



# Monkfrith School

## Autumn Term 2021

### Newsletter 10

It was a really busy first week back at school. A huge thank you to the parents who have selected books from the wishlists. It has been lovely to see how excited the children are when their class receive a new book. Not all the books came with notes to say who they were from, but be assured that we are very grateful.

In **Reception** (and many other classes) the children were finding out about the festival of Diwali and how it is celebrated. Thank you to the parents who came to the session about phonics and early reading - we hope you found it useful.

**Year 1** began their new topic thinking about what they already know about school. They also did some lovely free writing about Autumn and started learning about subtraction.

Coinciding with COP26, **Year 2** have been learning about the contribution David Attenborough has made to our understanding of the environment. They also enjoyed an online performance of The Lorax this week via Zoom.

In **Year 3** they have been finding out about the Stone Age. They have used cave paintings from the period to be historical detectives.



**Year 4** learnt about Boudicca, the Iceni Warrior, by looking at different historical sources. They also began planning their character descriptions using the information they had found.

Before you can learn about a new historical period, it is important to get a sense of historical timelines. This has been the case for lots of the children this week. Here are **Year 5** sorting their chronological understanding of the Tudor period.

You may have heard that your child has done reading and maths assessments in the last week. These are used by the class teachers (and me) to check on the progress the children are making and think about the next steps for the class.



In a typical year at Monkfrith if you can remember that far back), children would normally have swimming across Year 4 and Year 5. Because of the disruption of the last 18 months, things are a bit different. **Year 5B** and **Year 6LD** were swimming last week as part of the new intensive 10 session programme run by Barnet. The new arrangement is much better - it has been lovely to see the progress in such a short space of time. They have one more week this week and then the other Year 5 and 6 classes will go. There will be further opportunities for Year 4 and 5 later in the academic year. Information about this will be sent to parents closer to the time. A big **thank you** to FOMS who also help with some of the costs of the coach towards swimming.

BARNET EDUCATION



### Spring Term Music Tuition

Bookings for instrumental music tuition for the Spring term are now open.

Please contact BEAT on <https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/> by 10th December if you are interested.

### Young Barnet Foundation

Full details of the **2021 Christmas Gift campaign** can be found on our website at [youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk/christmascampaign](http://youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk/christmascampaign).

Young Barnet Foundation members support the most disadvantaged children and young people living in our borough. We also distribute gifts to refugee children and young people and those in care.

If you are a resident, business or organisation living in Barnet and are in a position to help, please consider supporting our Christmas Gift drive and help us deliver a smile to hundreds of local children and young people this Christmas!

#### How you can help:

##### GIVE A GIFT

You can send toys, games, and books to the following address:

Young Barnet Foundation, Old East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, Barnet EN4 8SG.

##### MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION

Young Barnet Foundation will use any money contributed to bulk buy presents at a discounted rate, ensuring more gifts can be distributed and making your money go further.

##### VOLUNTEER

We're seeking willing helpers to wrap all of the gifts donated. Last year we were joined by 46 volunteers for fun and festive wrapping sessions at our office in East Barnet. If you would like to join us this year please register your details with us, select your availability from the options provided and we'll be in touch with more information soon!



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## Upcoming Dates:

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

Friday 18th November - Governor Visit Day

Tuesday 23rd November - Year 1 History workshop

Monday 29th November - Year 2 Dreamers and Changemakers Day

Tuesday 1st December - Year 5 Tudor Day

Wednesday 8th December - Year 2 to visit Southgate Church

Wednesday 8th December at 2.30pm - Musical Instrument Concert (parents whose children will be playing their instruments will be contacted by their music teachers)

Thursday 9th December at 2.15pm - Reception Nativity (Oak Class parents show)

Friday 10th December at 2.15pm - Reception Nativity (Willow Class parents show)

Information about tickets will be shared in the newsletter next week.

Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December - Last day of term (2pm finish)

## PE Update from Miss Pierides

### Football

It is exciting to announce that we have entered the boys' and girls' football leagues this year and the fixtures are being organised. The teams for these will be selected from year 6 children only this year as there was such a high interest, which is great news!

The boys' team played their first match against Brunswick last week. Very exciting, we won 4-1! Miss Pierides was really impressed with how well the boys came back from going down a goal. The Man of the Match (as voted by the players) was Rigels but a special mention to Jason and Rayyan who also played very well.

Thank you to the parents who came along to cheer the boys on at the game.

### Fixtures

02.11.21 – Monkfrith Boys' V Brunswick

16.11.21 – Monkfrith Girls' V Danegrove

23.11.21 – Monkfrith Boys' V Danegrove

27.01.22 – Monkfrith Girls' V Osidge

07.12.21 – Monkfrith Boys' V Alma (Dick Bailey Cup)

03.02.22 – Monkfrith Boys' V Osidge

### Virtual Skipping Challenge

This event continues starting with the year 6 children. They had to skip forward for 45 seconds without stopping. We have submitted our top 10 skippers and we await the results. Thank you to the year 6 staff for collecting the data.

## Free Educational Psychology Support for families

The Barnet Educational Psychologist Team are being funded by the DfE response to Covid.

They are offering the following workshops for parents and carers. Many of our teaching staff have been on the school staff equivalent of these training sessions and we use the approaches that are shared. They are well worth attending if you have time.

### Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing: workshops for parents/carers

**Outline:** parents/carers will attend four weekly workshops which will provide an opportunity to learn more about how to support their children's emotional wellbeing using approaches including Emotion Coaching and Zones of Regulation.

