

Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2022

Newsletter 10



In **Reception** the children have been reading the book *In Our House* by Michael Rosen. They acted the story out, created their own houses and finally drew fantastic story maps as you can see from the pictures.

This week, Ms Dunning, Ms Kontos and I looked at the children's English books. It was lovely to see the progress that **Year 1** have made in their writing since the start of term and how hard they are trying with their learning. This week they were writing about our school in preparation for finding out more about Victorian schools in their workshop this morning.

Year 2 were writing and performing their persuasive speeches last week about the impact of plastic pollution on our oceans. The language that the children were using was fantastic!

On Friday afternoon, we also took **Year 2** to Danegrove School to take part in the Barnet Infant Music Festival.

Understandably, some of the children were a little apprehensive as this was their biggest school trip so far, but they were fantastic! They listened carefully to the instructions, were polite to all the adults they met and showed how hard they had been practising all the songs. We were extremely proud of them!

Afterwards, I received a lovely email from the organiser Ros, who works for BEAT:

'It was a lovely event and a privilege to work with your talented, enthusiastic and well-behaved children.'

Thank you to Mr Powell and Mrs Choudhury for their hard work in getting the children ready.

Today is the start of Anti Bullying Week. The theme this year is Reach Out!





In **Year 3** they have been studying cave paintings and how they were used in prehistoric times to tell stories. The children tried it for themselves on Thursday afternoon.

They were also learning about Stone Age tools ready to design their own this week!



Before they started writing their character descriptions of Boudicca, **Year 4** practised using prepositions effectively in their writing.



Remembrance

On Friday, in our assembly, **Year 6** performed two very moving poems written about the Great War that they had learnt by heart.

In **Year 5** last week they were learning about Henry VIII and religion and the changes that took place in Tudor society.

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to the FOMS Quiz Night on Friday. Well done to the winning table of Year 6 parents!

Thank you to everyone on the FOMS Committee who helped organise the event.

We raised over £1000 which is fantastic! Next up... The Christmas Mingle and Jingle...



Amazon Wishlists

Thank you so much to those parents who have sent us a book from our wishlists! They will start to go out to the classes on Monday. We really appreciate your support.

Reception: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/QS1KFBM39BIB?ref=wl_share

Year 1: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/QS1KFBM39BIB?ref=wl_share

Year 2: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3VOIXBNCS5Q4M?ref=wl_share

Year 3: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/VREPTIHAWBR?ref=wl_share

Year 4: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/VREPTIHAWBR?ref=wl_share

Year 5: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1OWGZAU19I4WR?ref=wl_share

Year 6: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3NAPDSO0KA9LG?ref=wl_share

Christmas Cards

Please make sure that you have placed your order by 18th November.

Photos

If you want to order your child/ren's photos and have them delivered to school, you have until 22nd November to order.



Music Lessons

Bookings for instrumental music lessons for the Spring term are now open.

Please contact BEAT using the link below. Please do so by Friday 18th November.

<https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/>

If your child already has lessons via BEAT, you will be contacted by BEAT directly with details on how to pay for next term, you do not need to re-enrol.

Bookings for the group recorder lessons for the Spring term are now open. These will be available for children in Year 2 and above. If your child is interested in having lessons please let the office know by Friday 18th November.

Bookings for individual and paired lessons for the ukulele/guitar for the Spring term are also open now. Please let the office know by Friday 25th November if you would like further information.

