



# Monkfrith School

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#### Parent Governor Elections

We had quite a bit of interest in the role of Parent Governor and so we will be holding an election. Today each family will receive two voting slips (one for each parent/registered primary contact) and the candidates supporting statement.

You should vote for two candidates.

Return your completed votes to the Office by 3.30pm on Monday 21st June.

#### Year 6

A big part of this half term is giving Year 6 the best goodbye we can. This year we are intending to put on a show (well two!) as well as having a leavers assembly on the last day, followed by the disco in the evening. Look at the dates section at the end of the newsletter.

We would also like to invite Year 6 to a school sleepover on Friday 16th July. There will be more details in the coming weeks but put the date in your diary and get the sleeping bags ready!

#### Reception's Teddy Bears Picnic

Here are some of the photos from Reception's picnic on Friday. They have had a lovely time this week outside building dens finishing up with their Teddy Bears' picnic.



#### Covid and School

We are starting to think about some local school trips in the remaining few weeks but really focusing on a more normal school year in September in relation to trips, visitors and having whole school events. It is important that we prioritise the safety of our school community, as we have tried to do since February 2020 and follow Government guidelines.

We would still ask that parents wear face coverings at pick up and drop off where social distancing is not possible.

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This half term each class has started their new learning theme. In **Year 1**, they are learning about the Enchanted Woodland. The focus this week was on types of trees, so hopefully they should be starting to know the differences between deciduous and evergreen!

In **Year 2**, they have been planting their sunflower seeds as part of their topic, Scented Garden. They have also been writing plant fact files.

In **Year 3** their topic is called Mighty Metals. They will be learning about forces and reading the classic children's text, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

In **Year 4** started their topic, The Blue Abyss with a virtual tour of the National Maritime Aquarium in Plymouth. They have also been learning about the layers of the ocean. This half term, their class text is the fabulous and thought-provoking, Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo.



In **Year 5** their topic is called Allotment. They have been dissecting flowers and learning about the different parts. The children have also set up some growing investigations to explore the conditions in which plants grow best.

In **Year 6**, they have begun a new topic for us, Maafa. This week they have been learning about the ancient Benin Kingdom of Africa. They have also started their new whole class reading text, Freedom 1783 by Catherine Johnson.



## A message from Barnet Council about the Local Offer

We would like to hear feedback from children, young people, parents and carers, and professionals about our Local Offer: what we are doing well, and what we could improve.

The feedback from our consultation survey will be published on the Local Offer website and will be used to continue to develop the Local Offer website and our local services.

### How do I give my feedback and complete the survey?

You can complete the consultation survey using the following link: [Consultation Survey Link](#)

### When does the survey close?

This survey will close on **Wednesday 30 June 2021**

## Social Media

We have had a few issues between children in relation to their use of social media and Whatsapp outside of school.

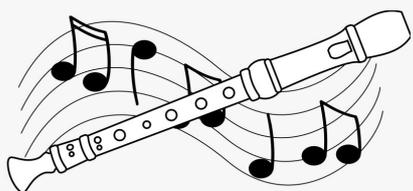
Please can I ask that if you allow your child to be part of social media groups, that you check in on what they are messaging. These group conversations escalate quickly and children end up writing things that are unkind or inappropriate without always realising the impact. If they knew an adult were checking what they were writing, a lot of the problems would not occur.



## Instrumental Lessons

If your child would like to continue (or start) learning an instrument in September, please visit <https://beatrust.org.uk/>

From September we are also hoping to restart group recorder lessons for children in Year 2 or above. If your child would be interested in learning the recorder as part of group, please let the Office know by the 28th June.



## FOMS AGM

Thank you to those of you who took time to attend the AGM on Thursday. It was a really positive meeting not only reflecting on the previous financial year but also starting to think ahead.

### Dates:

Friday 9th July - Non Uniform Day (bring a £1)

Friday 24th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 13th October - New(ish) Parent Welcome Evening 7pm - 9pm

Friday 12th November - Quiz Night 7.30pm

Monday 22nd November - Happy Bags Collection

Attached to the newsletter this week is some information about how you help support FOMS through your employer. Friends Of Monkfrith School, Registered Charity Number: 1146032

## Term Dates Summer 2021 and beyond

### June

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

Wednesday - 16th June - Personnel Committee Meeting 7pm

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 9th July - FOMS Non Uniform Day £1

Friday 16th July - Reports to be sent out to parents

Friday 16th July - Year 6 School Sleepover

Tuesday 20th July - Year 6D Show 9.30am (depending on restrictions)

Wednesday 21st July - Year 6LD Show - 9.30am (depending on restrictions)

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

Friday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers Disco 7pm - 9pm

### September 2021

Wednesday 1st September - INSET Day

Thursday 2nd September - Children back to school

### October 2021

Wednesday 29th September - 1st October - Provisional dates for Year 6 to Kingswood

Wednesday 6th October - 8th October - Provisional dates for Year 5 to Kingswood

Week commencing 18th October - Parent Consultations

Friday 22nd October - INSET Day

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

### December 2021

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

Friday 12th November - Quiz Night! 7.30pm

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