



Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2022

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In **Reception** this week they were tasting different types of exotic fruits. They also attended their first celebration assembly on Friday and sat beautifully!

Year 1 have been learning about different types of turns in maths this week, which links really well to their topic of Bright Lights, Big City.

Year 2 were doing some fantastic writing inspired by the story of Paddington. Ms Kontos and Mr Powell were very pleased with the focus and effort the children put in!

Year 3 have been creating work inspired by Hokusai's The Great Wave and starting to write about the journey of a river.

Year 4P have completed their first week of swimming. I hope 4S are getting their swimming bags packed ready for their sessions which start on 21st March. They were also learning about the daily lives of the Anglo Saxons.

Year 5 have been writing non fiction reports about the Egyptian Afterlife.

Year 6 were writing a flashback narrative based on the short (emotive!) film, The Girl in the War.

Dance Festival

On Tuesday last week, we took our dance club along to the Barnet Dance Festival held at the Arts Depot. The children had been practising their dance for the last term after school. It was a long day as we had to be there for the rehearsal slot in the morning but the show did not start until 6pm.

Throughout the whole day the children were fantastic - a real credit to our school. They worked hard, were enthusiastic and polite to all the staff and children from the Arts Depot and other schools. It was a pleasure taking them.

The contemporary dance was based on the music, The Black Swan (as you can see from their costumes!).

Well done to all our dancers: Lily, Maria, Nicole, Kyra, Eesha, Rosa and Ruben from Year 6 (and to Ayla and Olivia who were not able to join us for the show but had worked really hard in rehearsals) and Liana, Sophia, Rosanna, Eliz, Holli-Rose and Zoe from Year 5.

Dance club for these children will continue until Easter. In the Summer Term it will be open to children in Year 5 only. Email the office if you would like your child to take part.

Non Uniform Day - Friday 18th March. For a £1 donation, children can wear whatever they like to school (sensible shoes for break times please). All the money raised will go to UNICEF to help with children affected by the crisis in Ukraine.



Governor Visit Day

On Friday we had our Governor Visit Day. On this day, governors are invited to spend the day in school visiting classrooms, talking to children, having lunch and seeing whether the things that I share in governing body meetings are making a difference in practice. Here are some of their reflections on their day



Aside from reminding me how much I loved school dinners, the day in school on Friday provided fantastic insight into the curriculum intent and culture at Monkfrith. 3 things really stood out for me: 1) the consistency in approach across the year groups whereby clear "topics" and associated vocabulary lead to real engagement and breadth of learning 2) how confidently, proudly and passionately every pupil we spoke to was able to tell us about their learning, and talk through their workbooks 3) the immense role the staff play in providing a caring and compassionate environment- from office staff, to lunch and playground supervisors, to the fantastic teachers and SLT. Thanks to everyone for being so accommodating. Marc Greene, Co Opted Governor and Vice Chair

After the disruption of the last 2 years, it was wonderful to have the opportunity to spend a day visiting Monkfrith.

From exploring and tasting exotic fruits (including dragon fruit, pomelo and quince) to Viking battles and Paddington's adventures, the children were enthusiastic and confident to tell us about their learning. They were even able to explain what a fronted adverbial is!

I enjoyed meeting many of the students who were keen to share lots of jokes about penguins and chickens who crossed the road! Thank you to all the staff and pupils who made us feel so welcome.

Carolyn Hudson, Parent Governor

It was an honour to spend the day in school on Friday. I was struck by how warmly we were received by pupils, teachers and support staff alike. Throughout the school it felt like everyone was pulling in the same direction. I particularly enjoyed spending so much time with the pupils who were demonstrably engaged with their learning, incredibly generous with their time, and impressively patient with my endless questioning about their learning. I'm already looking forward to the next visit - hopefully next time I'll be able to watch Year 6 dissecting lamb hearts, rather than having to ask them about it!

Michael Nicholson, Parent Governor



On Friday, I was fortunate enough to spend the day at Monkfrith. As parents we should all be very proud of our children. The children, teachers, support staff, and lunchtime supervisors all welcomed us into our wonderful school community. The children were eager to show us their work, communicate their learning and showed high levels of involvement. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire day, I visited all year groups, talked to children about their work, observed impeccable behaviour and had some interesting conversations!

Valentina Christofi, Parent Governor

I really enjoyed my day in school on Friday. The children were keen to tell me all about their learning and what they enjoyed at school. I found them to be articulate, knowledgeable and, most important, enthusiastic! They carried me along with them in all that they talked about and they were clearly proud of their school. Likewise, the staff made me welcome and were happy to answer all my endless questions. All around the school, I could see endless material such as topic related words and drawings that furthered the children's education. My favourite answer to one of my questions was "We learn fancy words for things. Like, instead of saying see through, we say 'transparent'. Opaque is a good word too!".

Rita Parmar, Parent Governor

It was impressive to see class after class of well behaved, engaged and studious students. Monkfrith School has a strong culture that serves its pupils and staff very well.