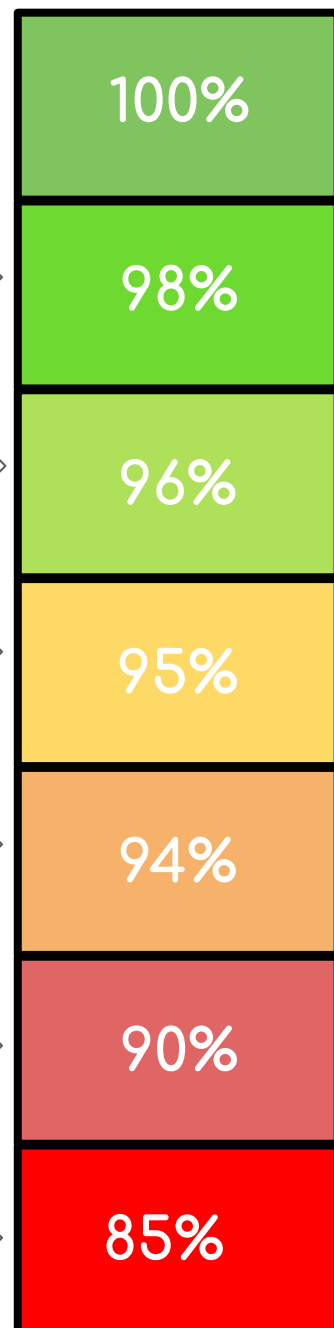
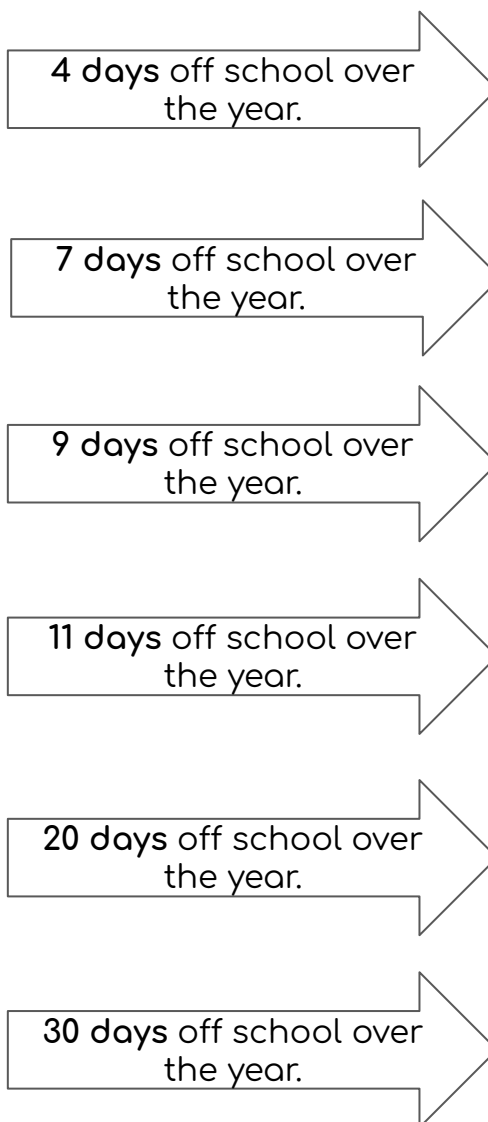




Attendance

Week commencing:
7th November 2022

Whole School	95%
Reception	93%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	93%



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](#).

Key Dates for Autumn Term

If you have not already received information about the trip or visit, it will be sent out shortly. We are just finalising ticketing plans for the Nativity and Christmas Concert. You will receive information later this week.

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

- Reception Parent Phonic Meeting 7pm

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 Mingle and Jingle from 3.10pm

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

Thursday 15th December - KS1 and 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am

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

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 3rd January - First day back

Wednesday 18th January - SEN Coffee Morning

Monday 6th February to 10th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 6th February - Wednesday 8th February - Parent Consultations

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February HALF TERM

Monday 20th February - INSET 3

Monday 6th March - Dance Festival (Year 5 and 6 Dance Club)

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

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 Joni, 1K Reva, 1C Isabelle, 1K Valentina, 1K Milan, 1K Charlotte, 1C Joshua, 2C Artin, 1K Elizabeth, 1K	Hayaan, 1C Marco, 1C Deniz, 1C Reva, 1C Harry, 2P Charlotte, 1C Ibrohim, 2C Elizabeth, 1K Dhevan, 2P Adriana, 1C	Hayaan, 1C Marco, 1C Deniz, 1C Reva, 1C Harry, 2P Adriana, 1C Charlotte, 1C Josh, 2C Ibrohim, 2C Dhevan, 2P

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 Ruby, 4S Harleen, 4P Mert, 4P Elida, 5F Issa, 5F Elizabeth, 4P Evie, 6LD Samuel, 6LD Lewis, 4S	Ruby O, 4S Philip, 4S	Nina, 4P Kai, 5K Noah, 4P Matilde, 5K Anna, 4S Naomi, 4S Jaiden, 4S Kaya Y, 5F Jaheim, 5K Elizabeth, 4P	Kai, 5K Noah, 4P Matilde, 5K Nina, 4P Anna, 4S Naomi, 4S Elida, 5F Kaya, 5F Ross, 4P Jaiden, 4S

