



Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2022

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Reception had a big mystery to solve last week. On Monday when they arrived in their classroom, they found that some gingerbread men had escaped from the oven! All week they have been trying to work out where they went and what happened! On Thursday they also made some of their own gingerbread men.

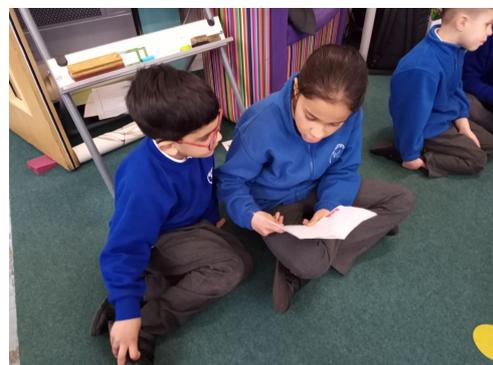
Year 1 and **Year 4** shared some of their learning. The children in **Year 4** have written leaflets about teeth which they took to **Year 1** to read. **Year 1** listened really well and asked great questions. They also shared some of the learning they have been doing about animals.

Year 2 have started the rehearsals for their show after half term - there will be a ticket letter coming home on Wednesday. Please help your child to learn their lines over the holidays. They have also been learning about the poet, Benjamin Zephaniah and writing their own poems in the style of Talking Turkeys.

Year 3 have been very busy this week; learning about money, writing persuasive letters in character to King Minos to save themselves from the Minotaur and, when I popped in on Friday afternoon, they were mixing paints as they designed their Greek pots.

Both **Year 4** and **Year 5** are currently working on Design and Technology projects that involve sewing at the moment. There are not many times in your life when you hear the sentence, "Miss Deasey, I have just been sewing my stomach and now I am cutting out my liver"! **Year 4** are creating their digestive system on a t-shirt. They are looking really good so far.

Year 5 have been sewing the Solar System as a tapestry. They are not all finished but here are the ones so far from 5B. A huge thank you must also go to Anneka (with a little help from her mum) who created the banner for the display at home. There are also some great explanation texts being written in **Year 5**. When I was having a wander around school this week, I was really impressed with their focus and effort. Mrs Sutton met with some of 5F for Books and Biscuits on Friday and was also amazed by their knowledge about what they have been learning over the last few weeks.



Year 6 have had lots happening this week! On Tuesday, Dr Koa-Wing, Consultant Cardiologist (and dad of Alexander and Lilian) spoke to **Year 6**. The first photo, you can see a is when he came to talk to the children when they were in Year 1 and were learning about real life superheroes. The one underneath shows just how much they have grown over the last 6 years!



Then on Wednesday the children had their science day. In the morning, they had the opportunity to put their knowledge about the heart to the test as they had the opportunity to dissect lambs' hearts. Ms Davies and Mrs Ditchburn were really pleased with the attitude of the children - even those who were a bit nervous! In the afternoon, they learnt about their bones and the skeleton.



Football Update

Over the o last two weeks we have taken part in two football tournaments. The week before last was the Year 5 /6 Girls Tournament - I did write about it in the previous newsletter, but I am including the photo this week. Then last Thursday, Mr Chris and Miss Pierides took the Year 6 boys to play at Powerleague. The boys did really in their group but were knocked out in the Quarter Finals.

On Monday last week, Mr Chris also took the girls' football team to play in a league game at Osidge. Both teams played well and the game finished 0-0.

The boys' team will be playing Osidge on Thursday. 🙌

Just a reminder that tomorrow the children can wear their own clothes to express themselves and their personalities!



Taking part in tournaments and competitions takes lots of organising, so a huge thank you to the parents who helped with transport, Marie and Emma in the office, Mr Chris and particularly Miss Pierides.

SEN coffee mornings

We are planning to hold termly coffee mornings for parents with children who have additional needs or SEN. This will be an opportunity for parents to get together informally and also to discuss/think about areas of interest.



Our first coffee morning will be on Wednesday 9 March from 9.15 to 10.30am.

Our Educational Psychologist, Nicole Cara will be giving a talk on promoting emotional well-being and supporting resilience for children with SEN.

Refreshments will be served from 9.15 and Nicole's talk will start at 9.30.

This session is for parents only so please arrange alternative childcare for younger siblings.

Even if your child does not have SEN or additional needs but you feel this would be of value to you, you are very welcome to come.

Parent Consultations for Reception to Year 6 (these will all be face to face, not virtual)

The online booking system will be available from this Wednesday at 7am.

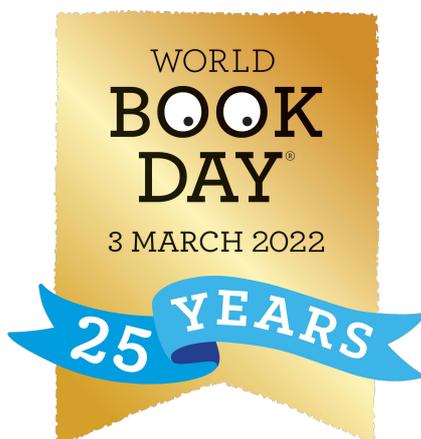
Monday 28th February 4pm - 6pm

Tuesday 1st March 4pm - 6pm

Wednesday 2nd March 4pm - 6pm

There are a few earlier appointments each day in Reception because they finish school slightly earlier.

Final arrangements about where the consultations will be in school will be shared after half term and will reflect the latest guidance for schools in relation to coronavirus.



