



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2021

Newsletter 7



A very tired Year 5 got back from Kingswood on Friday. All the adults who went were impressed with how well the children represented our school.

They took part in activities that included the 3G swing, the Leap of Faith, archery and some team challenges. They also had a great campfire on Thursday night.

As I wrote in the newsletter last week, this is such a big step back into 'normality' for the children, many of whom have not stayed away from their parents before. Well done Year 5!

Thank you to Mr Batchelor, Mr Filby, Ms BH, Ms Kontos and Ms Shah for going with the children.

Back in school, Ms Sutton and I had a lovely time looking through some of the children's English and Wider Curriculum books this week. It is great to see the range of work that the children are producing and how hard they are trying. You will be able to see these books at parent consultations next week.

In **Reception** this week, **Oak** and **Willow** class have learned the sounds: n, i, m, d to add to s, a, t, p. To learn the d sound, the children went on a drum march, used the African drums and then made their own!



Arbor and Consents

We have added some additional consents to the Arbor system. When you have some time, please have a look.



In **Year 1**, the children have been learning about Neil Armstrong and the moon.

They have also been learning about the part whole model in maths. You can see some excellent pictorial representations and work using Numicon here from 1C.



As you know, at Monkfrith we use Zones of Regulation as a way of giving children a shared language to describe their feelings. **Year 1** were exploring emotions and facial expressions this week. It looked like a lot of fun!



Year 2 are learning all about food and where it comes from this half term. Last week they were finding about bananas and how they get to their fruit bowls at home. As part of this, they acted out of the story from hanging on the banana plant in Costa Rica, to being packed into boxes and shipped to UK, to arriving in the supermarket.

Year 6 have been learning about how Victorian revolutionised the world. They wrote and performed persuasive speeches to explain the impact of different inventions from the lightbulb to the car.

Year 3 have been finding out about the story of Grace Darling as part of their PSHE learning. I was going to write something about who she was and why she is well known but if you are not sure, just ask one of the children in Year 3! They role played the story of her life and then created posters.

In **Year 4**, they have been turning their 2D bottle designs into 3D clay creations.

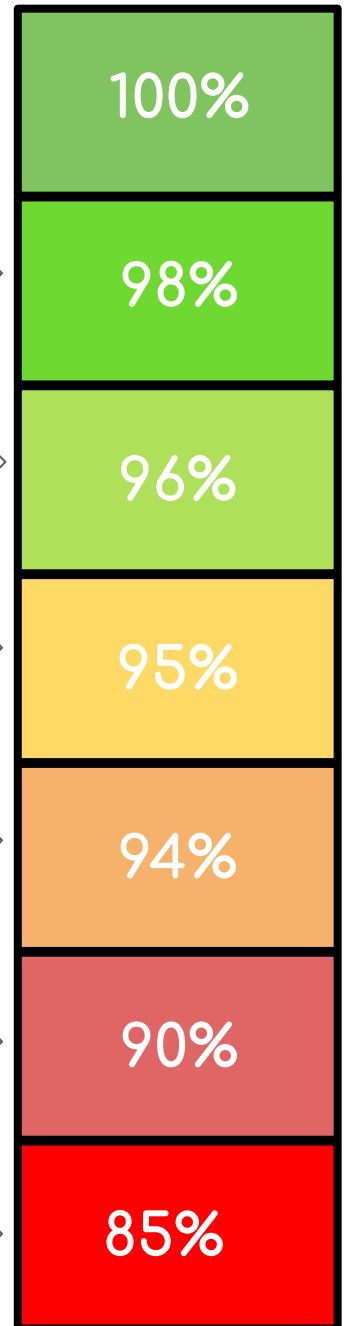
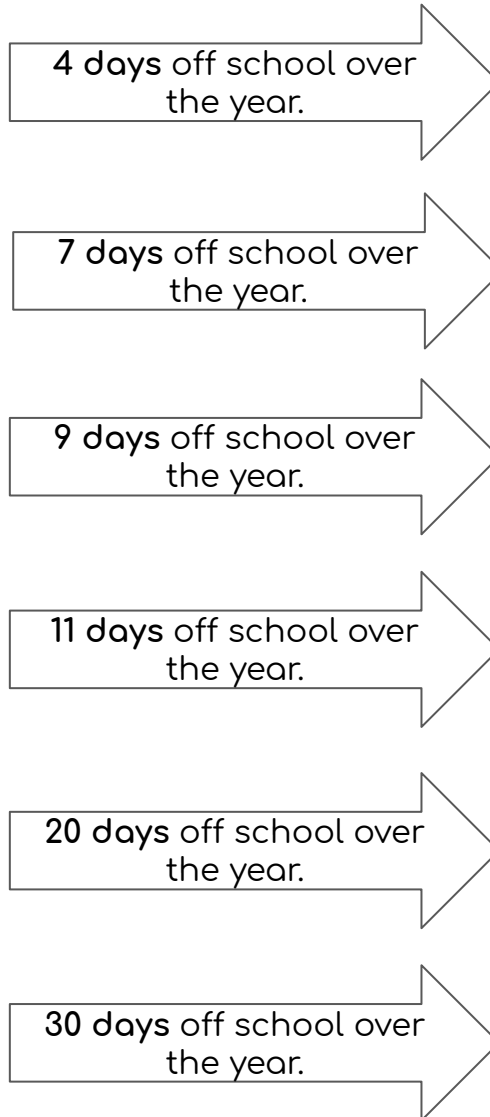




