



# Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2021

Newsletter 12



There is a special section about Christmas at Monkfrith on page 2!

**Covid Update:** New guidance was published following on from the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday. School staff are encouraged to wear masks in communal areas in school and where social distancing is not possible. We will be monitoring the situation closely in the coming weeks.

In **Reception** they have begun practising their Nativity. It has been so lovely to hear the singing as I sit in my office! In **Year 1** they had a very exciting visitor this week. They found out what it would be like to spend some time in a Victorian school with a Victorian teacher. They were very grateful to return to normal!

In **Year 3** they have been studying the art work of Alma Woodsey Thomas and using it as inspiration for a special art project (more in the newsletter next week!).



All of the children in KS2 were able to join another Hay Literary Festival session last week. **Year 3** and **4** took part in a workshop with the author and illustrator, Rob Biddulph based on his book, Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City. **Year 5** listened to the fabulous Onjali Q Rauf talk about her latest book, The Lion Above the Door and **Year 6** watched Emma Carroll discuss her new book, The Week at World's End which is about the Cold War.

In **Year 2** have been learning about the role of the suffragettes. They have been using their powers of persuasion writing letters to Emmeline Pankhurst and created their own suffragette rosette. Next week there will be photographs from their Dreamers and Changemakers Day.



**Year 6** have been conducting science investigations into effective insulating materials. They chose a hypothesis and then set about designing tests to prove or disprove their theory.



# Christmas at Monkfrith

The last few weeks of December are always really busy in schools. We are not quite back to doing everything we would have done pre-pandemic but we are getting there! A huge thank you to the children of Oak and Willow Class for providing some of the artwork for the newsletter this week!

## Wednesday 1st December

If your child would like to use the Christmas Post Service, then they can bring their Christmas cards and post them in our Christmas Post Boxes. One is by the Office and the other is by the Hall. The children must make sure the name and class is written clearly on the envelope. They can post their cards anytime between 1st December and 16th December.



## Year 2 to Christ Church - Wednesday 8th December

### Christmas Instrumental Concert - Wednesday 8th December at 2.30pm

If your child plays an instrument via BEAT and has been selected to play at the concert, then you can come along and watch. Please arrive at the Office entrance at 2.20pm.

### Reception Nativity - Thursday 9th December and Friday 10th December at 2.15pm

Tickets will be sent out in bookbags on Wednesday. We will be asking parents to wear a face covering during the performance.

## Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10th December

If your child would like to wear a Christmas Jumper (along with their normal school uniform), please bring a £1. All money raised will go to Save the Children.

## FOMS Christmas Raffle - Friday 10th December

The draw will take place on Friday 10th December so please make sure that your tickets are in by Wednesday 8th December



In the last week of term all the classes will be arranging their own Christmas parties. Your child's teacher will let you know more nearer the time.

## School Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 15th December

If your child does not usually have a school dinner but would like to have one on this occasion please let the office know by tomorrow.

## Last Day of Term - Friday 17th December at 2pm



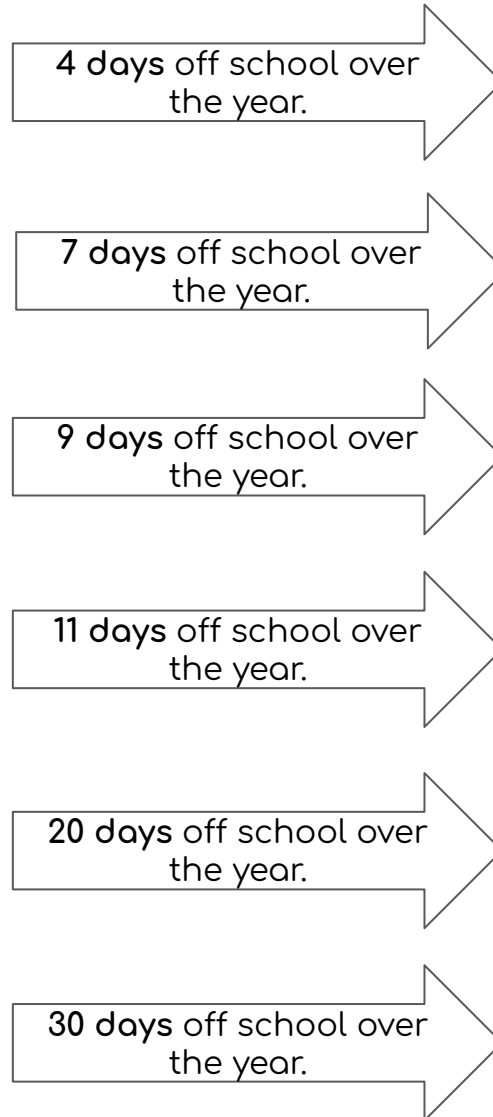


# Attendance



Week commencing: 22nd November

Whole School	94%
Reception	92%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	94%



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
Daniel, 2K JoJo, 2K Aadam, 1K Harry, 1C Savanna, 2P Freya, 2P Constantino, 1C Kaya, 2P Max, 2K Shivay, 2P	Max, 2K Aadya, 2K Ela, 2P Alfie, 2P JoJo, 2K Alexander, 2P Kaya, 2P Maxon, 1K Giavouz, 2P Shivay, 2P	Aadya, 2K Max, 2K Alfie, 2P JoJo, 2K Constantino, 1C Harry, 1C Ela, 2P Maxon, 1K Alexander, 2P Giavouz, 2P



#### Overall School Leaderboard

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

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
Kaya A, 4P Ruby, 3D Sophia, 5F Christiana, 4P Sofia, 3D Naomi, 3D Sachh, 3D Brendan, 6LD Joseph, 4P Ela, 3D	Sachh, 3D Jaiden, 3D Joseph, 4P Christiana, 4P Emelie, 4S Saaiyuri, 3D Ipek, 3D Sophia, 5F Philip, 3D Kaya Y, 4P	Saaiyuri, 3D Kacper, 5F Nina, 3S Sachh, 3D Jaiden, 3D Theodore, 4P Christiana, 4P Aria, 5B Shrina, 4P Elizabeth, 3S	Kacper, 5F Saaiyuri, 3D Sachh, 3D Saty, 3S Shanaya, 6LD Nina, 3S Jaiden, 3D Deanne, 4S Shrina, 4P Theodore, 4P

