



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2022

Newsletter 3

It was so lovely to see so many parents at the Meet the Teacher sessions last week. Thank you for coming. If you were not able to attend, any information that was shared should now be available on the website.



We welcome **Reception** today for their first whole week. On Wednesday 12th October from 7.30pm-9pm we will be holding our New Reception Parent Welcome Evening. This is organised by Friends of Monkfrith (FOMS) and will be a relaxed opportunity to meet other parents and members of our school community. Unfortunately, this event is for adults only. I hope to see you there!



Year 1 were finding out about the Solar System and the order of the planets last week. They were also learning about how to find 1 more than a number as you can see from the photo!

Year 2 were using The Incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers for their English work last week. The children acted out the story, then sequenced the events and began writing a recount.

Pupil Council

Children from Year 2 to 6 have had the opportunity to stand as their class representative for pupil council. It has been lovely to see how seriously the children have been taking their campaigning, including making speeches to their classmates. Not all the year groups have finished their elections just yet, but by the end of this week, we will find out who has been democratically elected. The first meeting of Pupil Council is in two weeks time.

Year 3 were learning about the different ways fossils are formed by looking at different examples. They also worked in groups to think about what they know about their skeletons; hopefully this knowledge will improve over the next few weeks!





Year 4 were investigating states of matter this week as part of their science lessons.

The children in Year 4 also began their ukulele lessons. This is part of the Barnet Wider Opportunities music project. For the next two terms they will be having lessons with one of the BEAT music teachers to learn how to play an instrument. This is part-funded by FOMS - thank you!



Just a reminder to Year 4 parents that when you are collecting your child at the end of the day, please come to the bottom playground to do so. This is so helpful in ensuring that the children are dismissed safely.

Year 5's have been writing their bug hotel adverts this week. They have been learning about metamorphosis and using classification keys in science.



Year 6 have been learning about the structure of Victorian society and the differing experiences of those in different classes. They have also been learning about the life of William Morris and the impact he had, and continues to have, on design.

If you have not looked at the CONSENT section of your child's Arbor account recently, please check they are up to date.



Year 6 Secondary Transfer - deadline 31st October

The online application system is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk. All parents must apply online; paper forms are not available. A step-by-step guidance on how to submit an online application is included in the attachments to this newsletter. If you need help, call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651 for support and guidance.

Applications received after the 31 October 2022 deadline will be considered after all on-time applications have been processed and parents will not receive an outcome email on National Offer Day.

Parent Consultations (Year 1 to 6)

These will take place on:

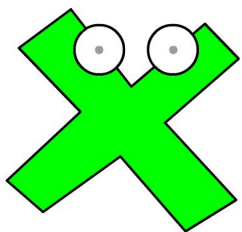
Monday 17th October 4pm - 6pm

Tuesday 18th October 4pm - 6pm

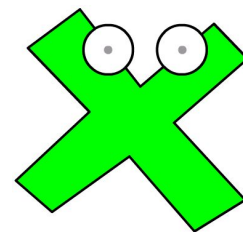
Wednesday 19th October 4pm - 6pm

You will be able to book your slot on Arbor from 3rd October at 7am.

Reception Parent Consultations are held later in the term.



Times Tables



The National Curriculum expects that most children will know all the multiplication and division facts by the end of Year 4. There will be a new statutory check to measure this. All children practise their times tables in maths lessons from Year 1 and this is supplemented by short weekly tests. These tests are just one in a number of ways that we work on this objective. We also value all the effort that so many parents put in to helping with remembering these all important facts.

There is a lot of debate about whether children need to 'know' their times tables and whether quick recall is really necessary. Our aim as a school is to make sure that children are **confident** and have committed their times tables to their long term memory. By doing this, they can spend less time and effort on working out the calculation and more on using their times table knowledge to solve more complex problems.

It is also important to remember that whilst some children can learn times tables very quickly, it can take other children a little bit longer. There is no pressure from teachers about 'passing the test', but a focus on **trying your best and doing a bit better each week**.

The weekly tests in **Key Stage 2** are 5 minutes and will now focus on both multiplication and division facts e.g. $6 \times 2 = 12$, $2 \times 6 = 12$, $12 \div 2 = 6$, $12 \div 6 = 2$.

At the start of the year, children will be asked to warm-up by having a go at a test they have previously passed. If they have already earned all their badges, they will do other activities related to times tables to practice applying their knowledge.

Times tables tests will be introduced to Key Stage 1 later in the year when this part of the curriculum is covered. There will be more in the newsletter in the Spring Term about this. By the end of Year 2 children need to know the multiplication and division facts for at least the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Tests	Times tables to practise	Badge
1 – 3a	2, 3, 5, 10	Blue Star
4 – 6a	2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10	Silver Star
7 – 9	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Gold Star
10 – 12	1-12 (including decimals)	Platinum

Small request

If you are able to spare a box of tissues to send in with your child, we would be grateful.



