



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2022

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Reception were learning about space last week. They had great fun building rockets and learning about the different planets. We look forward to welcoming Reception families to the Nativity performances this week. Just a reminder to bring your tickets for the correct performance and use the Office entrance. Parents will be able to take their seats 15 minutes before the performances.



In **Year 1** the children were learning about Samuel Wilderspin who was Victoria educator as well as 3D solids.

Year 2 went on the bus to Christ Church in Southgate to learn about the history of the Church and act out the Christmas Story. The children were enthusiastic and asked thoughtful questions. They also behaved really well! Thank you to the parents who came along to help!



In **Year 3** the children were using what they know about the Stone Age to design and construct model houses. Both classes had a great time applying their knowledge and working cooperatively.

Year 4 went to the British Museum on Tuesday to look at Roman artefacts. Ms Pierides and Mrs Slater were so proud of how enthusiastic and well behaved the children were! Thank you so much to the parents who were able to come along and help. The children also created pastel portraits of Boudicca.



Year 5 were writing their letters about Tudor crime and punishment as well as learning about the significance of portraits in Tudor times through the work of Hans Holbein.

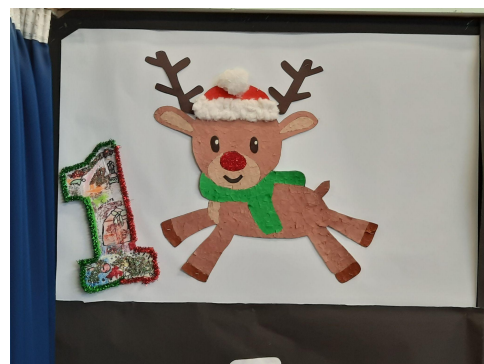
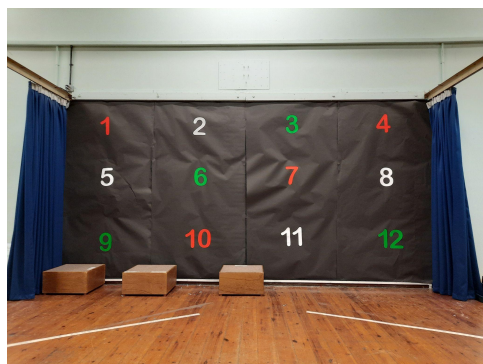


In **Year 6** they have been reading the book, The Island by Armin Greder, a modern day parable about the treatment of refugees. They have also been writing diary entries as if they were Robert Falcon Scott.



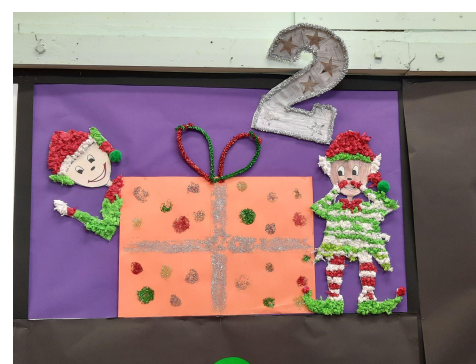
Our Christmas Countdown

On Friday in our Celebration Assembly, we began our Countdown to Christmas. This year all the classes were tasked with a 'secret mission' to create a design for our special advent calendar. Between Friday 1st December and the 16th December, there are 12 school days and so we have come up with a Monkfrith version of the 12 Days of Christmas. On Friday we revealed what was behind the first two doors...



2C were responsible for the 'reindeer with a red nose' behind door number 1. (The odd numbers were created by 5F).

3S did door number 2 - 'two naughty elves' (The even numbers were made by 5K). On Monday we will see what is behind door number 3...



Pupil Responsibilities

This term we have been introducing various responsibilities for pupils across the school. Children in selected year groups have had the opportunity to apply for the roles- we have received some fabulous job applications!

So far we have introduced the following responsibilities:

Planet Protectors- These pupils are responsible for helping their classes to be environmentally friendly. They encourage people to recycle and turn off electrical items when they aren't in use. They will also be doing some litter picking around the school grounds when the equipment arrives!

Lifters and Shifters- We have a group of pupils who are ready to help out moving chairs, resources or equipment when there is an assembly or event.

Admin Assistants- Twice a day Admin Assistants report to the school office to deliver any messages to classes and complete any other administrative jobs. So many children applied for this job that there is a 2 week rota!

The following responsibilities will be introduced soon:

Story Sharers- Some of the older children will read with Year 1 and 2 pupils during Soft Start.

Book Worms- These pupils will look after the school library.

Playground Pals- We will be training some children to run and support games and activities with younger children at lunchtimes.



Attendance

Week commencing:

28st November 2022

Whole School	91%
Reception	93%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	96%

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.

