



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2021

Newsletter 8

I am sure that you have realised too, but we have a lot of very tired children in school at the moment! This week is a short one - just four days, and then 10 days of rest, fun and relaxation!



Reception had an intense PE lesson on Friday that focused on building the children's core strength. These muscles develop their gross and fine motor skills which help with all aspects of learning.

Year 1 had special visitors this week - although they did not actually see them! The children did a great job investigating the spaceship crash in the playground and exploring materials in science.

Year 2 were writing their banana stories last week as well as learning about oceans and continents.

Year 3 were using the column method for addition and subtraction. Ms Donaghy and Ms Shah were really pleased with how well the children did! This was also the week that the children brought in their bird of prey homework. They were incredible!

We saw them sculpting their bottles in the newsletter last week and here are their painted designs! Well done **Year 4**.

Year 6 were very busy this week. They have finished their essays about what made the Victorians revolutionary. They have created some wonderful peg dolls based on Victorian toys. They made the boxes, designed the wall paper and planned and made costumes for their character. I absolutely love them and have spent ages looking at them after school!



Year 5 were investigating food webs as part of their Beast Creator learning. This builds on earlier work the children do about food chains.



Parent Consultations for Year 1 to 6

From tomorrow we start our first face to face parent consultations since February 2020!

- We would encourage you to wear a face covering in communal areas around school.
- Teachers will be using 10 minute timers to help manage their time and making sure that there are not too many parents having to wait around for their appointments.
- If you are bringing your child to the appointment, please make sure they are well supervised.
- If, following your meeting, you are picking up your child from after school club please go back outside and ring the ASC doorbell. This is to ensure the safety of the children at after school club.

Please come in through the main office door, turn right and go down the stairs.

In the Hall:

Year 1 - Mrs Kotwani and Mrs Choudhury

Year 2 - Ms Kontos and Mr Powell

Year 5 - Mr Filby and Mr Batchelor

Year 6 - Mrs Ditchburn and Ms Davies

In their classrooms:

Year 3 - Ms Donaghy and Ms Shah

Year 4 - Mrs Slater and Miss Pierides

There will be signs to direct you.

It will be so lovely to see everyone again!



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.

Upcoming Dates:

Week commencing 18th October - Parent Consultations Year 1 to 6

Friday 22nd October - INSET DAY

Sunday 31st October - Year 6 Secondary Transfer deadline

Monday 1st November - Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 2nd November - EYFS Phonics Meeting for Parents 7pm

Friday 5th November - Individual School Photos

Week commencing 8th November - Parent Consultations for Reception

Friday 12th November - FOMS Quiz Night from 7.30pm

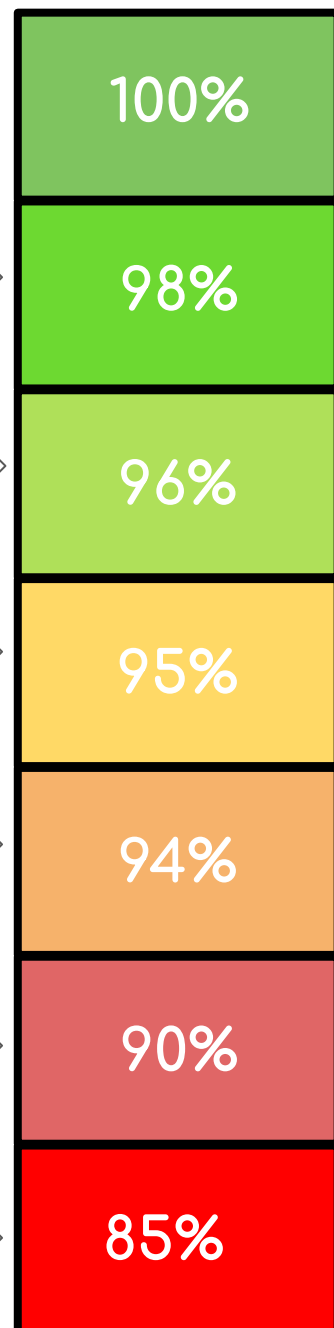
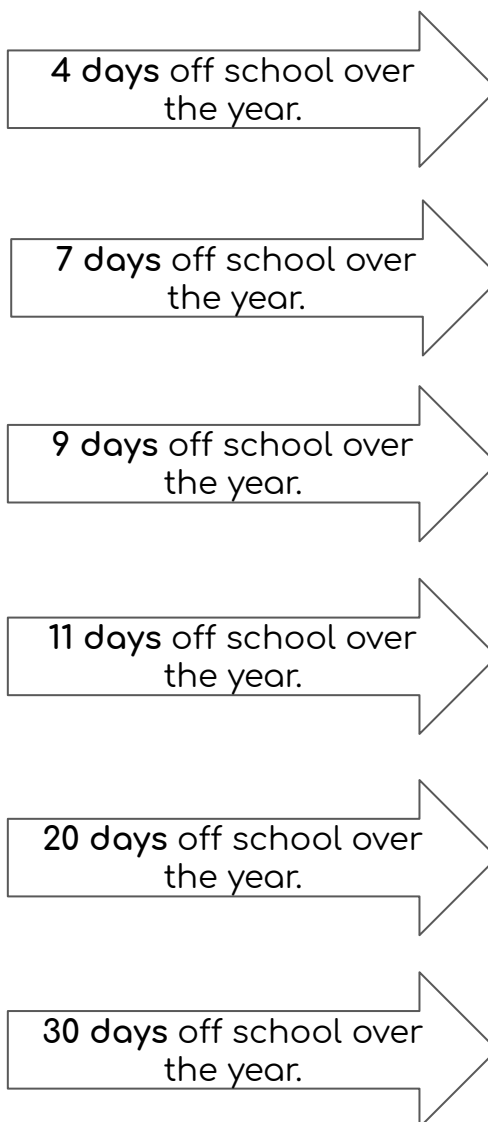
Monday 15th November - Odd Sock Day as part of Anti Bullying Week



