



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2021

Newsletter 10

We are currently seeing an increase in the number of children in school with Covid. When there more than 5 cases within a class or a year group, schools are supported by a specialist team from Public Health to help monitor situation. A vital part of the way that we can reduce the spread of transmission in school is regular testing. If your child has the symptoms of coronavirus please get a PCR test and consider using lateral flow tests at home to help detect asymptomatic cases. School staff test at least twice a week.



In **Reception** they are working hard on applying their newly acquired phonic knowledge. They were also reading *This is Our House* last week.



In **Year 1** they have been developing their understanding of time by making their own life timelines and sequencing some of the main events of their lives' so far.

In **Year 2** they have been continuing their learning about the environment by writing persuasive speeches about plastic, pollution and the ocean.



In **Year 3** they have been looking closely at cave paintings as a source of historical evidence and then created their own as you can see from the photos.

In **Year 4** they have been writing fantastic character descriptions of Boudicca and they draw portraits of each other. They were brilliant!

Year 5 have continued looking at the Tudors and the Battle of Bosworth. They were also studying portraits of Henry VIII as sources of historical evidence.

Year 6 have been learning about the Titanic and the difference between the Arctic and Antarctica. Year 5B and Year 6LD have come to the end of their swimming lessons; for the next two weeks Year 5F and Year 6LD will be going.



This week is Anti Bullying Week. Please talk to your children about the work that they have been doing at school to ensure that we all feel safe, included and happy.



Pupil Council

As you may know each class from Year 2 to 6 held elections for pupil council (Year 1 will be joining next term). It has been lovely to see how the children have taken it seriously and worked so diligently on their speeches. Our elected council met for the first time last week to plan their vision and think about how they want to positively impact our school. They will meet again in a few weeks time.



As student council we will:

Be the voice of the pupils in our classes.
Listen carefully to others and share our ideas.
Help students to be happy and ensure they want to come to school.
Think about how we can make the school a healthier place.

Year 2 - Aarav and Callum

Year 3 - Lillya and Heidi

Year 4 - Adam and Mia

Year 5 - Alicja and Zoe

Year 6 - Rosa and Alex

Young Barnet Foundation

Full details of the **2021 Christmas Gift campaign** can be found on our website at 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:

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

Tuesday 23rd November - Year 1 History workshop

Monday 29th November - Year 2 Dreamers and Changemakers Day

Tuesday 30th November - Deadline for purchasing school photos

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)

Tuesday 4th January 2022 - School starts back as usual

On Friday 5th November, parents from Reception Oak held a breakfast where they raised £355 for FOMS. The amount was then kindly matched in full by a parent's employer, Houlihan Lokey, totally an amazing £710! This is a great contribution to help provide extras that the school budget cannot otherwise cover.



Houlihan Lokey (NYSE:HLI) is a global investment bank with expertise in mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, financial restructuring, and valuation. The firm serves corporations, institutions, and governments worldwide with offices in the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and the Asia-Pacific region.



On Friday 12th November we had our first Quiz Night since 2019! The event was really well attended and hopefully, as well as raising some money, everyone all had a fun evening. It was great to see so many parents, past and present, supporting school. A huge thank you to everyone from FOMS who helped organise things. Thank you to Carolyn who has spent hours and hours writing and preparing the questions and to Luke who had the unenviable task of reading the questions!

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.



