



Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2021

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Thank you for all your continued hard work at home. I know that this time around remote learning feels different, but please do not worry about your child 'falling behind' or working hard but not getting everything finished. We all want the best for our children and it is important that they are doing work and engaging with what we are setting, but please remember just to do the best that you can. We think you are doing an amazing job!

We will continue to try and be as flexible as we can to enable you to fit school work around your other commitments. This situation is tough for everyone and everyone's circumstances are different, but what we are all doing has to be sustainable because of the uncertainty of how long it may last. With a view to making sure we are doing all we can, if you would like to take part in a quick survey click on this link: <https://forms.gle/iDb9LFQDtDzuVyt9>



In Reception I have loved seeing their story maps and retelling of Little Red Riding Hood. I have included **Eden's** which was so creative! We were so impressed with how hard they had tried to include the words that Miss Cooper had used in her video in their own retelling. This week's home learning tasks are very exciting...I wonder if they can spot the clues in the newsletter?



In Year 1 there has been some great science work happening sorting and classifying different types of animals. There was also an art challenge to make an aquarium. There were lots of lovely ones to choose from but here are **Francesca's** and **Julia's**.



Year 2 have been learning about Amelia Earhart and her adventures. I know they have been working hard on their diary entries but there was a fun task set on Friday to make and fly your own paper aeroplane. The children who were in school took part in this and turned it into a competition. **Isla** was the winner! Congratulations!





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Year 3 took part in a special workshop organised by the Wallace Collection where we were hoping they would have been able to visit when we booked it months ago! However the Wallace Collection were resourceful and designed a virtual workshop that everyone was able to take part in. The children were fantastic and I am glad so many of them enjoyed it! They have also been doing some great drama followed up with some lovely writing about Perseus and Andromeda. I really enjoyed the videos that were uploaded to show the story being retold! Well done to [Georgia](#), [Lily](#), [Emily](#), [Mylo](#), [Isla-Rae](#) and everyone else who turned in a video.

Year 4 have been creating storyboards about the journey of a piece of food through the digestive system. Well done to [Alexa](#), [Edward](#) and [Beau](#) for their entertaining work!

Year 5 have been focusing on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) element of their StarGazers topic, making rockets. They have also been learning about the phases of the moon and have started their moon diaries.

In Year 6 they are learning about influential Victorians. This week one of these people was Emmeline Pankhurst. The results of their 'portrait' challenge were fantastic... It was hard but I picked three that I really liked. Well done to [Rachel](#), [Valentina](#) and [Jess](#).



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.

Books to support learning from home can be ordered using Barnet Libraries [Select and Collect](#) Service. Families who are unable to collect resources from a library may be eligible for delivery from the [Home Library Service](#). Please call 0208 359 3901 to speak to staff at the Home Library service. You can access [online encyclopaedias](#) and other homework resources and if you need help with homework you can also contact our [Library Information Enquiries Service](#). Large collections of children's eBooks are available on our [Overdrive eBook](#) platform and eAudiobooks from [BorrowBox](#). Comics including publications by Disney and Marvel are also available from [RB Digital](#). Our [online events programme](#) on YouTube includes rhyme times and storytimes, children's craft activities, games and puzzles. Children can learn basic coding skills at our first STEM Club activity for children aged 8+, [Micro:bit Coding and Emotions Badge Activity](#). Children can borrow a micro:bit via our Select and Collect service or create an emotions badge on a computer or device at home. If you aren't already a library member, you can [join online](#). This will enable you to use all our services.

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/>



Critical Worker Provision in school

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

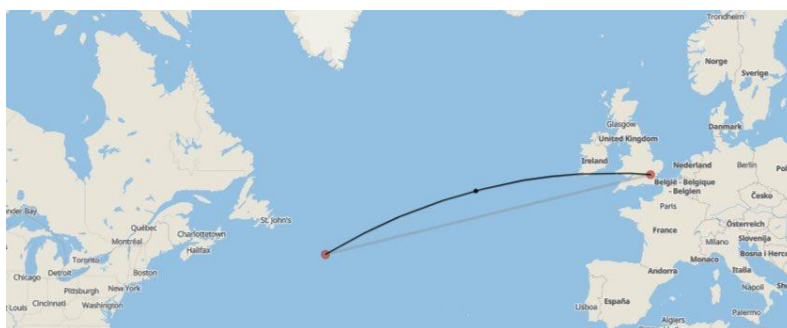
We have continued to receive requests for places in school. **We are not in a position to welcome any more children into school at the moment.** If you make a request, your name will be added to our waiting list and as things change we will look at it again but please do not assume you will be able to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



PE Update

Barnet Twin Towns Challenge

Our journey to our first twin town, Montclair, New Jersey has begun and we have travelled 2,324 miles towards it. Well done to the children that completed 5 days or more exercise during the week and have let their teacher know. How far can we travel this week? Keep moving and active!



LYG X School Games Fitness Challenges

Last week's LYG Challenge was to complete as many speed bounces as you can in 30 seconds. Well done to all the children that submitted their scores to represent Barnet. Barnet are 12 after the first challenge out of 33 London boroughs.

Check out this week's challenge on their website and help Barnet climb up the leaderboard.

<https://www.londonyouthgames.org/virtual-games/lyg-school-games-fitness-challenges/>

You need to submit your scores online before 12pm noon on Friday.

Virtual Resources Directory

BSPP have updated their list of online resources that can help keep your children active at home. It contains useful links of ways in which you can motivate your children to stay active throughout lockdown, as well as a **new section on healthy eating**. 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
Abdullah, 2P Joshi, 1C Daniel, 1K Freya, 1C Lorenzo, Willow Persia, Oak Krish, Willow Isaiah, 1K Tino, 1K Zavi, Willow	Deanno, 1K Inaaya, 1C Valentina, 2P Nikin, Willow Aisha, Willow Lucas, 1C Jessie, 1C Shivay, 1C Philip, 2P Krish, Willow	Deanno, 1K Inaaya, 1C Aisha, Willow Valentina, 2P Nikin, Willow Jessie, 1K Isaiah, 1K Lucas, 1C Shivay, 1C Tino, 1C



We have crept up one space on the nearby schools leaderboard...to 14th!

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
Lillya, 2K Abdullah, 2P Leo, 6D Ben, 2K Kyra, 5F Khalil, 5B SofiA, 2P Lily-Rose, 5B Alexa, 4SH Isla Rae, 3D	Mylo, 3D Yusuf, 5F Gabi, 5F Mouhit, 2P Ipek, 2P Kerem, 6D Jasperm 5F Alex Y, 5B Khalil, 5B Isabella, 3D	Khloe, 3P Daniyal, 3P Zack, 3D Cos, 3P Issa, 3D Dexter, 3D Ethan, 3P Elijah, 3D Daania, 6LD Amiya, 3D	Khloe, 3P Daniyal, 3P Cos, 3P Zack, 3D Ethan, 3P Elijah, 3D Dexter, 3P Amiya, 3D Issa, 3D Shrina, 3D

