



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2020

Newsletter 9



The week we have been looking at different values in the classroom.

Reception have built on the work they have been doing on Zones of Regulation to think about kindness using the book *This is Our House*.



In **Year 1** this half term they are focusing on cooperating, working together and sharing. In **Year 2** they have been thinking about kindness. This lovely display includes children's writing about a time when they have shown kindness to someone else. In **Year 3** they have focused on respect. They have thought about how we show respect to others but also how the way we behave means that we are shown respect. In **Year 4** they have been thinking about bravery and have used the text *Brave Molly*. In **Year 5** they have been working on the idea of what it means to be part of a community. In **Year 6** they have been exploring Respect, focusing particularly on how to show respect during a disagreement, and how to have self-respect when feeling the impact of peer pressure, or when being dared to do something.



Alongside the newsletter this week you will also be receiving a guide to Zones of Regulation. This approach helps children to understand and talk about their emotions but also develops their strategies to regulate how they are feeling.

20 Books for 2020

A huge well done to: **Inaaya** in **Year 1**, **Naomi** in **Year 2**, **Joseph** and **Alessia C-D** in **Year 3**, **Chloe** in **Year 4** and **Olivia** in **Year 5** for completing their 20 Books for 2020!

Photos meant that we did not have assembly last Friday but they will receive their certificates this week.



School Priority for 2020/21: Speaking and Listening

One of the areas of learning that we are going to be focusing on at school is Speaking and Listening. In the classroom we are giving more opportunities for this, encouraging children to speak in full sentences when answering questions and sharing their ideas. We would also appreciate your support at home.

In Reception, Year 1 and 2 we are going to be sending home 'talking homeworks'. This is an opportunity for children to talk about what they have learnt or will be learning.

In KS2 we are going to share a specific question each week in the newsletter about the previous week's learning to start a conversation and practice what they have been learning at school.

Ask your child...	
Year 3	How do you show respect for others? Can you name at least 5 ways?
Year 4	What characteristics must you have to be a warrior?
Year 5	Who is part of our local community?
Year 6	How can we show respect to others? Include words such as admiration, empathy, conflict, resolution, tolerance and equal.

Dress like a Firework!

Thank you to everyone who dressed like a firework on Thursday. The outfits were sparkly, bright and colourful! Here are 3P looking fantastic! We raised £381.05.



Contact Information

Please can you make sure that we have the correct contact information on Arbor. We have had problems contacting some families recently because of a change in address or phone number.

You can update it yourself via Arbor or contact the Office.



Covid-19 Update 9th November

Please can I remind everyone to keep their distance when dropping off in the morning. Several parents have contacted me to say they are having difficulty because of the number of parents stopping to talk to each other at the gate. **If you need to talk, just move a bit further along to allow other people past.**

The updated guidance for schools included very few changes for primary schools. The main change relates to members of staff who now need to work from home in line with government guidance about those who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable.

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>.

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

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.

Dates for your diary:

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

And Christmas Lunch

18th December - Break Up 2pm

4th January - Spring Term starts

12th February - INSET Day

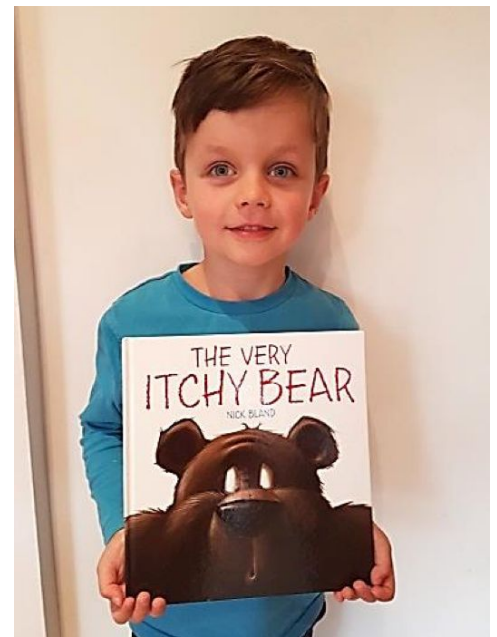


Monkfrith reads...

Maxim in Year 1C reads...The Very Itchy Bear by Nick Bland...

I have a set of 6 books like this one: The Very Noisy Bear, The Very Cranky Bear, the Very Hungry Bear, the Very Sleepy Bear and The Very Brave Bear. I like those books very much because the stories are really funny. I like the pictures too.

In The Very Itchy Bear a flea is biting the bear and the bear throws the flea away. But when flea needs help, Bear goes to save her and they become best friends. At the end of the story, they read a book together.



Sophia in Year 4SH reads...The Midnight Gang by David Walliams.

This was my first book by David Walliams and surely not the last.

A gang of 4 children in the children ward of Lord Funt Hospital wakes up every night at midnight. They try to make each other's dreams come true. Will they succeed? Will it get scary? Will they avoid their matron? Some adventures will not to go plan but in the end, with a bit of help from the porter, the most important dream comes true.

I highly recommend this book, I devoured its 478 pages.

Message from FOMS

🎅 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!

Skipping Virtual Challenge

Last half term the Year 6 classes competed in their annual virtual skipping challenge. They had to skip for 45 seconds continuously and count how many skips they could do. The results have been published. I am so pleased to announce that they did very well indeed. Once our top 10 skippers' scores were added up, Monkfrith came 2nd out of the 17 schools that competed. We also received two medals; a gold and a bronze. Well done to **Dillon** with 144 skips and **Jack** with 130 skips for being 1st and 3rd in Barnet out of 157 children. This will be announced in Friday's assembly and the medals will be given. Thank you to the adults that helped.

This half term Year 5 will be taking part in the skipping challenge. Good luck.

Barnet Virtual League

This week we have started to gather our results for the badminton competition. The results are due Friday 13th November so tell your child/children to look out for the net in the KS2 playground and to please come and have a go.

Don't forget you can follow our progress on twitter @BarnetSport.

Healthy body, healthy mind.

Miss Pierides