



Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2021

Newsletter 2



Well done on your first week of home learning! The engagement was really good and thank you to the parents who have called or emailed feedback. We will be making a few tweaks this week and there will be a survey a little later in the week so that we can see what other things we need to consider. If you have been using Tapestry in Reception, there have been a lot of problems with the website outside of our control - an issue we have not had before. We are reviewing how we use this moving forward.

The Department for Education published further guidance for schools on remote learning expectations this week. If you want to read the full document, it is available on the DfE website but these are the headlines:

Schools have been told that we should:

- Provide a minimum of 3 hours a day of learning for children in EYFS and KS1 and 4 hours in KS2
- Set ambitious work for children in a range of subjects
- Provide clear explanations of new content
- Give feedback to children to know how they can make progress
- Have systems for checking, daily, whether pupils are engaging with work and follow up with families where engagement is a concern.

As a school, what we learnt from home learning last time, is that everyone has a different set of circumstances. Some children are happy and able to work independently, others need more support. Some children rush through the work that is set, and others take a little longer. Some families are juggling home learning, alongside the needs of other siblings or inflexible and challenging work demands. We will continue to meet the government expectations, but we also recognise that you will need flexibility and should do what is right for your family and your children.

This week...

- From this week, staff will endeavour to upload the next day's work the night before or as early as possible to enable families to plan their day.
- We will be removing any deadlines so that if, for whatever reason, you do not get to complete the work that day, you can go back to it. Work turned in late, will be marked by teachers but there may be a delay.
- Teachers are working in school, either supervising our Critical Worker/Vulnerable children provision or recording and planning lessons. If you have a query one of the teachers will respond, although it may not always be your child's class teacher.
- Teachers will be available to respond to comments during the school day (from about 8.30am until about 4.30/5pm). If you post a question or comment outside those times, please do not expect a response.
- If you need reading books or any other resources (exercise books, paper etc...), please just let us know and we will arrange for you to pick some up at the Office.
- If you have done a piece of work but can not upload it, just write a quick comment to the class teachers so that they know.



Critical Worker Provision in school

Please note this does not apply if your child is in school because they meet the vulnerable criteria.

You may have seen on the news that there are more children in school this time than in the previous lockdown. We have had a very high number of requests for critical worker places, as have many other Barnet schools. The guidance from Government changed slightly over the weekend, to remind parents that the offer of in school provision should only be taken up where it is not possible for parents to have their children at home. Where they can, critical workers should keep their children at home. If this changes, I will let you know.



Barnet Twin Town Challenge

In the summer it was much easier to keep really active because of the good weather. The members of the Barnet Schools Sports Partnership have come up with a new challenge to get us all moving...

Did you know? Barnet has links with 8 towns around the world, this is more than any other London Borough. Five of the twin towns are in Europe, one in Africa, one Asia and one in America.

- Chaville, France
- Jinja, Uganda
- Le Raincy, France
- Montclair, USA
- Morphou, Cyprus
- Ramat Gan, Israel
- Siegen-Wittgenstein, Germany
- Tempelhof, Germany



Challenge: We plan to visit all 8 twin towns. Our journey starts by travelling west from Barnet to Montclair (USA), from here we will encounter the longest section of our journey to Jinja (Uganda). Before visits to Ramat Gan (Israel) and Morphou (Cyprus).

The last section of the journey will see us enter Europe, firstly visiting Tempelhof and Siegen-Wittgenstein (Germany), followed by the Paris suburbs of Chaville and Le Raincy (France), before heading back home to Barnet. We need your help: This challenge covers a staggering distance, roughly 25,000 kilometres. We are calling on all Barnet pupils to help us complete this mammoth challenge by staying physically active throughout the current lockdown. Whether you are out walking your dog, riding your bike/scooter or out on a family walk/run, you can contribute towards the challenge and gain the benefits of being physically active.

We would love to see you in action across our social media platforms listed at the bottom of the page, by tagging us using #BarnetTwinTowns. Please ensure you get permission from your adult before posting anything. Your teacher will provide further information on how they will be collecting your weekly physical activity levels.

We hope you will come on this exciting journey with us 😊

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Numbots

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Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Valentina, 2P Deanno, 1K Leila, 1K Ela, 1C Cora, 1K Giavouz, 1C Callum, 1K Kaya, 1C Fausto, 3P Alara, 1K	Valentina, 2P Deanno, 1K Leila, 1K Callum, 1K Kaya, 1C Cora, 1K Giavouz, 1C Ela, 1C Inaaya, 1C Fausto, 3P	Valentina, 2P Deanno, 1K Leila, 1K Cora, 1K Ela, 1C Callum, 1K Kaya, 1C Giavouz, 1C Dhruv, 1C Inaaya, 1C

If you have a child in Reception, you will be sent a Numbots username and password at the start of the week. This is an online subscription which we buy that allows children to practice their calculation. You might like to use it as one of the ways to support their early maths skills.



In the overall leaderboard of other schools nearby we are currently 15th behind West Grove and Osidge...let's see if we can't move up over the next few weeks!

Most games completed in the last 7 days	Most improved speed in the Studio in the last 7 days	Most correct answer in the last 7 days	Most coins in the last 7 days
Milo, 3P Mia, 3D Ruben, 5B Paniz, 6D Alexa, 4SH Adam, 3P Savira, 3P Suvira, 3D Zack, 3D Edward, 4SL	Khloe, 3P Alexa, 4SH Krya, 5F Mouhit, 2P Dexter, 3P Edward, 4SL Melissa, 2P Theodore, 3D Filip, 4SH Yusuf, 5F	Olivia D, 6LD Mouhit, 2P Lemoni, 6D Daania, 6LD Yusuf, 5F Jack, 6LD Josh, 5F Daniyal, 3P Sophia, 6D Elena, 6D	Mouhit, 2P Olivia D, 6LD Lemoni, 6D Daania, 6LD Sophia, 6D Daniyal, 3P Dillon, 6D Jack, 6LD Abi, 6LD Ted, 6LD