World Book Day - 3rd March 2022

Everyday is the day for a book, but we will be doing some fun things for World Book Day this year. More to follow after half term..

Our theme on the day will be Book at Bedtime. Your children can wear their pyjamas, onesie, dressing gown etc... to school and bring a favourite bedtime story to school on that day. If they are wearing slippers, they will need to bring trainers or their school shoes for playtime!

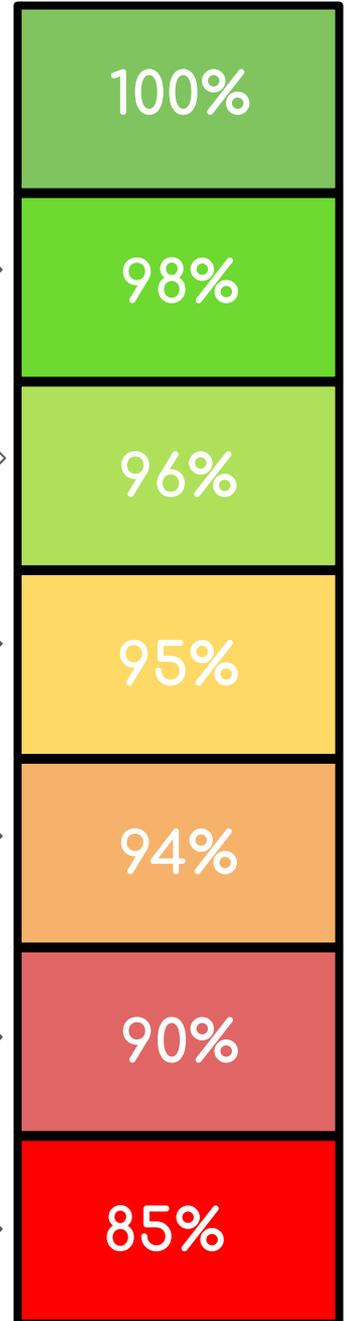
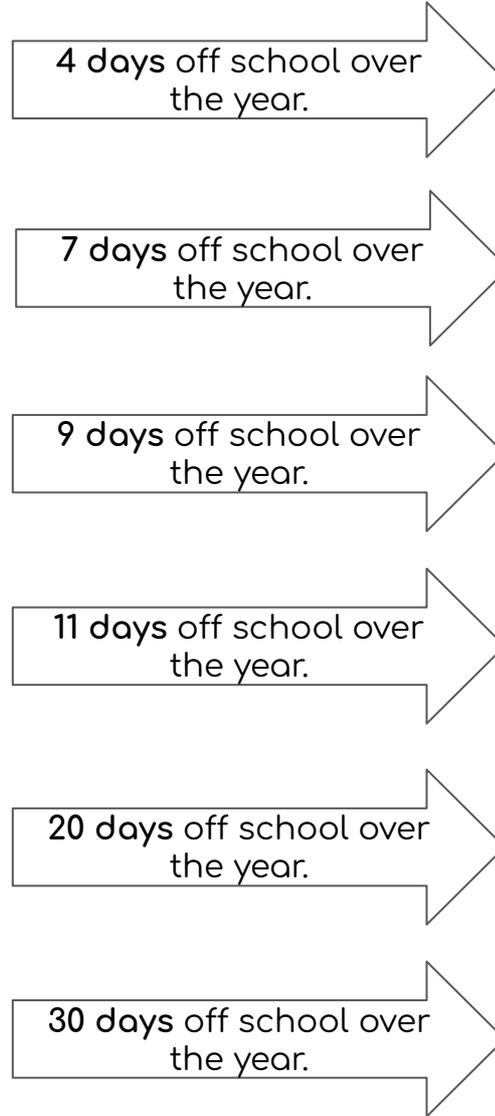
We break up for half term on Thursday (after school club will be running as normal). The second half of the Spring Term starts at usual time on Monday 21st February. If your child is in Year 6 and will be doing Bikeability this time around, they must have their bike and helmet with them on the first day back. Enjoy your half term!



Attendance

Week commencing:
31st January 2022

Whole School	94%
Reception	98%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	93%



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
Seb, 1K Bea, 1K Isla, 1K Constantino, 1C Ellie, 1K Lucy, 1K Alfie, 2P Kerri, 1C Lorenzo, 1K Aadam, 1K	Rahul, 2P Lorenzo, 1K Giavouz, 2P Ellie, 1K Bea, 1K Joshi, 2P Ella, 1C Maxon, 1K Ates, 1K Aadam, 1K	Rahul, 2P Constantino, 1C Lorenzo, 1K Ellie, 1K Bea, 1K Ates, 1K Giavouz, 2P Ella, 1C Maxon, Joshi, 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
Anneka, 5B Emir, 5B Beau, 5F Leyla, 4S Lillya, 3S Alya, 3D Andreas, 4P Mia, 4P Maximus, 3D Ross, 3S	Amiya, 4P Alessia, 4P Kai, 4S (playing in the Studio improves your Rockstar status!)	Kacper, 5F Naomi, 3D Andreas, 5F Emily, 5F Emir, 5B Jaiden, 3D Ayah, 5B Micah, 4P Kaitlyn, 4P Nina, 3S	Kacper, 5F Emir, 5B Ayah, 5B Jaiden, 3D Alicija, 5F Nina, 3S Christiana, 4P Kaitlyn, 4P Emily, 3D Micah, 4P