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

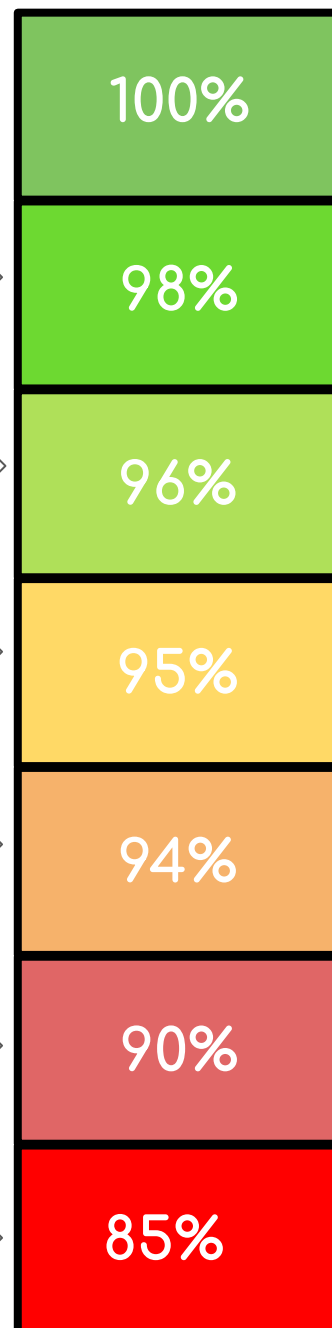
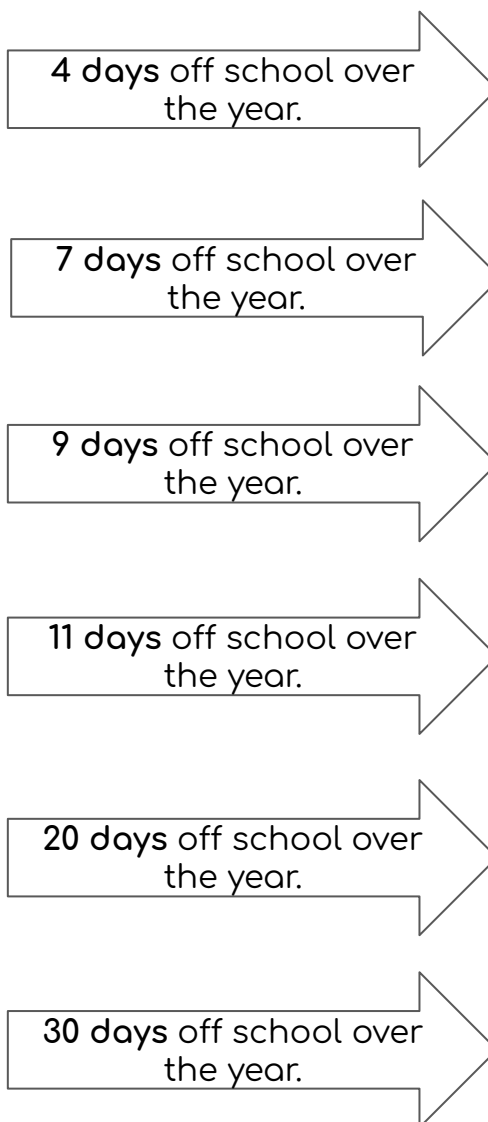
Please look out for our training and workshops on this page of BELS Training as we continue to add to our offer through the course of the academic year. To book please click on this link [Barnet CE Strand-doc v3.9.1](#)



Attendance

Week commencing: 8th November 2021

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| Whole School | 94% |
| Reception | 95% |
| Year 1 | 98% |
| Year 2 | 95% |
| Year 3 | 96% |
| Year 4 | 96% |
| Year 5 | 88% |
| Year 6 | 91% |



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.

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](https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence)

We return from our Christmas holiday on 4th January. Under the Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2007, as amended, the Local Education Authority has the power to issue Fixed-penalty Notices of £60, (rising to £120 if not paid within 21 days), where parents fail to ensure school attendance or take children on holiday without authorisation from the head teacher.

Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



| Most accurate in the last 7 days | Most correct answers in the last 7 days | Most coins earned |
|---|--|---|
| Joseph, 1C Lucy, 1K Aadam, 1K Eden, 1C Isla, 1C Rahul, 2P Constantino, 2P Azara, 1K Kian, 1C Isa, 1C | Inaaya, 2P Maxon, 1K Emma, 2K Constantino, 1C Azara, 1K Ida, 1C Ates, 1K Lucy, 1K Persia, 1C Zavier, 1K | Constantino, 1C Inaaya, 2P Maxon, 1K Emma, 2K Ida, 1C Azara, 1K Ates, 1K Aadam, 1K Persia, 1C Zavier, 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 |
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| Elsie, 3S Adam, 3D Elizabeth, 3S Naomi, 3D Lily-Rose, 6D Andrew, 3D Dexter, 4S Maya, 4P Sam BH, 3S Jaiden, 3D Chloe, 5F | Joseph, 4P Saaiyuri, 3D Bronwyn, 3D Andrew, 3D Jaiden, 3D Ellie, 6LD Philip, 3D Andreas, 4P | Saaiyuri, 3D Andrew, 3D Nina, 3D Matilde, 4S Kacper, 5F Jaiden, 3D Shrina, 4P Bronwyn, 3D Valentina, 3D Theodore, 4P Kaya Y, 4P | Saaiyuri, 3D Radiyah, 6D Kacper, 5F Nina, 3S Jaiden, 3D Shrina, 4P Valentina, 3D Theodore, 4P Matilde, 4S Amiya, 4P |

