



# Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2021

## Newsletter 5

One of the privileges of working at Monkfrith is seeing how enthusiastic and motivated the children are as I walk around school. **Oak** and **Willow** classes continue to adapt well to the school life. Last week they were thinking about the topic, Ourselves. This week, they begin phonics!

**Year 1** have been learning about more than, less than and equal to by using lots of practical equipment. They have also been making their own Beegus.

**Year 2** did their first piece of extended writing and really impressed Mr Powell and Ms Kontos with the way they tried to use new vocabulary.

**Year 3** were learning all about carnivorous plants last week and when I popped into **Year 4** on Friday afternoon, there was some lovely sketching of perfume bottles. The children were using shading techniques to make their drawing appear more 3 dimensional.

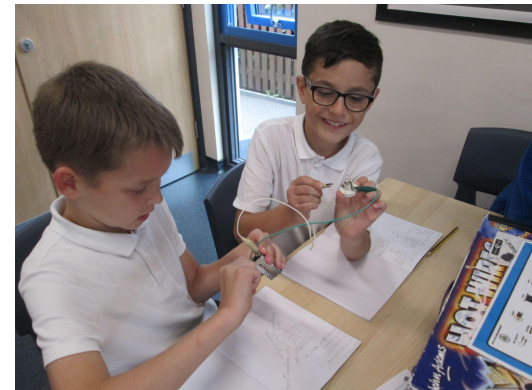


### Catering Issues

You will have seen in the media about the ongoing disruption to supply chains and seen some supermarket shelves looking slightly emptier than usual. Our catering company is experiencing the same issues and expect this is continue for the coming months. Please be aware that there may be some variations to the planned menu but they will continue to provide a choice of nutritious meals for the children at lunchtime.



**Year 5** were also sketching last week. They were closely observing mini beasts and creating detailed drawings.



**Year 6** have been learning about the influence of more famous Victorians. They have been investigating batteries and how to construct different circuits. They have also been writing about the life of Charles Dickens.

### Chess Club

I have been approached by 3 parents whose children would really like us to try and offer a chess club. We would be happy to try and find a provider for this, but we would need to have enough children to make it worthwhile. If your child is in KS2 and would be interested, please drop an email to the Office and we will see what we can do!



## FOMS

Last week we held our termly FOMS Trustees meeting. We had a discussion about how FOMS would help support the school and offer further enrichment opportunities for the children. One of the things that they have agreed to help with the purchase of is some new phonic reading books for children in Key Stage 1 which will help us refresh some of our current selection. There were lots of other things discussed - more of which in the newsletter in the next couple of weeks.

We also discussed the events that we are aiming to hold this term:

### Wednesday 13th October from 7pm - **New Reception (and Year 1) Parent Welcome**

This is an opportunity for parents whose children have just started in Reception to come into school for a glass of wine or cup of coffee and meet each other. We were not able to do this for parents who joined in 2020, so Year 1 parents are more than welcome too!

### Friday 12th November at 7.30pm - **Quiz Night**

Start thinking about putting your table together!

We are always looking for parents to get more involved with FOMS. If you feel you have some skills, time or enthusiasm to spare, just email [friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com).

### Some reminders:

Year 6 Kingswood - Wednesday 29th September to Friday 1st October

Year 5 Kingswood - Wednesday 6th October to Friday 8th October

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Application Deadline - 31st October

Whole School Individual photographs - 5th November

### Monkfrith reads...

**Inaaya** in **Year 2** is reading... *Slime* by David Walliams.

It's about a little boy called Ned who lived on the isle of Mulch that was owned by Aunt Greta and she had lots of cats. She was very mean but Ned decided to get her back by creating a slime monster that could go everywhere with him and help him solve the problems with mean people on the island.

Together they travelled across the island and made sure that some of the mean adults didn't behave badly anymore and helped the children. Ned visited Mr and Mrs Glutton. They pretended to sell ice cream to the children but kept their money and ate their ice cream instead. Slime and Ned helped the children and made sure they got their ice cream.



Thank you Inaaya - finding a book you enjoy is such a gift! If you would like to share a book review in the newsletter, just email into the Office.

A big WELL DONE to **Emma** in **Year 4** who completed the Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge.. We shared her success in assembly on Friday too!

# Numbots

## Times Tables Rockstars

### Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Joshi, 2P Jo Jo, 2K Savannah, 2P Tino, 2K Aren, 1C Constantino, 1C Giavouz, 2P Inaaya, 2P Gaby, 2K Aadam, 1K	Constantino, 1C Panayis, 2K Inaaya, 2P Giavouz, 2P Emma, 2K Ella, 1C Elizabeth, 2P Alyssia, 1C Zoe, 2P Ayaan, 2K	Constantino, 1C Panayis, 2K Inaaya, 2P Giavouz, 2P Elizabeth, 2P Emma, 2P Ayaan, 2K Louis, 2K Freya, 2P Ella, 1C



#### Overall School Leaderboard

1. Milan, 6D
2. Myren, 6D
3. George, 4S
4. Khloe, 4S
5. Alexandros, 6D
6. Zack, 4P

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
Maximus, 3D Emily, 3D Elida, 4P Brendan, 6LD Dexter, 4S Theodore, 4P Elsie, 3S Andreas, 6D Bronwyn, 3D Ayla, 6LD	Mushina, 4P George, 5F Shrina, 4P  No-one else improved this week in the studio! Remember this is where you increase your Rock Status!	Milan, 6D Christiana, 4P Luca, 6D Naomi, 6LD Andreas, 5F Avesh, 4S Radiyah, 6D Deanne, 4S Matilde, 4S George, 5D	Milan, 6D Christiana, 4P Luca, 6D Deanne, 4S Avesh, 4S Demir, 4S Rigels, 6D Rayyan, 6D Naomi, 6LD Maximus, 3D