Attendance

Week commencing: 4th October 2021

Whole School	96%
Reception	93%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	95%



You can check your child's attendance on Arbor.

Covid and Absence

Children who have Covid **should not** come to school. The government has changed the way this attendance is reported and Covid related absence is now included in your child's attendance. We would not refer a child to the Educational Welfare Officer for being absent because they have had to isolate having had Covid.

Term Time Holiday Requests

Headteachers are only allowed to authorise term time absence in exceptional circumstances. Whilst I understand that holidays are important for lots of families, this does not mean that they are 'exceptional'. You can read more about what happens when holiday is taken during term time [here](https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence):

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FOMS

Calling all Class Reps! FOMS are looking for class representatives to help liaise between the parents in your class and the FOMS committee. Nothing more expected from you other than helping to spread key messages, notes and reminders about FOMS activities. If you would like to be a rep for your class, please get in touch with us.



Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 6th October to Friday 8th October - Year 5 Kingswood
Wednesday 13th October 7pm - New Reception (and Year 1) Welcome for Parents
Week commencing 18th October - Parent Consultations
Friday 22nd October - INSET DAY
Sunday 31st October - Year 6 Secondary Transfer deadline
Tuesday 2nd November - EYFS Phonics Meeting for Parents 7pm
Friday 5th November - Individual School Photos



Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card Day for schools is the 22nd October. We have an INSET day on that day but we will be marking the day on [Thursday 21st October](#). On this day, children should wear something red to school. They can wear it with their uniform or go for a full red outfit! It is up to them.

Parent Consultations Year 1 to 6

The online booking system went relatively smoothly. If you have not booked, you can do it on your Arbor app. I know that some people who booked did not receive the notification email even if the booking was successful. Hopefully it should have appeared in the meetings section on your app. If you have a problem, please contact the Office and we can confirm.

If you need to bring your child to the consultation, you are welcome to do so. Please ensure that they are supervised.

Parent Consultations for Reception Classes

These will be held after half term on the following dates.

Monday 8th November 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Tuesday 9th November 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Wednesday 10th November 3.30pm - 5.00pm

You will be able to book appointments from 7am this Friday on the Arbor app.

Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Angelo, 1C Kai, 1C Harrison, 1C George, 1C Aisha, 1K Constantino, 1C Aadam, 1K Leo, 1C Kerri, 1C Nikolay, 1K	Constantino, 1C Daniella, 1K Veronica, 1K Harrison, 1C Zoe, 2K Alexander, 2P Ates, 1C Ayaan, 2K Persia, 1C George, 1C	Constantino, 1C Daniella, 1K Harrison, 1C Zoe, 2K Ayaan, 2K Veronica, 1K Alexander, 2P Persia, 1C Ates, 1C Nikin, 1K



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
Saaiyuri, 3D Brendan, 6LD Kaya A, 4P Costandinos, 4S Emily, 3D Christiana 4P Amiya, 4P Parker, 5B Theodore, 4P Alessia, 4P	Lucy, 3S Mushina, 4P Suvira, 4P Joseph, 4P Savira, 4P Ellie, 6LD Alessia, 4P Avesh, 4S Andreas, 4P Emelie, 4S	Avesh, 4S Christiana, 4P Ayla, 6LD Matilde, 4S Kai, 4S Elijah, 4P Ellie, 6LD Brendan, 6LD Khloe, 4S Saaiyuri, 3D	Avesh, 4S Christiana, 4P Ayla, 6LD Khalil, 6D Kai, 4S Brendan, 6LD Naomi, 6LD Ellie, 6LD Kaya A, 4P Khloe, 4S