The workshops aim to:

- Consider children's emotional development and needs
- Understand and learn how to use specific approaches to support emotional wellbeing
- Provide opportunities to practice these approaches and feel confident to apply them with your children

#### Dates:

- 16 November 2021
- 23 November 2021
- 30 November 2021
- 7 December 2021

Time: 12:30 - 1:30

To book please click this link [Barnet CE Strand-doc v3.9.1](#)



### Emotion coaching for parents and carers

We are offering a parent and carer training session on emotion coaching in November, please click on the link below for booking information:

[Emotion Coaching for Parents/Carers – 08.11.2021](#)

### Training and workshops for school colleagues

Please look out for our training and workshops on this page of BELS Training as we continue to add to our offer through the course of the academic year. To book please click on this link [Barnet CE Strand-doc v3.9.1](#)

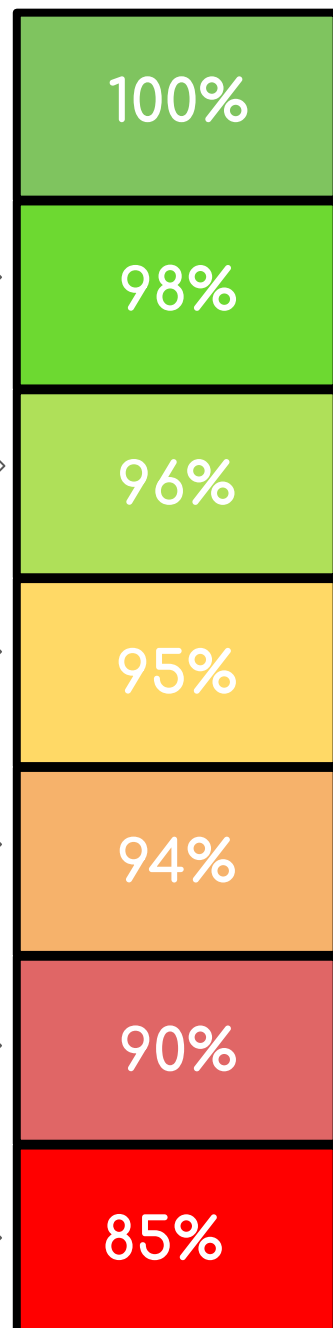
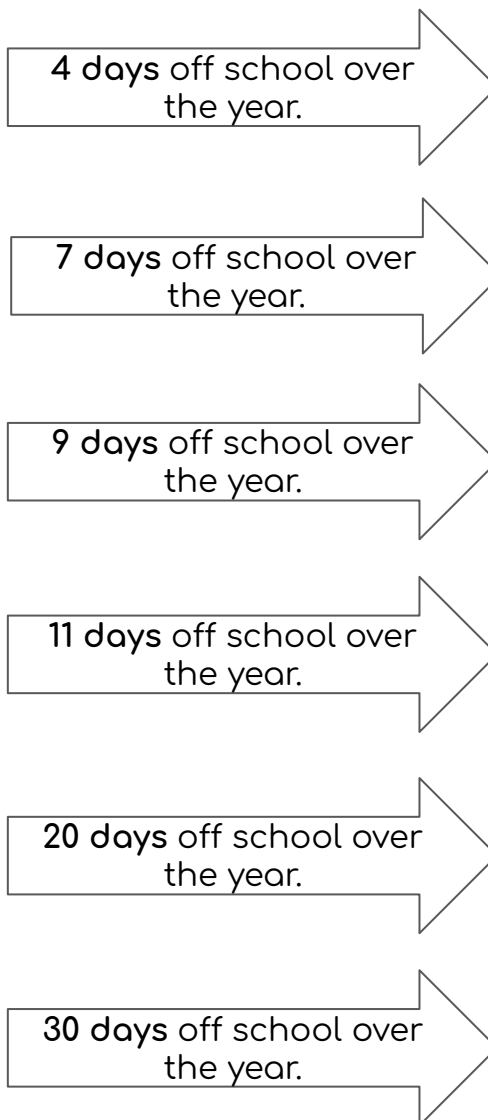




# Attendance

Week commencing: 1st November 2021

Whole School	95%
Reception	94%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	93%



You can check your child's attendance on Arbor. Later this week you will receive a letter about attendance following our visit from the Educational Welfare Officer.

## 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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# Numbots

## Times Tables Rockstars

### Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Zoe, 2K Beatrice, 1K Joseph, 1C Joshua, 1K Kerri, 1C Leo, 1C Lupin, 1C Kian, 1C Constantino, 1X Harry, 1C	Inaaya, 2P Lucy, 1K Maxon, 1K Constantino, 1C Veronica, 1K Harry, 1C Ida, 1C Saanvi, 1K Zarin, 2K Ela, 2P	Inaaya, 2P Constantino, 1C Harry, 1C Lucy, 1K Maxon, 1K Saanvi, 1K Ida, 1C Veronica, 1K Philip, 2P Ela, 2P



#### 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
Anastasia, 3D Alice, 4P Costandinos, 4S Philip, 3D Ava, 3S Ruby, 3D Andrew, 4S Kaya A, 4P Andreas, 4P Brendan, 6LD	Sachh, 3D Joseph, 4P Andrew, 3D Omer, 4P Ipek, 3D Jaiden, 3D Mouhit, 3D Christoforo, 6LD	Andrew, 3D Christiana, 4P Saaiyuri, 3D Philip, 3D Valentina, 3D Shrina, 4P Kacper, 5F Adam, 3D Mouhit, 3D Christoforo, 6LD	Christiana, 4P Andrew, 3D Saaiyuri, 3D Valentina, 3D Shrina, 4P Kacper, 5F Adam, 3D Reece, 5B Elijah, 4P Christoforo, 6LD

