



# Monkfrith School

## Spring Term 2021

### Newsletter 3



There has been some fantastic learning happening at home over the last week. Well done to all the children (and their parents) for all the hard work.

In **Reception**, they are working hard on their phase three phonics as well as developing their language around capacity. In **Year 1**, there were some lovely self portraits after listening to the story, *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Wilson. In **Year 2**, they have made a great start to their topic, *Big Dreamers and Changemakers* learning about David Attenborough. The speeches that the children recorded were a real highlight. The use of emotive language and their passion to protect the environment was fantastic!

In **Year 3**, they have been learning about *Gods and Mortals*. Last week they produced some lovely fact files based on different Greek Gods. **Year 4** have been finding out about different types of teeth as part of their *Burps, Bottoms and Bile* topic. In **Year 5**, they have the fabulous topic of *Stargazers* and have been creating oraries and learning about the science behind night and day. In **Year 6**, they have started their topic - *Revolution!* learning about the life and legacy of Charles Darwin. Reading their biographies over the weekend, it is clear how hard they are trying at home. Well done!

Just a reminder that if there is anything you need, either make contact with your child's class teacher via Tapestry or Google Classroom or email or call the Office.

#### 20 Books for 2020

Well done to all the children who completed their 20 books for 2020, including **Saaiyuri** in **2P** who was the final chart I received last year. I would also like to say well done to the children who made a start but did not quite get to finish. I hope at the very least you tried a new author or genre. There will be a new reading challenge coming soon!

#### Reading Books

We are happy to continue to change reading books as we have been doing for lots of children over the last two weeks.

This weekend, Oak National Academy and the Literacy Trust have launched a new book initiative where books are made freely available for children at home...

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

**Valentino** in **2P** reads...*The Adventures of Captain Underpants* now in full colour", a novel wrote by Dav Pilkey.

Dav Pilkey created *Captain Underpants* when he was 8 years old, he was the class clown and the class artist. The main character in the story are George and Harold, they were best friends, they lived right next door to each other and they were both in the same school and class. I would like to recommend it to my School friends because it is a funny story.



## Critical Worker Provision in school

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

I have continued to receive requests for places in school. We are not in a position to welcome any more children into school at the moment. If you make a request, I will add your name to our waiting list and as things change we will look at it again but please do not assume you will be able to start straightaway.

I would also like to remind families who are bringing their children into school that it is vital they follow the National Lockdown rules outside of school hours. By not following these rules, not only are you breaking the law but you are adding additional, unnecessary risk for those staff and other children having to come in.

## PE Update

### Barnet Twin Towns Challenge

Following on from last week's newsletter... Last Monday we set off on our exciting voyage to visit Barnet's 8 twin towns. Our first stop on this mammoth journey is to Montclair, a town in the state of New Jersey, located on the East Coast of America.

Whether it's cycling with the children, clocking up your 10,000 daily steps or simply waking together as a family, we want everyone to join us in helping cover the 25,000 kilometre journey. All you need to do is 5 days of exercise a day and let your child's teacher know.

This is set up by BSPP and many schools in Barnet are joining us. Below are some ideas to help you stay active at home.

### LYG X School Games Fitness Challenges

Starting Monday (today) at 9am, London Youth Games (LYG) are launching a weekly Fitness Challenge for all London schools to get involved in to represent Barnet!

A new challenge will be released every Monday at 9am via the [LYG website](#) and social media channels. You will have until Friday at 12pm to complete the challenge and submit your score.

Complete the challenges to earn points and help Barnet climb the leaderboard. LYG will provide weekly updates, and at the end of Spring Term, the winning borough will be announced. You can share your challenge attempts with us on social media using #ThisIsLYG.

### Virtual Resources Directory

BSPP have put together a list of online resources that can help keep your children active at home. It is very important that they have movement breaks and stay fit during these times. It is proven that exercise keeps the brain motivated and helps with concentration. It will also help with their mental wellbeing. I know I always feel better within myself after exercising.

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

Healthy body, healthy mind.

Miss Pierides

# Numbots

## Times Tables Rockstars

### Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Lewis, 2P Aarav, 1C Daniel, 1K Kames, 1K Isaiah, 1K Leila, 1K Maxim, 1C Max, 1K Myfanwy, 1C Isla, Willow	Deanno, 1K Lucas, 1C Deanne, 3P Freya, 1C Philip, 2P Kasjan, 1K Valentina, 2P Alex, Oak Lorenzo, Willow Jessie, 1K	Deanno, 1K Deanne, 3P Lucas, 1C Philip, 2P Freya, 1C Kasjan, 1K Valentina, 2P Jessie, 1K Fausto, 3P Panayis, 1K

It was lovely to see so many children from Reception log in now they have their details.



We are still 15th overall in the nearby school's leaderboard.

#### Overall School Leaderboard

1. Louis, 6D
2. Rida, 6D
3. Milan, 5B
4. Abi, 6D
5. Myren, 5B

Most improved accuracy in the last 7 days	Most improved speed in the Studio in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins in the last 7 days
Kyra, 5F Naomi, 2P Sam BH, 2K Elijah, 3D Kiaan, 5F Leo, 6D Valentina, 2P Ben, 2K Isla, 2K Alfie, 3P	George, 3P Daniyal, 3P Mouhit, 2P Ipek, 2P  (Not that many people have been playing in the studio this week)	Khloe, 3P Daniyal, 3P Milam 5B Isla, 3P Issa, 3D Maria, 5F Zack, 3D Dexter, 3P Daania, 6LD Mouhit, 2P	Khloe, 3P Daniyal, 3P Dexter, 3P Milan, 5B Isla, 3P Mouhit, 2P Ellie, 3P Saaiyuri, 2P Isabella, 3D Costandinos, 3P

