



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2021

Newsletter 7



Reception had an exciting Zoom session about minibeasts last week which has inspired some lovely writing. I have been amazed at how much the children remembered about the mini beasts they saw when I have been speaking to them this week!



Year 1 have been learning about the differences between London and Kuala Lumpur, writing letters to Marley the Meerkat to explain what they have found out.



Year 2 have been planning their own Just-So-Inspired-Stories. Their ideas have been really creative and Mr Powell and Ms Kontos are really looking forward to seeing their stories this week!

Year 3 were having lots of fun with paper mache on Friday afternoon as they began to create their model volcanoes. There will be more photos to follow next week...

In **Year 4** I have been really impressed with the children's writing this week. They are writing stories inspired by a video clip. They have also begun making their musical instruments.

Year 5 have been working on their computer coding this week as part of their Alchemy Island topic. On Friday morning (together with **Year 6**) they took part in a Zoom session about road safety skills. They were shown how to be a safe independent traveller, the risks of distractions such as phones and friends and how to keep themselves and their friends safe,

Year 6 have also been busy writing their own narratives based on the short film, Alma. I am really looking forward to reading them when they are finished later this week.

Last week we had a meeting of the Pupil Progress and Welfare Committee. As usual, the committee asked some excellent challenging questions about a range of areas of school life. It has been hard for Governors to visit school this year so they also listened to some short videos of the children talking about their learning. Thank you to the children who helped me with this!

Monday 7th June is an INSET Day. Teachers will be working on report writing while our support staff will be having training about supporting children with ADHD. We will see you at usual time on Tuesday 8th.



The Hay Festival

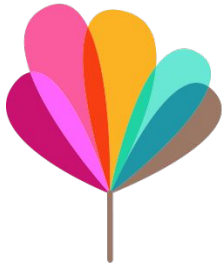
The Hay Literary Festival is being held virtually this week and they have designed some sessions for children from Year 1 to 6.

This week your child's class will be accessing a session with an author about their book.

On Monday **Year 4** will watch Jess French talk about her book Earth's Incredible Oceans. **Year 5** will be joining Matt Lucas to hear him talk about his book, My Very Very Very Very Very very Very Silly Book of Pranks.

On Wednesday **Year 1** will see Simon Mole talk about his book I Love My Bike and I am extremely jealous of **Year 6** who will hear the fabulous Adam Kay talk about his book, Kay's Anatomy.

On Thursday **Year 2** will watch Michael Holland talk about his book I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast, while **Year 3** will hear from Alex Wharton and Katy Riddell about their book Daydreams and Jellybeans.



After half term, I hope there will be some photos to share of sessions.

HAY FESTIVAL HAY-ON-WYE

Opportunities to get more involved...

The Governing Body

Becoming involved in the Governing Body is an opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of the children who attend Monkfrith.

On Friday you received a form to explain how you could stand for election. Please send in any completed forms by 8th June 2021.

FOMS

This week we have a planning session for FOMS Trustees.

The AGM will be held (via Zoom) on Thursday 10th June at 7.30pm. The link will be sent out the week of the meeting. It will be approximately 30 minutes and everyone is welcome.

Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

The FOMS Committee have done a great job, despite all the restrictions and challenges of the last 12 months. We are hoping to have a more 'normal' year in 2021/2. If you would like to get more involved you can go to:

<http://www.facebook.com/friendsofmonkfrithschool/>

friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com



Sports' week news

We are super excited to announce that on the 21st June we will be commencing our sports' week with a visit from the former GB gymnast Laura Mitchell, through the inspiring company Sports for Champions. Laura Mitchell will be running a sponsored fitness circuit for all classes and ending the morning with an inspirational online assembly.

Sports For Champions UK (CIC) works in partnership with pro athletes and Team GB Olympians to educate, enable, and empower youth across Europe. In doing so, they help them overcome financial challenges that are observed by many of the world's best athletic talents.

Your child will come home with a sponsorship form today to raise money. 60% of the money raised will be for Monkfrith school and 40% of the money will be used to help fund athletes linked to the company.

We intend to use the money raised to invest in non-fiction sports books for our children.

There will be prizes for children that raise over £5.