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Just a reminder to clear your balances before the end of term please. Thank you!



Key Dates for Autumn Term

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 2023

Tuesday 3rd January - First day back

Wednesday 26th January - SEN Coffee Morning **Change to the date**

Tuesday 31st January/Wednesday 1st February - Year 6 to Royal Institute

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)

Monday 6th March to Friday 17th March - Year 5 swimming

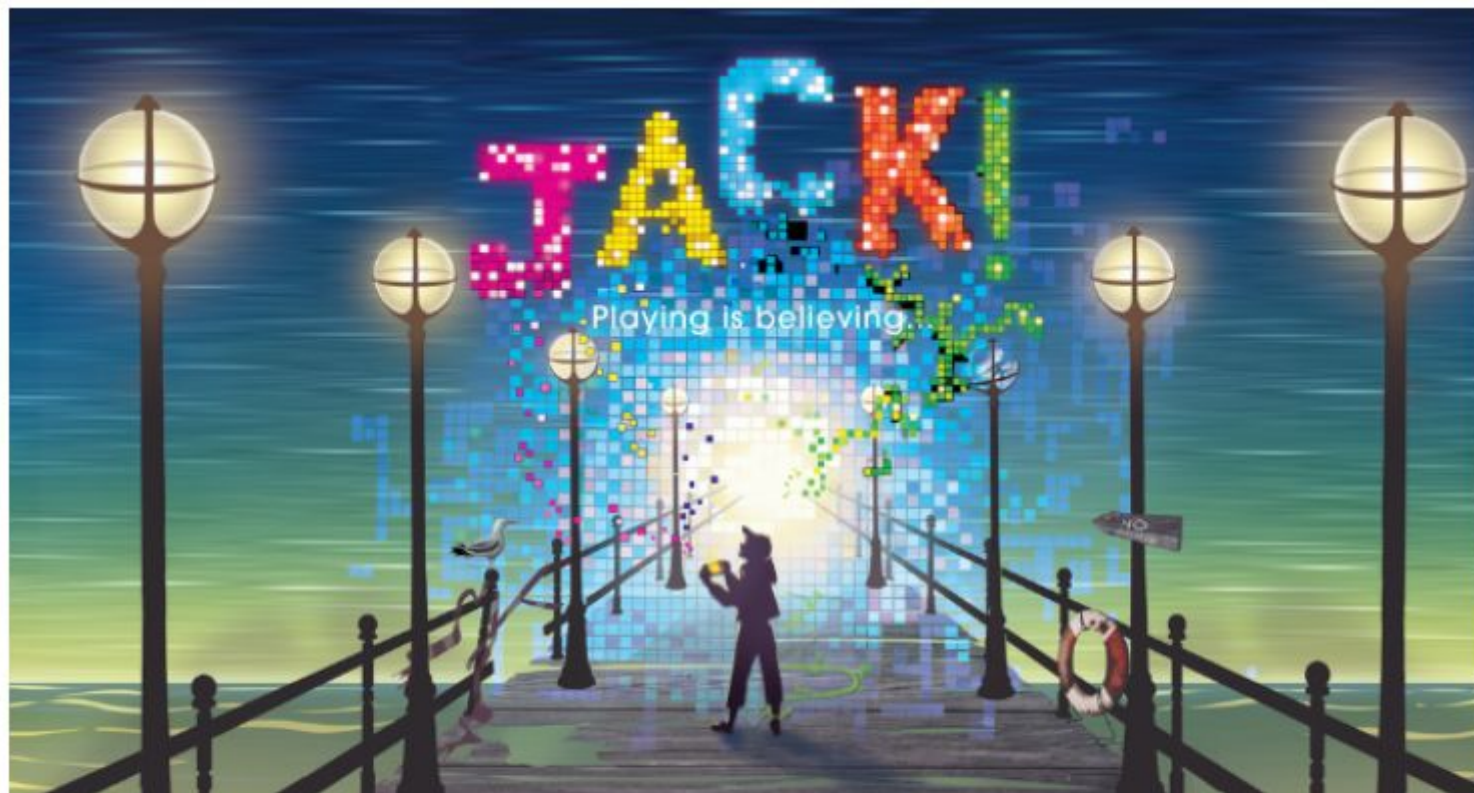
Friday 31st March - End of Spring Term 2pm finish

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - KS2 SATs week for Year 6

Sunday 14th May - Friday 19th May - Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight





Jack! Playing is believing...

We're ready for Christmas, with an amazing selection of festive shows and events for all the family. And what could be better than kicking it all off with our colourful, fun, energetic, bigger than ever, Christmas Show, *Jack! - Playing is believing.*

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