



Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2021

Newsletter 12

Just a short week this week and so there is a short newsletter to match! As you know we break up on Wednesday at 2pm. There will be no homework set this holiday. We all feel that it is important that the children have a rest and make the most of the changes to the restrictions over the break.

Year 2 are dressing up today as part of their Dreamers and Changemakers topic. It was lovely to see them take part in their Inspirational People 'catwalk' and then share their person with each other. I have included some photos taken this morning, including Steve Irwin (Mr Powell) and Greta Thunberg (Miss Kontos!).

Uniform

We have been, and will continue to be, flexible about uniform and shoes because of the current situation. However I would just like to remind everyone that nail varnish and jewellery are not acceptable. Hair should also be tied back properly (not half up, half down).

Support for wellbeing

We have seen that over the last few weeks, some children are starting to feel the intensity and pressure of the last 12 months. There are some great resources to support parents from Young Minds which you can find [here](#).

There are also some helpful ideas for parents who have children transitioning to secondary school from the Anna Freud Centre which you can access [here](#).

Year 3's topic this half term has been Flow. They have written some fantastic stories about the journey of a river, and as you may have seen from the state of their uniforms' last week, the children have also made salt dough rivers.



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	Kaya, 1C Maryam, 1K Panayis, 1K Aadam, Willow Ruby, 2P Aisha, Willow Daniel, 1K Florence, Willow Philip, 1C Annabel, 1C	Isla, 2K Lucy, 2K Ayaan, 1K Emma, 1K Eesan, 1K Heidi, 2P Annabel, 1C Philip, 2P Tommy, 2K Deanno, 1K



We are now 13th!
The excitement.....

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
Michael, 3D Alicia, 3P Ted, 6LD Alfie, 3P Emily, 2P Valentina, 6D Diya, 6D Valentina, 2P Dexter, 3P Luka, 6D	Georgia, 3P Kaya Y, 3D Mylo, 3D Costandinos, 3P Micah, 3D Theodore, 3D Deanne, 3P Zack, 3D Poppy, 6D Aryan, 6D	Khloe, 3P Tiahn, 6D Abi, 6LD Jaheim, 3P Deanne, 3P Elena, 6D Christiana, 3D Ece, 6D Theodore, 3D Daniyal, 3P	Khloe, 3P Tiahn, 6D Jaheim, 3P Elena, 6D Abi, 6LD Deanne, 3P Ece, 6D Daania, 6LD Nina, 2K Christiana, 3D



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.