

Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2022

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Reception were learning about nocturnal animals last week and they also started practising their songs for the Nativity! If you have not booked your tickets, please do so this week. Just a reminder to parents that we are holding a meeting about how we teach phonics in Reception on Tuesday at 7pm. We hope you are able to attend.



Year 1 had a special visitor from the past last week. They experienced what it was like to go to school during the Victorian times. It was very different from school now!

As part of their Dreamers and Changemakers topic, the children in **Year 2** have been learning about Amelia Earhart. They did some fantastic hotseating of Amelia (as you can see!) as they learnt about her life. We are really looking forward to seeing the children in Year 2 dressed as their hero or inspiration on Thursday!



In **Year 3** the children have been designing their own Stone Age tools using what they have learnt over the last two weeks. They then created their own adverts for their 'products'!

In **Year 4** the children have been learning about Boudicca's rebellion in history and creating storyboards.

Year 5 were writing diary entries from the point of view of a monk escaping from a monastery before Henry VIII attacked. They also started learning about the differences in crimes and punishment during Tudor times - very grisly!



In **Year 6** the children have been learning about the tragic expedition of Robert Falcon Scott to the Antarctic as well as debating who was most responsible for the sinking of the Titanic.

Later this week we will send out a more detailed guide to Christmas at Monkfrith this year.

Music Lessons

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.



Last week was Anti-Bullying Week.

Odd Sock Day was on Monday. This is an opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.



The children thought about the definition of bullying and the difference between bullying and falling out with someone.



They learnt that bullying is the repetitive and intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group. It can happen face to face or online.



The theme of this year's week was Reach Out! This was about empowering children to think about who they can 'reach out' to if they feel they are being bullied. In assembly this morning, the children were able to list lots of people they could go to if they had a problem.



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



In Key Stage 2 some of the discussion was about how to help someone who might be being bullied and what to do if someone reaches out to them.

The children also thought about how 'laughing along with a joke' can be part of the problem of bullying.

Driving and Parking

I have received lots of complaints from parents and residents this week about the terrible parking on the roads around school, which is making it dangerous for those who are walking. I was also asked by one of the local councillors to remind parents to be legal but also considerate of the local community. If you feel you have to drive, then please think about the safety of all the children and families who are coming to school.



Mr Chris took the Girls Football Team to play in the East Barnet Cup against the Wren last Tuesday. They played really well and won 1-0! Congratulations girls! Thank you to the parents who helped with transport.

Virtual Skipping Challenge

As always we are taking part in the Barnet Virtual Skipping Challenge. Each half term, schools in Barnet take part in a specific skipping activity and submit their results.

Last half term our Year 6 finished 6th. A huge well done to [Reece](#) in [Year 6](#) who completed 129 skips in 45 seconds which was the 2nd highest score out of all the children in the Barnet!

The challenge this half term moves to Year 5...

Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday last week Miss Pierides took children from Year 5 and 6 to take part in the Barnet Schools Sports Partnership Indoor Athletics competition at Copthall. The children have been working really hard during their lunchtimes practising for the different events.

This is the first time the event has been held since 2019 and the atmosphere was incredible! The children performed brilliantly and after all the points were combined, we finished in [bronze medal](#) position. Well done to the team!

A huge thank you to the staff who have given up their lunchtimes to help train the children: Miss Pierides, Ms BH, Mrs Bee and Mrs Hall.





Attendance

Week commencing:

14th November 2022

Whole School	92%
Reception	91%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	91%

4 days off school over the year.

7 days off school over the year.

9 days off school over the year.

11 days off school over the year.

20 days off school over the year.

30 days off school over the year.

100%

98%

96%

95%

94%

90%

85%

Please remember that no holidays taken before or after the Christmas holidays will be authorised.

Authorised leave will only be agreed in exceptional circumstances.

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

Friday 2nd December - FOMS Non Uniform Day (bring £1 donation)

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 - FOMS Accessory Day - bring a bottle, FOMS Mingle and Jingle from 3.10pm

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

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