

Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2022

Newsletter 7



There is lots of information in the newsletter this week about things that have happened or are coming up in the rest of the term!

It was so lovely to see so many parents find the time to come along to the New Reception Parent Evening on Wednesday last week. Thank you.

Year 1 were continuing their PSHE work developing their Zones of Regulation toolkit. The children were learning and practising techniques that they can use to get themselves 'back to green' and in a place to learn, one of which is a breathing technique called Lazy 8. We teach and use Zones of Regulation in all year groups from Reception to Year 6. I am resending the guide for parents alongside this newsletter.

Year 3 were learning about the different ways seeds can be dispersed and today they have their very exciting Predators and Prey workshop!

Year 4 were using clay to create their potion bottle designs using the sketches they have produced this half term.

Year 5 have been planning their narratives based on the story of Anthony the Ant. As you can see from the photo, in 5F they did freeze frames, acting out parts of the story before coming up with their own. I saw some lovely, detailed storyboards on Friday afternoon showing the vocabulary and punctuation that the children intend to use in their writing. It will be exciting to see the finished stories at the end of the week!

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to all the parents who voted in the election and returned their ballot papers by the deadline of Friday at 3.30pm. The results were as follows:

Tuba Gokpinar - 46, Ria Agisilaou - 38, Jamie Cooper - 34, Matthew Johnson - 47, Luke Louca - 16

Congratulations to Matthew. Thank you to those parents who stood; it was a high quality field.



Barnet Infant Music Festival - Year 2

Year 2 will be taking part in the Barnet Infant Music Festival on Friday 11th November. This concert is designed to give children the opportunity to sing as part of a massed choir. The children have been learning songs for the last few weeks to sing alongside another school as well as a song which they will perform on their own. Here are some photos of them practising together last week. They are starting to sound great!

Unfortunately, there is not an opportunity for parents to come along and watch but I will make sure that I try and take plenty of photos (and maybe a video) and share those in the newsletter or the website.

On Friday 11th November we will leave school shortly after lunch (at about 12.45pm) and walk to Danegrove School. We will be back before the end of the school day. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle and a coat with them on that day.



All the classes over this half term, are exploring a significant black artist as part of Black History Month. They have been learning about their background, their inspiration and their artistic process. **Year 6LD** have been looking at the work of Turner Prize winning, Chris Ofili and creating their own work inspired by one of his paintings, Untitled. I will share more in the newsletter after half term when all the classes have completed their work.

Show Racism the Red Card - Friday 21st October

We will be taking part in this national day. Children should wear something red to school. It can be a whole outfit or a piece of clothing alongside their uniform.

SEND Coffee Morning

9th November 2022 at 9am

Our first SEN Coffee Morning this year will be an informal opportunity to get together. It is a chance to meet with other parents, share tips and advice and have a biscuit! I look forward to seeing you there.

Everyone is welcome!



Reception Parent Consultations

You will be able to book your sessions via Arbor from Thursday 20th October at 7am.

The dates for these are:

Monday 7th November from 3.45pm to 5.50pm

Wednesday 9th November from 3.45pm to 5.50pm

Thursday 10th November from 3.45pm to 5.50pm



Packed Lunches

Just a reminder that if you are sending your child with a packed lunch, we encourage healthy choices AND nut-free food. The following items have been put in lunches in the last week:

- Grab-bags of crisps
- Packets of biscuits
- Large bag of Haribo
- Bars of chocolate
- Fizzy drinks

A healthy lunch gives children the energy they need to work and play for the rest of the day.

Parent Pulse Survey

This year we are going to be asking for feedback from parents at different times with a specific focus each time.

This week we will be asking for your feedback on parent consultations. On Thursday afternoon, parents who have a child in Years 1 to 6 will receive a link to a short survey to give some information about your parent consultation. Reception parents will be sent the same link following theirs in November.

If you have more than one child, it would be helpful for us for you to complete the questions for each child. It should only take a couple of minutes. Thank you for your help.

Congratulations!

It is always lovely to celebrate children who take part in extracurricular activities at school. This week we say a huge congratulations to everyone who took part in the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing ballet exams this year! The following children pass their Primary grade examination with Merit!

Alara Mono
Naiema Oduro-Ayim
Nina Schreibman
Annabel Welsby
Astrid White



If your child is interested in taking up ballet, Aniko's ballet classes are after school on Tuesdays.

