



# Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2022

Newsletter 18



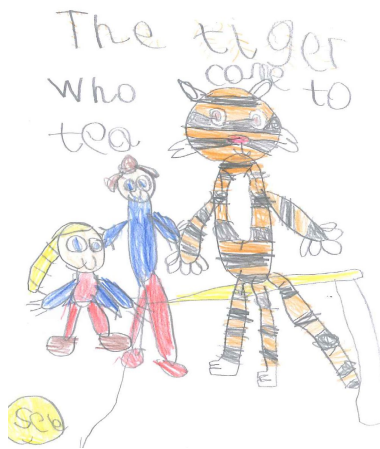
**Year 1** were very busy last week. They were reading the book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and, as you can see from the pictures, had a great time acting the story out. When I visited on Friday afternoon, Seb showed me this fantastic picture he had drawn of the characters. They have also been bird watching!

**Year 2** and **Year 3** have been working on multiplication and division this week. To make sure the children have a secure understanding of what they are learning, we use concrete representations and practical resources. It also gives lots of opportunities for children to talk about what they are doing and use mathematical language.

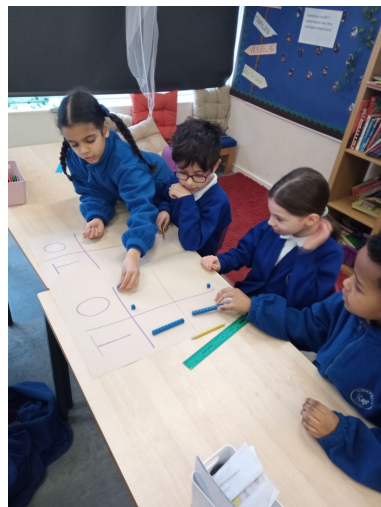
**Year 2** have also been learning about Stephen Hawking this week and creating their own planet to write about.

**Year 3** are immersed in their topic of Gods and Mortals. They have been studying the myth, Theseus and the Minotaur ready for writing letters this week and finding out about the roles of Greek soldiers in battle.

In **Year 4** have been learning about the digestive system this week. They have also started a great DT project - if you have not sent in your £2 for resources, please do so this week.



**Year 5** were busily sewing last week when I popped down for a visit. They have been practising different types of stitches and are now sewing the solar system. The concentration and hard work was great. When they are finished I will include a photo.



**Reception** were writing about their houses and designing different types of homes. This week's learning is very exciting...

Just a reminder that next Friday 11th February is an INSET day. We break up for half term at normal time on Thursday 10th February (clubs will still be running).





In [Year 6](#) have been learning about the heart but as part of this they have also been using water colours. They explored colour mixing and watercolor technique before creating their own watercolour heart painting. The results in both classes were fantastic!

### Update on Covid

There are still a number of covid cases in school - a picture that continues to be seen nationally in children aged between 5 and 11. Like all schools we receive support from the Department of Education and local Public Health Teams when there is a rise in cases. We are following the guidance carefully. Please support us with regular testing as this helps reduce the transmission of Covid within a class. **We are seeing an increasing number of children who are getting covid for a second time at the moment** so please do not think that because your child has had it already you do not need to test. Thank you.

### Football Update

This week there has been lots of sporting action. We sent two teams to play in the Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Tournament run by Barnet. Both teams played well, both winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 1. Miss Pierides and Mr Chris were really impressed with the girls attitude and spirit during the outing.

The Year 6 boys' team played in a cup game against Brunswick. The game was really exciting. We took an early lead but then had to defend hard. Unfortunately it ended in a 3-2 defeat. Well done to Jason who the players felt was our Man of the Match. Our new kit made its debut appearance in the game too!



### Library Newsletter for Children and Families

Click [here](#) to subscribe and get book recommendations, hints and tips on supporting reading and information about events in Barnet libraries.

Booking for Parent Consultations (which take place in the week of 28th February) will be available on Thursday next week. You will be able to book via Arbor. Further details will be in the newsletter next week.

Children's Mental Health Week runs from the 7th February. The theme is Growing Together.

On Tuesday 8th February it is our Dress to Express Yourself day. On this day, the children can wear whatever they like to school. They can express whatever they would like to say about themselves. It could be a favourite outfit, a dressing up costume... We just ask that they are warm enough and they have sensible shoes for playtimes!



