



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2021

Newsletter 4

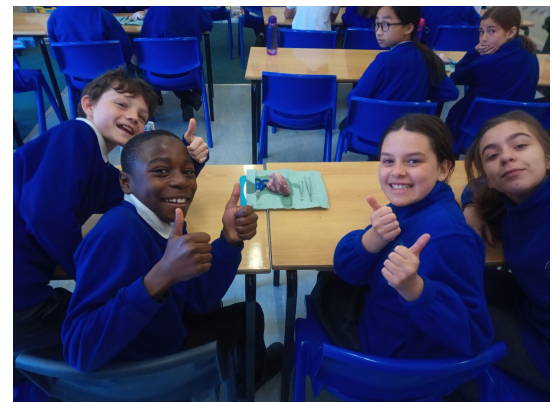
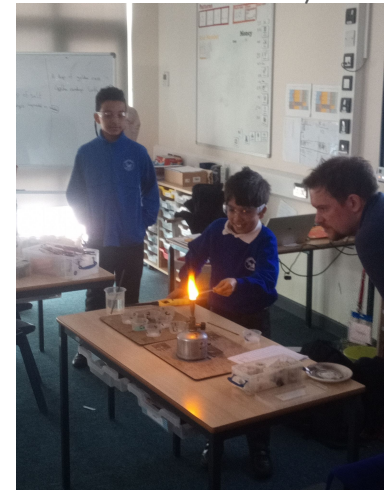


I know that last week was a little disruptive so I am glad we are back to a relatively normal week this week. In a 'usual' school this year, this week would be Year 6 SATs week and would start a period of statutory assessment, including end of Key Stage 1 SATs, the Year 1 phonics screening check and the Year 4 multiplication screening check. Quite rightly the government took the decision in November that these would be cancelled this year because of the disruption. We do however, continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum...

In **Year 5 and 6** took part in a science workshop on Wednesday. In **Year 5**, they were able to take part in observing chemical reactions as part of their Alchemy Island learning theme. In **Year 6**, they are studying the heart and they had the opportunity to dissect a lamb's heart. The person who ran the workshop was very complimentary about the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children.

In **Year 4** they have been learning about colour mixing in the style of Kandinsky as well as learning how sound travels through the ear, while **Year 3** were using their geographical skills to locate volcanoes on a map and thinking about their PSHE theme for this half term: bravery.

In **Year 2**, they have been finding out about the impact of deforestation on animals in the rainforest (I am sure parents have heard the story of Slowella the Sloth!). **Year 1** were working hard creating sketches of London landmarks on Friday and **Reception** have been busy using their measuring skills at their shoe shop!



Governor update

I'm delighted to say that Governors have begun visits to the school again after a year of communicating with the school from a distance and conducting all governor business via Zoom. Video conferencing has been great in enabling us to discuss strategic issues relating to the health, safety, education and welfare of the children but it's been frustrating not being able to see the school in action and how the children have settled back into school. However, in the past few weeks Governors have been back in for health and safety walk arounds, to discuss the school finances & strategic priorities and to see pupils and staff at work.

On Friday, I had the pleasure of visiting the school for the first time since last March. Both pupils and staff were so enthusiastic to be back to work. I managed to pop into most classes and the children were really excited to tell me about the hearts they had been dissecting in Y6, the sloth pictures they were making in Y2, the abstract art they were creating in year 4 and the phonics they were learning in reception. It was also useful to catch up with staff to discuss what areas of development they were focusing on and to hear their opinions on how resilient the children were and how they had settled back into school life.

Being a governor is a really great opportunity to see how the school works and also to help shape the future direction of Monkfrith. As parents, we often only know what is happening in our child's year group. We don't get to see the bigger picture of how educational opportunities are planned for, how pupils' needs are assessed and catered for, how staff are trained and developed to ensure they deliver a strong educational experience for Monkfrith's pupils.

At the end of the month two parent governor positions will become available on the governing body. The term of office for a governor is four years. You don't need to have prior experience of being a governor or of education, you just need to have a keen interest in the strategic development of the school, feel confident in expressing your views and have the time to commit to some evening meetings and school visits.