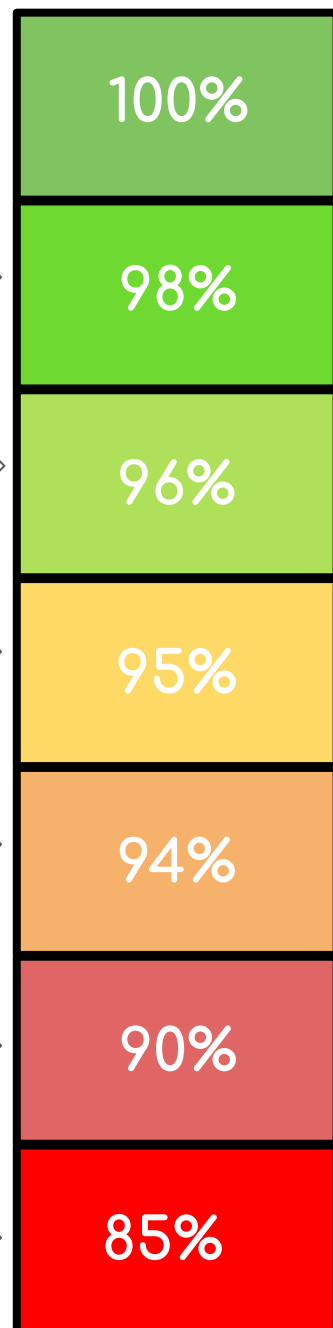
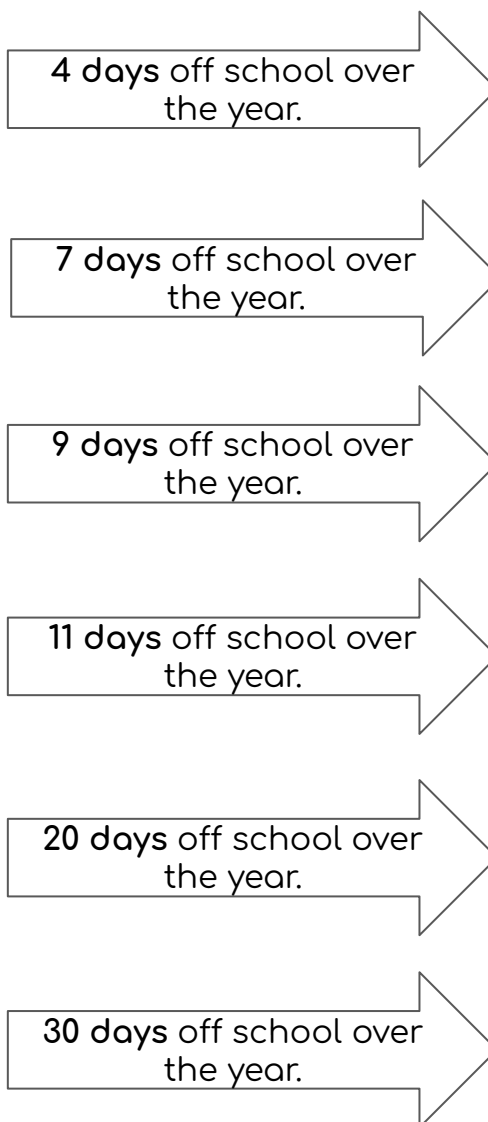
Also, we give an extra congratulations to [Nina](#) who has also passed her Debut piano exam!



Attendance

Week commencing:
10th October 2022

Whole School	97%
Reception	96%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	98%



Earlier this year the government published information on attendance and the expectations on schools and parent to ensure that children attend school regularly. This included further information about the strong correlation between attendance and academic performance:

The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.

At KS2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7%, compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard.

The overall absence rate of pupils not meeting the expected standard was higher than among those meeting the higher standard (4.7% compared to 2.7%).

If you choose to take holiday during term time, you could face a fixed penalty notice. Details can be found [here](#).

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
Aadam, 2C Ida, 2P Joseph, 2P Caleb, 1K Eva, 1K Isabelle, 1K Hayaan, 1C Millie, 1C Kuzey, 1C Reva, 1C	Reva, 1C Hayaan, 1C Yusuf, 1C Ufuk, 1C Joshua, 1C Hugo, 1K Adriana, 1C Alice, 1C Eymen, 1K Wattein, 1K	Yusuf, 1C Reva, 1C Hayaan, 1C Ufuk, 1C Adriana, 1C Marco, 1C Wattein, 1K Joshua, 1C Alice, 1C Hugo, 1K

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
Anna, 4S Danyaal, 4S Fausto, 5K Dexter, 5K Ross, 4P Christiana, 5F Ediz, 6LD Harleen, 4P Isla, 4P Josephine, 6B Nick, 4S	Melissa, 4S Astrid, 4p Lily, 5K	Saaiyuri, 4S Jaiden, 4S Noah, 4P Kacper, 6B Ruby, 4S Sophie, 4S Ross, 4P Anna, 4S Bronwyn, 4S Nina, 4P	Saaiyuri, 4S Jaiden, 4S Noah, 4P Kacper, 6B Shrina, 5F Ross, 4P Anna, 4S Tommy, 4P Sophie, 4S Bronwyn, 4S



Key Dates for Autumn Term

A number of dates have been added this week. If you have not already received information about the trip or visit, it will be sent out shortly.

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

Wednesday 19th October - Pupil Welfare Committee Meeting

Friday 21st October - **Show Racism the Red Card Day**

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October HALF TERM

Wednesday 2nd November - Police talks for year 5/6

Friday 4th November - Individual School Photos

Monday 7th,, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November - Reception Parent Consultations

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

Friday 11th November - Year 2 to the Barnet Infant Music Festival

- FOMS Quiz Night

Monday 14th November - Anti Bullying Week begins with Odd Sock Day!

Thursday 17th November - Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 22nd November - 5F to Barnet Museum

Wednesday 23rd November - 5K to Barnet Museum

Thursday 24th November - Big Dreams and Changemakers Day

Tuesday 29th November - Year 4 to the British Museum

Wednesday 30th November - Year 2 to Christ Church

Wednesday 7th December - Reception Nativity 9.30am

KS2 Choir to sing at the Hasluck Trust Christmas Lunch in the afternoon

Thursday 8th December - Reception Nativity 2.30pm

Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day, FOMS Christmas Fair from 3.30pm

Wednesday 14th December - KS1 and 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am

Thursday 15th December - KS1 and 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am (this date may change)

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

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 3rd January - First day back