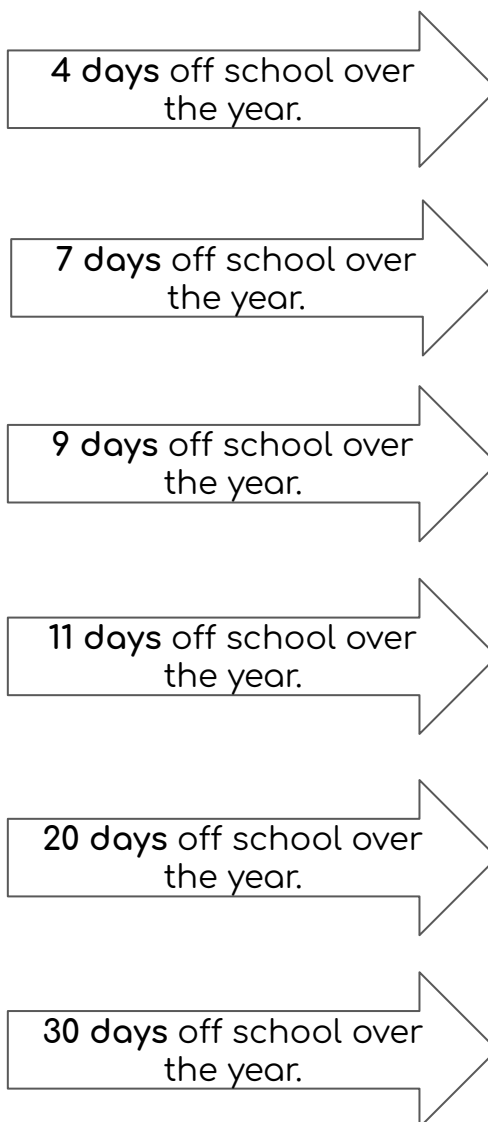


Attendance

Week commencing:

12th September 2022

Whole School	96%
Reception	91%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	98%



Diversity & Inclusion on Monkfrith's Governing Body

We want our governing body to mirror the diversity of the Monkfrith community to ensure that the decisions we take and priorities we pursue are representative of the broad views of the whole school community. Therefore, we are particularly keen to encourage parents from ethnically diverse backgrounds, those with disabilities, members of the LGBT+ community and people with non-professional backgrounds to put themselves forward for the forthcoming parent election.

We're also asking parents to be mindful of why a diverse governing body benefits everyone when placing their vote for their preferred candidate.

The governing body is a group of people from all walks of life with a common goal – to ensure Monkfrith is the best it can be. No previous experience is required just a strong desire to get involved and make a positive impact.

There is mentoring and training for all new governors to help you get to grips with the role and to get the most out of it. Meetings and training are a mixture of online and in-person and so participating on the governing body has never been so accessible.

Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned in the last 7 days
Alice, 1C Joel, 1c Zavi, 2C Joseph, 2P Sienna, 1K Josh, 2P	Joel, 1C Joseph, 2P Josh, 2P Zavi, 2C Sienna, 1K Alice, 1C	Joel, 1C Joseph, 2P Josh, 2P Zavi, 2C Sienna, 1K Alice, 1C

If you have an issue with your child's log-in information for either Numbots or TTRS then please let us know.



Overall School Leaderboard

1. Cos, 5K
2. Deeyar, 5K
3. Daniyal, 5K
4. Adam, 5K
5. George, 5K
6. Khloe, 5K

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
Elise, 4P Ela, 4S Dilan, 4P Reece, 6LD Isla-Rae, 5F Maximus, 4S George, 5K Filip, 6LD Andrew, 5K	Lewis, 4S Micah, 5F (I can see that not many children have been playing in the Studio this week!)	Reece, 6LD Evie, 6B Khloe, 5K Filip, 6LD Philip, 4S Noah, 4P Matilde, 5K Isla-Rae, 5K Ben, 4P H, 6B	Saaiyuri, 4S Reece, 6LD Evie, 6B Khloe, 5K Filip, 6LD Noah, 4P Isla-Rae, 5F Ben, 4P H, 6B Andrew, 5K



Key Dates for Autumn Term (There will be further dates added)

Monday 5th September - First day back (for Years 1 to 6)

Monday 19th September - School Closed

Wednesday 28th September - Year 6 Victorian Day

Wednesday 28th September to Friday 30th September - Year 5 to Kingswood

Monday 3rd October - FOMS Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 12th October - New Reception Parent Welcome Evening (7.30pm - 9pm)

Friday 14th October - Flu Vaccinations

17th October - 19th October - Parent Consultation Week (Years 1 to 6)

Friday 21st October - Show Racism the Red Card Day

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October HALF TERM

Friday 4th November - Individual School Photos

Monday 7th November - Wednesday 9th November - Reception Parent Consultations

Wednesday 9th November - SEN Parent Coffee Morning - details to follow

Thursday 17th November - Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm

Friday 18th November - FOMS Quiz Night

Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December - School Breaks Up for Christmas 2pm

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 3rd January - First day back

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February HALF TERM

Monday 20th February - INSET 3

Friday 31st March - End of Spring Term 2pm finish

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April - First day back

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - HALF TERM

Monday 5th June - INSET 4

Friday 7th July - INSET 5

Friday 21st July - School break up for Summer 2pm finish