



Monkfrith School

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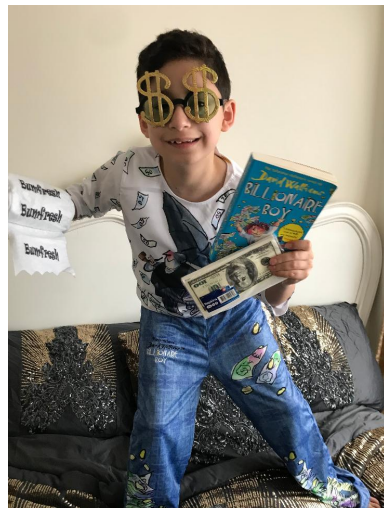


It was so lovely to see so many smiling faces this morning at the gate. I have been around to all the classrooms before sitting down to write this and I felt so proud of how resilient and positive the children were.

When you pick up today please remember to use the correct entrances, line up in the correct places and to wear a face covering. It is so important that we do everything we can to keep children in school.

World Book Day

It was fun to celebrate World Book Day. As you know we focused on the link between geography and books. All the work that the children did will be going towards a display, photos of which I shall share next week. In the meantime here are some of the photos of children who chose to share a book they like by dressing up...can you work out who they are?



Covid and Absence

There are no changes to what you should do if your child or someone in your household develops symptoms. The information below is just a reminder:

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 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.

Monkfrith reads...

Alessia in Year 3 reads...Evie and the animals by Matt Haig

Matt Haig is an author who writes non-fiction books. For example Evie and the animals is one of his most famous books. There was a young girl named Evie

and here mum died when she was really young. Evie had a secret power that they called The Talent. The Talent is a special power where she could read animals minds and she could communicate with animals, but she didn't have to even talk, she just had to use her mind. Now, you would have thought what could go wrong in the book but there was a bad person who had the same power as Evie. The man had more power than Evie.

The bad man was called Mortimer J Mortimer. If you like jungles, books about animals, like mysteries and like adventures you should read this book.

If I could talk to one animal it would be a tiger because if it tried to eat anyone I could stop it by using my mind. What animal would you talk to if you had the same power as Evie?

Thank you Alessia! I have not read this book but I do love Matt Haig's writing. I have a few book reviews for the coming weeks, but if you would like to write one, just send it in to the Office. Share a book a book you have enjoyed is a like giving a gift to someone else.



Asymptomatic Testing for Parents and Grandparents

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier last week, that all 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.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have.

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.

PE update

Barnet Twin Towns Challenge

⚠ BREAKING NEWS ⚠

Collectively Barnet Sport returned home to Barnet last Thursday, following the Barnet Twin Towns challenge. The epic journey, which started back on the 11th January saw us visit our twin towns. In total we travelled 15300 miles in 53 days straight, through 25 countries in 4 continents to achieve this.

The final week's journey

Last week we headed back across the Mediterranean Sea and we travelled northwest through Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Czech Republic, before arriving in Tempelhof, Germany, a district located in the capital Berlin. This section covered 1,531 miles. Staying in Germany we travelled a further 249 miles southwest to our sixth twin town Siegen-Wittgenstein, Germany.

Next, we headed to France and our remaining two twin towns, both of which happened to be in the suburbs of Paris. After leaving Siegen-Wittgenstein, we continued our journey southwest, through Belgium and 286 miles later arrived in Le Raincy, France, our seventh twin town. No sooner had we arrived and we were off again, just 16 miles through the centre of Paris to our eighth and final twin town of Chaville, France. This was our last destination.

A massive well done to all the children completing 5 or more days exercise a week to help us complete the journey. We hope you enjoyed hearing about all the places we visited. Monkfrith helped contribute a further 723 miles last week (KS2=565 miles & KS1=158 miles). Overall, we have contributed 3061 miles towards the Barnet Twin Towns Challenge.

Please download your child's certificate, if they helped contribute to the achievement.

LYG X School Games Fitness Challenges

Last week the LYG Challenge was to complete as many Ski Jumps as you can in 30 seconds. Well done to all the children that submitted their scores to represent Barnet. Barnet have unfortunately dropped to 12th place out of 33 London boroughs.

Even though we are back at school the challenges will continue. Check out this week's Step Ups Challenge on their website and help Barnet climb back 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 is continuously updating their list of online resources that can help keep your children motivated and active at home as well as a section on healthy eating. Even though they are back in school, it is as important as ever to keep active, as exercise keeps the brain motivated and helps with concentration. The latest resources listed on the document are marked 'New'.

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
Panayis, 1K Aadam, Willow Nikolay, Willow Aisha, Willow Zoe, 1K Harry, 1K Annabel, 1C Daniel, 1K Isla, 2K Isla, Willow	Heidi, 2P Philip, 2P Jaiden, 2P Philip, 1C Aisha, Willow Annabel, 1C Ben, 2K Lilian, 1C Kaya, 1C Deanno, 1K	Heidi, 2P Philip, 2P Philip, 1C Jaiden, 2P Ben, 2K Aisha, Willow Annabel, 1C Deanno, 1K Kaya, 1C Lilian, 1C



We remain in 15th compared to 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
Emi, 2K Charlotte, 5F Alfie, 4SH Lillya, 2K Jasmin, 3P Jaidon, 6LD Eefah, 6LD Irmak, 6D Tom, 6D Mylo, 3D	Isla, 3P Kacper, 4SL Issa, 3D Maya, 3D Dexter, 3P Matilde, 3P Eiliyah, 6LD Shriya, 6LD Khloe, 3P Luca, 4SH	Khloe, 3P Roksana, 6D Jaheim, 3P Isla, 3P Daniyal, 3P Abi, 6LD Joseph, 3D Mehr, 6LD Issa, 3D Dexter, 3P	Roksana, 6D Khloe, 3P Jaheim, 3P Kai, 3P Dexter, 3P Daniyal, 3P Joseph, 3D Angelina, 6D Isla, 3P Nina, 2K

