

Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2021

Newsletter 3



Last week flew by and I imagine this week will be no different.

In **Reception** they continued their learning about life cycles and went on a mini trip...well they got as far as the pond in the KS2 playground to do some pond-dipping! Miss Cooper and Ms Czuprynska are really proud of how hard the children are trying to use all the new vocabulary they are learning.



In **Year 1** they learnt about different London landmarks. We had a Governor come and visit on Wednesday and he was very impressed by the way the children were able to talk in detail about Buckingham Palace! If you have a child in Year 1 and you don't already know how many bathrooms there are, just ask!

In **Year 2** they have been doing some fabulous writing in character about the layers of the rainforest. Mr Powell and Miss Kontos have been pleased by much effort they have put into their work.



In **Year 3**, they have been finding out about earthquakes. I had lunch with some of the children from 3P who were very excited to share what they had been learning.

In **Year 4** they have been learning about different types of musical instrument and exploring sound. It was quite noisy in their corridor!

We are closed for the London Mayoral Election on Thursday but open as usual on Friday.

Over the next few weeks we will be adding more dates to our Summer calendar. - please keep an eye out each week for new events.

Hair and Nail Varnish

Please ensure that hair is tied back properly and that nail varnish is removed before coming to school.

In **Year 5** they have had a very busy week. They have been exploring cut up poems and free verse poetry, creating their own metaphors about gemstones. They have also been carrying out some exciting experiments looking at different chemical reactions as you can see from the photos.

I popped down to **Year 6** on Wednesday and asked the children had been doing. When the answer came back 'making blood smoothies', there was a moment of panic before I realised they had actually learnt about the components of blood by making healthy fruit drinks. There was a mix of opinion about whether they were tasty, but Ms Davies was impressed that everyone tried them before making their decision!

In Celebration Assembly on Friday, we gave out certificates for so many different things, such as working hard in phonics, improving in maths, great teamwork, showing kindness and persevering when facing a challenge.



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.