fleece in school. They can wear these in the classroom.


Please ensure that you are wearing a mask at pick up and drop off and keep your distance from each other.


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




## 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](mailto:friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com)  
It's a great way to meet new parents and help raise money for our school!

### **Pick up and Drop off**

I received an email from the Council following complaints about parking around school. It requested that we take more action to stop this. We are currently deciding what the next steps will be.

#### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

We are having to make some changes to our pricing from January 2021.

	1st child	2nd child
Breakfast	£4.50	£4.50
4.30pm finish	£6.00	£6.00
6pm finish	£10.00	£8.00

#### **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.

#### **Anti Bullying Week starts on 16th November**

As part of this, children should wear odd socks (and their usual uniform). We will share more about what we did in a few weeks.

2nd November - INSET Day  
4th November - Dress like a Firework Day! For FOMS  
6th November - Individual and Sibling School Photos  
9th November - 12th November - Reception P Phone Consultations  
13th November - Flu Vaccinations  
16th November - Odd Sock Day for AntiBullying Week  
25th November - Online Safety Workshops  
4th December - Own clothes day for FOMS  
16th December - Optional Christmas Jumper Day  
18th December - Break Up 2pm  
4th January - Spring Term starts





### Skipping Virtual Challenge

This half term the Year 6 classes have been competing in their annual virtual skipping challenge. They had to skip for 45 seconds continuously and count how many skips they could do. Our top 10 children have been sent off and we are awaiting the results. Well done to all the children for taking part. Thank you to the adults that have helped.

### Barnet Virtual League

Following from last week's results, I am happy to announce that the football competition results have been published.

Our fastest Year 6 child came 7<sup>th</sup> with 5 seconds and our fastest Year 3, 4 and 5 children came 19<sup>th</sup> with 6 seconds.

With these scores, we have remained at the top of the KS2 competition. Thank you to all the children that have taken part so far and the adults that have helped with the results.

I look forward to our next competition, which is related to badminton.

Don't forget 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	Football
1	Monkfrith	13	1	10	2
2	Holy Trinity	11	1	8	2
3	Livingstone	10	1	7	2
4	Brunswick Park	7	4	2	1
4	St Theresa's	7	4	1	2
4	Wessex Gardens	7	0	4	3