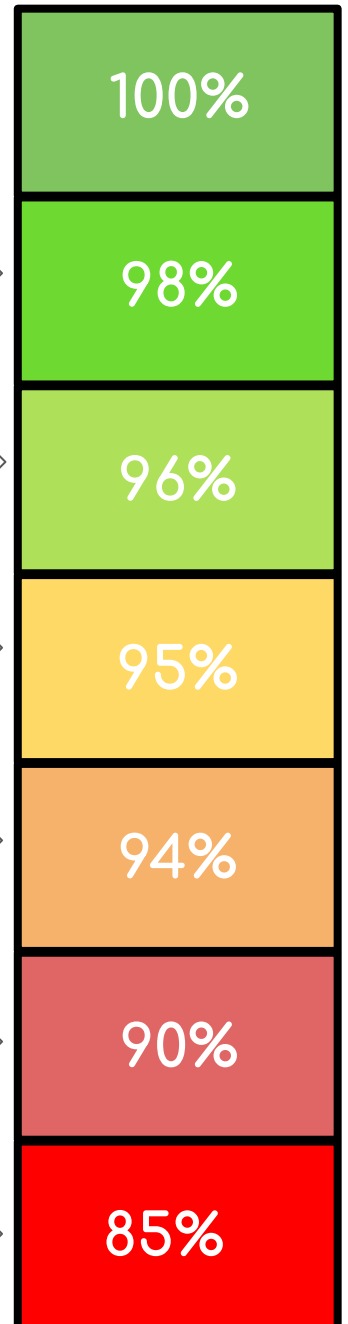
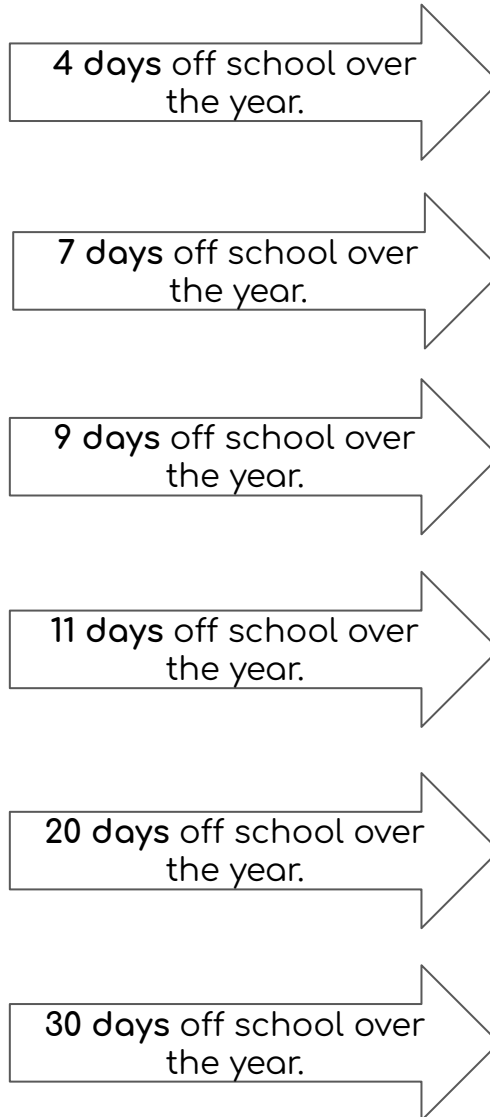




# Attendance

Week commencing:  
24th January 2022

Whole School	92%
Reception	95%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	86%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	94%



There are some children with very low attendance at this point in the year. I understand that some of this is because of the mandatory period of isolation following a positive covid test. If this is the only reason for your child's low attendance, please do not worry.

I have started to receive a small number of requests for holiday. I would like to remind parents that holidays abroad do not meet the criteria for Exceptional Term Time Leave. I understand that people are keen to travel after the restriction of the last two years and see family abroad but it is not a reason to request authorised leave during school time. There are 13 weeks of school holiday each year. Click here for further information about how Barnet address unauthorised absences.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-attendance/legal-sanctions>

# Numbots

## Times Tables Rockstars

### Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Julia, 2K Kaya, 2P Veronica, 1K Freya, 2P Rahul, 2P Zoe, 2K Ellie, 1K Jach, 1C Florence, 1K Lucy, 1K	Giavouz, 2P Rahul, 2P Zoe, 2K Freya, 2P Ellie, 1K Lucy, 1K Florence, 1K Aadam, 1K Alfie, 2P Josh, 1C	Rahul, 2P Constantino, 1C Giavouz, 2P Freya, 2P Zoe, 2K Ellie, 1K Lucy, 1K Aadam, 1K Florence, 1K Josh, 1C



#### 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
Lily, 4S Isla, 3S Cairo, 4P Jack, 3D Alex, 5B Adam, 4S Kaya, 4P Amiya, 4P Naomi, 3D Nina, 3S	Ediz, 5B Ipek, 3D Mouhit, 3D  (playing in the Studio improves your Rockstar status!)	Filip, 5B Ozan, 6LD Nina, 3S Kacper, 5F Christiana, 4P Andrew, 4D Saaiyuri, 3D Elizabeth, 3S Elina, 5B Amelia, 3S	Kacper, 5F Filip, 5B Nina, 3S Christiana, 4P Ozan, 6LD Andreas, 5B Elina, 5B Amelia, 3S Elizabeth, 3D Jaiden, 3D