Attendance

Week commencing: 11th October 2021

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



You can check your child's attendance on Arbor. The Educational Welfare Officer is coming into school today to review attendance.

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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New Parent Welcome

It was so lovely to see so many new parents attend the evening last week. Thank you to FOMS for organising everything.

Quiz Night - Friday 12th November from 7.30pm

I hope you are organising your tables (and your babysitters!) for our FOMS Quiz Night. Carolyn Hudson, one of our parent governors, has been working on the questions for some time and assures me it is accessible and fun for all!



Happy Bags Collection

We are delighted to announce that the school is holding a clothing collection with **Happy School Bag Fundraising Project**.

This scheme is designed to help schools raise needed funds, as well as helping the environment by keeping textiles away from landfills. By taking part in this scheme you will also help to reduce the amount of reusable textiles from going to landfill and give the clothing a new lease of life.

To take part you simply need to fill any plastic bags with unwanted but clean and reusable clothing, paired shoes and fashion accessories. We are sending home a bag with your child today.

The company have strict criteria about what they will and will not take so please look at the list below.

Remember, the more you fill up the bag the more funds the school can raise. The Happy School Bag van will be collecting from our school on Monday 22nd November in the morning.. Please bring all your bags to the Office by 9am on Monday 22nd November and help us have an amazing collection.



Christmas Cards

If you would like to order your child's Christmas card design please ensure that you have sent the design back to school by this Thursday and placed your orders by 29th October. The company have assured us that the cards will arrive at school by the end of November.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults and children's clothing• Paired Shoes• Fashion accessories• Jewellery, Perfumes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniforms• Toys, Books, DVD's• Duvets, Pillows, Household linen• Carpets, Blankets, Curtains• Bric-a-Brack• Dirty, Damaged, Wet Clothing, unsuitable for reuse.

Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Inaaya, 2K Ayan, 1C Dhevan, 1C Nikin, 1K Beatrice, 1K Zoe, 2K Kamren, 2P Daniella, 1K Kian, 1C Ela, 2P	Zoe, 2K Constantino, 1C Lorenzo, 1K Ela, 2P Kaya, 2P Ayaan, 2K Harry, 1C Lucy, 1K Rahul, 2P Inaaya, 2K	Constantino, 1C Zoe, 2K Ela, 2P Lorenzo, 1K Kaya, 2P Ayaan, 2K Nikin, 1K Dean, 1K Harry, 1C Kian, 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
Luka, 3D Jack, 3D Isla, 3S Andreas, 4P Nick, 3D Maria, 6LD Allegra, 4P Tallulah, 6D Ayla, 6LD Nayan, 4P	Bronwyn, 3D Joseph, 4P Lucy, 3S Eesha, 5LD Ipek, 3D Khalil, 6D Jaiden, 3D Shrina, 4P	Christiana, 4P Kacper, 5F Ipek, 3D Eesha, 6LD Jaiden, 3D Kai, 4S Khloe, 4S Elizabeth, 3S Bronwyn, 3D Alya, 3D	Christiana, 4P Kacper, 5F Elizabeth, 3S Kai, 4S Jaiden, 3D Alya, 3D Andreas, 6D Khloe, 4D Rayyan, 6D Eleeza, 6D