Nomination forms will be sent out before half term so keep a look out. It's an incredibly rewarding role and our friendly team of governors look forward to supporting new joiners to the board. If you'd like to talk to a serving parent governor to get more of a feel for the role please email governors@monkfrithschool.co.uk and we can put you in touch.

Thanks, Simone

Simone Roberts, Chair of Governors





The Big Ask

You may have seen that Rachel de Souza has recently been appointed as the new Children's Commissioner. She is starting her tenure by carrying out the largest ever survey of children's views across the UK. Your child can get involved via this link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Parking

Over the last few weeks we have received complaints from local residents who have had issues with parking in and around school at the start and end of the day. One resident was particularly upset as a parent had parked across their drive, meaning they were unable to leave their house and then when asked to move, became aggressive.

If you have to drive to collect your children, please be respectful of our local community.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

This week you will receive a letter from me about bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club. We are having to make a change to the system as the current one is not working effectively or efficiently for many parents or for our school staff..

We are very hopeful that this is the last change that we will need to make.

Barnet Partnership for School Sports

Alongside the newsletter, we are sending out the first newsletter from BPSS. It includes ideas and information about how to encourage your children to get involved in staying active. If you take up any of the offers and would like us to celebrate it in the newsletter, just send an email to the Office.



The Barnet Autism Advisory Team are very pleased to welcome:

Guest Speaker: Kieron Rose, Autistic Advocate

Kieron will be speaking about autistic identity for our first seminar this term. Kieron is a Published Author and International Public Speaker, and is parent to three children, two of whom are diagnosed Autistic. Parent/carers and professionals are welcome. Priority for questions will be given to parents/carers. Find more information about Kieron on www.theautisticadvocate.com

Where: online on Zoom

When: 6.30pm to 8.00pm, 25 May 2021

The course is free, but it is essential that parents/carers register

Please use this [link](#) to register

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Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Daniel, 1K Zoe, 1K Joshi, 1C Natalia, 1C Heidi, 2P Emily, 2P Aadam, Willow Deanno, 1K Kaya, 1C Philip, 2P	Joshi, 1C Ruby, 2P Esma Ceyda, 1K Philip, 2P Deanno, 1K Naomi, 2P Emily, 2P Ayaan, 1K Ibrohim, Willow Isaiah, 1K	Joshi, 1C Ruby, 2P Esma Ceyda, 1K Deanno, 1K Philip, 2P Naomi, 2P Emily, 2P Ayaan, 1K Zoe, 1K Kaya, 1C

I know lots of children have been working hard practising their number skills on Numbots and TTRS. As always, the children who are included in the leaderboard are the children who have made progress from their starting points over the last 7 days in accuracy, speed or through effort.



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
Zia, 4SL Khalil, 5B Kerem, 6D Kaya Y, 3D Emily, 2P Lillya, 2K Dexter, 3P Ben, 2K Erisa, 3D Shrina, 3D	Micah, 3D Costandinos, 3P Deanne, 3P Abi, 6LD (not many children have been playing in the studio this week)	Christiana, 3D Kacper, 4SL Kaya Y, 3D Deanne, 3P Adam, 3P Abi, 6LD Theodore, 3D Jaheim, 3P Elijah, 3D Khloe, 3P	Christiana, 3D Kacper, 4SL Deanne, 3P Adam, 3P Jaheim, 3P Theodore, 3D Elijah, 3D Nina, 2K Khloe, 3P Ross, 2K



Term Dates Summer 2021

May

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday. School closed.

Wednesday 5th May - Year 5 and 6 Science Workshop

Thursday 6th May - Polling Day. School closed.

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Half Term

June

Monday 7th June - INSET Day

Friday 11th June - Class Photo Day

Monday 14th June - Friday 18th June - Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 21st June to Friday 25th June - Sports Week. During this week children can wear sports clothes and trainers to school everyday.

July

Friday 2nd July - INSET Day

Thursday 8th July - Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm

Friday 23rd July - Last Day of Term 2pm finish.

September 2021

Wednesday 1st September - INSET Day

Thursday 2nd September - Children back to school

There are still more dates to be finalised over the next few weeks as the restrictions on schools start to lift.

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.