



Monkfrith School

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I spent a lot of time this weekend thinking about last year. Saturday was the year anniversary of the first time schools were told to close (for most pupils) and the start of the strangest and most challenging of years.

I am amazed by how resilient and resolute the children have been during this time. That is not to say that they are not finding things hard or missing things, but they are also getting on with it and doing their best. When I pop into classrooms, they are engaged and enthusiastic and on the playground they are full of life and happy to be with their friends. I know many of them are tired and in need of a break - a genuine rest (without home learning)...not long to go!

We break up on Wednesday 31st March at 2pm (there is no after school club that day). Attached to this newsletter you will also find information about some of the holiday provision Barnet Council is making for Easter. Schools are still required to support Test and Trace over the holidays, so if your child test positive for coronavirus, please email the school.

This week I am sharing some photos of **Year 5** who are learning about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation this half term. The value that they are exploring is cooperation. Mr Batchelor and Mr Filby combined these two subjects by making clay bricks in groups to build a pyramids. Some were more successful than others, but they all learnt them importance of teamwork.



There have also been some more World Book Day displays going up around school. **Year 1** focused on the landscape of the polar regions.. **Year 2** used a text related to mountains and explorers.

I also have some sad news. Miss Cowan will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has worked at Monkfrith for over 10 years but the time has come to move on. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best!



Covid and Absence

What are the symptoms of Covid?

The NHS website states that the main symptoms remain:

- A temperature (hot to the touch, over 37.8°C)
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change in taste or smell

If you are in any doubt or concerned about whether to get a test, the advice is to call 111.

If my child, or someone in my household develops symptoms, what should I do?

Your child should not come to school. Keep them at home and book a test. These are very easy to book now so, please avoid the home test kits, as this adds a delay to getting the result. **Everyone** in your household should isolate until you receive the result. **If you have another child at school, they should not be sent in.**

If the test is negative, you can stop your period of isolation and your child can return to school.

If the test is positive, you must inform us straight away so we can identify contacts and ask them to isolate. Please email the Office (even at the weekends). You must then engage with NHS Test and Trace and follow their advice in relation to isolation. We will provide work for your child during this time.

Asymptomatic Testing for Parents and Grandparents

Adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Aadam, Willow Isaac, 1K Aisha, Willow Lewis, 2P Yoana, 2K Daniel, 1K Annabel, 1C Panayis, 1K Ibrohim, Willow Tommy, 2K	Tommy, 2K Josh, Oak Aisha, Willow Isaac, 1K Ibrohim, Willow Dhruv, 1C Heidi, 2P Dhevan, Oak Naomi, 2P Philip, 2P	Tommy, 2K Josh, Oak Aisha, Willow Isaac, 1K Heidi, 2P Aisha, Willow Annabel, 1C Dhruv, 1C Naomi, 2P Aren, Oak



We are 14th in the leaderboard of nearby schools.

Overall School Leaderboard

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

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
Elida, 3D Emma, 3P Brendan, 5F Joseph, 3D Olivia, 3P Jemima, 2P Elijah, 3D Georgia, 3P Theodore, 3D Ozan, 5F	Mylo, 3D Micah, 3D Maya, 3D Kaya Y, 3D Ipek, 2P Elijah, 3D Jaiden, 2P Zack, 3D Issa, 3D Khloe, 3P	Khloe, 3P Daniyal, 3P Issa, 3D Shrina, 3D Jaheim, 3P Nina, 2P Zack, 3D Deanne, 3P Nayan, 3D Lily-May, 3P	Khloe, 3P Daniyal, 3P Jaheim, 3P Nina, 2K Shrina, 3D Deanne, 3P Lily-May, 3P Issa, 3D Savira, 3P Kacper, 4SL