Christine Shields, Co-opted Governor

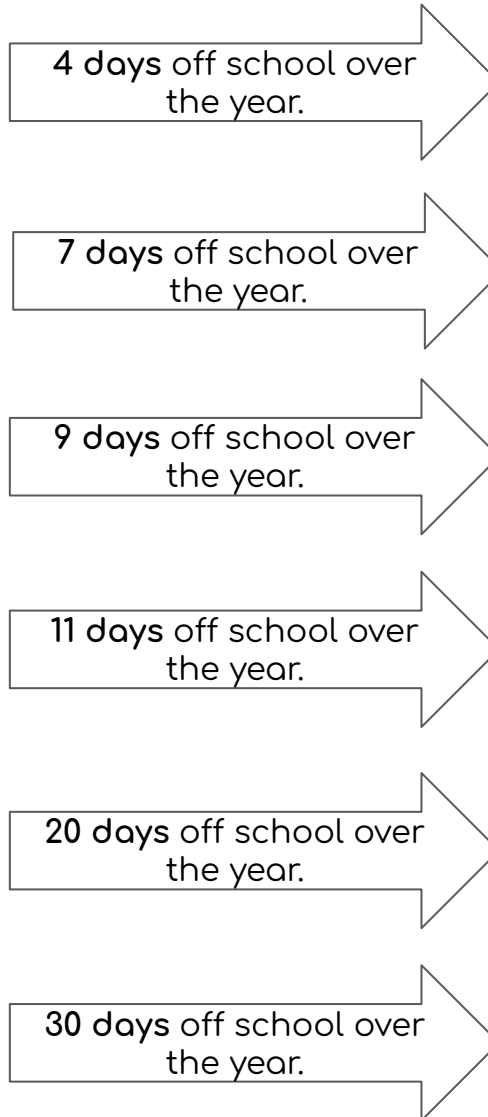




Attendance

Week commencing:
7th March 2022

Whole School	92%
Reception	96%
Year 1	87%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	91%



Covid

The numbers of covid cases in schools across Barnet is rising. Please ensure that if your child has symptoms of covid, you follow the national guidelines and seek a test. If your child tests positive, there are no changes to school absence procedures.

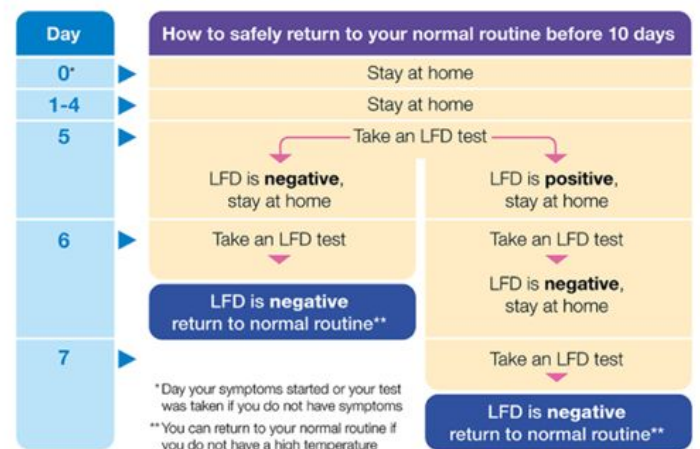


SEN coffee morning

Thank you to those parents who attend our coffee morning on Wednesday. I hope you found the session with Nicole helpful.

Our next SEN Coffee morning is 15th June at 9.15am. I am also attaching information about The Community Cafe which is for autistic people and their families and carers.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



Key Dates for the rest of the year

Monday 7th March - Friday 18th March - Year 4P swimming every day

Monday 14th March - Friday 18th March - Science Week

Thursday 17th March - Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm

Friday 18th March - Non Uniform Day to raise money for UNICEF

Monday 21st March - Friday 1st April - Year 4S swimming every day

Friday 1st April - End of Term (break up 2pm)

Summer Term 1

Tuesday 19th April - Start of Summer Term

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May - School Closed Local Government Elections

Monday 9th May - KS2 SATS Week

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term

Summer Term 2

Monday 6th June - INSET Day

Wednesday 15th June - Barnet Music Festival (there still places in Choir if your child in Year 5/6 would like to join)

Monday 20th June - Friday 24th June - Sports Week

Friday 1st July - INSET Day

Saturday 9th July - Provisional date for the FOMS Summer Fair

Thursday 21st July - End of Term 2pm finish

There will be further dates added.



Contact Information

Please ensure that we have the most up to date contact information on Arbor. I know that quite a few families have moved house recently so please make sure we have your new address on the system and that your emergency contact information is accurate.

Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned
Francesca, 2P Jessie, 2K Aadam, 1K Lupin, 1C Zoe, 2K Kerri, 1C Veronica, 1K Harry, 1C Annabel, 2P Ibrohim, 1K	Veronica, 1K Annabel, 2P Francesca, 2P Ibrohim, 1K Zoe, 2K Kerri, 1C Harry, 1C Jessie, 2K Dhevan, 1C Lupin, 1C	Eesan, 2K Aadam, 1K Francesca, 2P Annabel, 2P Veronica, 1K Ibrohim, 1K Zoe, 2K Kerri, 1C Jessie, 2K Harry, 1C

If you have a child in **Reception**, you will be receiving your child's Numbot login information this week!

Numbots can be an effective way of your child consolidating the number skills we teach at school.



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
Brendan, 6LD Christiana, 4P Adam, 4S Iris, 4S Andrew, 4S Shanaya, 6LD Lucia, 5F Kai, 4S Shrina, 4P Alex, 5F	Louis, 5F Ozan, 6LD Micah, 4P Omer, 4P Erin, 4P (playing in the Studio improves your Rockstar status!)	Nina, 3S Kaitlyn, 4P Louis, 5D Micah, 4P Mylo, 4P Shrina, 4P Kacper, 5F Ozan, 6LD Sophie, 3D Ayah, 5B	Kaitlyn, 4P Nina, 3S Louis, 5F Mylo, 4P Micah, 4P Kacper, 5F Shrina, 4P Ayah, 5B Jaiden, 3D Sophie, 3D