Raise between £5 - £14.99 = Bronze award – receive a signed postcard photo of Laura Mitchell

Raise between £15 - £34.99 = Silver award - receive a signed poster of Laura Mitchell

Raise between £35 or more = Gold award – receive an autographed instant photo of themselves (or group of siblings) and Laura Mitchell presented in a keep sake wallet.

The deadline for the sponsor forms and money raised is Friday 11th June 2021.

Links that might interest you:

<https://www.sportsforchampions.com/>

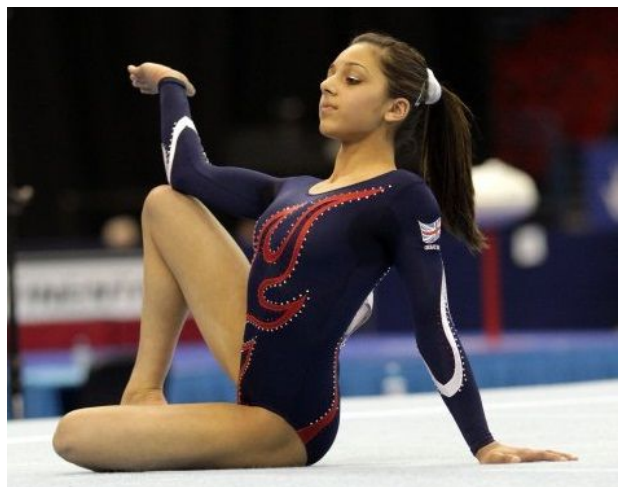
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxGVenW3fGE>

Laura performing a floor routine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06HLXPdx8k>

Laura performing a beam routine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qeyl4GZ0kA>

Laura performing a bar routine: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTLeoF5uN_4

Miss Pierides





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/>

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Just a reminder that you can only book Breakfast Club and After School Club by emailing your request to asc@monkfrithschool.co.uk. Payments will still be made via Arbor.

The Barnet Autism Advisory Team are very pleased to welcome:

Guest Speaker: Kieron Rose, Autistic Advocate

Kieran will be speaking about autistic identity for our first seminar this term. Kieran 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 Kieran 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

Year 5 and 6 Parents

The Specialist Inclusion Services are running a virtual Transition morning, via zoom, for the parents/carers of Years 5 & 6 pupils with additional needs transferring to a mainstream school in 2021/2022.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about a child's journey into a secondary setting. We will be welcoming every parent/carer and attempt to respond to any questions they may have. There will be a group of additional professionals from a variety of services such as BICS, SEN assessment & placement team, SENDIASS and LO, interacting with the attendees.

To book parents/carers will need to follow the instructions on the flyer.



Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Isla, 2K Louis, 1C Zoe, 1K Dhevan, Oak Nick, 2P Alexander, 1C Aadam, Willow Ella, Oak Yoana, 2K Joshi, 1C	Philip, 2P Ruby, 2P Jessie, 1K Emily, 2P Lucy, 2K Joshi, 1C Kaya, 1C Nick, 2P Louis, 1C Alexander, 1C	Jessie, 1K Philip, 2P Ruby, 2P Emily, 2P Nick, 2P Lucy, 2K Alexander, 1C Kaya, 1C Joshi, 1C Louis, 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
Oscar, 2K Libby, 2K Artemis, 2K Kerem, 6D Abdullah, 2P Olivia, 6LD Alex, 4SL Evie, 4SL Andreas, 4SL Astrid, 2K	Kai, 3P Rosa, 5F Shrina, 3D Dillon, 6D	Kacper, 4SL Angelina, 6D Christiana, 3D Daania, 6LD Tiahn, 6D Abi, 6LD Poshia, 6LD Phil, 6D Elena, 6D Theodore, 3D	Kacper, 4SL Christiana, 3D Angelina, 6D Tiahn, 6D Daania, 6LD Poshia, 6LD Phil, 6D Elena, 6D Satyana, 2K Jaheim, 3P



Term Dates Summer 2021

May

Monday 17th May - Reception Minibeast Virtual Workshop

Friday 21st May - Year 5 and 6 CSI Virtual Workshop

Monday 24th May - Year 2 Virtual Rainforest Workshop

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

October 2021

Friday 22nd October - INSET Day

Monday 25th October - Monday 29th October - Half Term

December 2021

Friday 17th December - Last Day of Term 2pm finish.

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