



Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2023

Newsletter 2



Parent Coffee Morning

Supporting attention at home... Do you worry about your child's attention and listening? Would you like some ideas about how to get your child to focus or concentrate?

At our Coffee morning on Wednesday 25th January 2023, Tiffany Nelson, Trainee Educational Psychologist, will be talking about supporting your child's attention at home. She will briefly cover some theory and factors that influence attention. She will look at strategies to support your child's attention and there will be an opportunity for discussion and to carry out some activities.

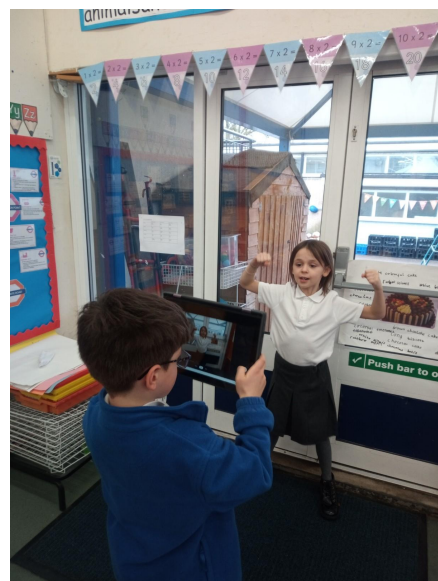
Everyone is welcome!



In **Reception** the children were continuing their learning about Little Red Riding Hood. The children have been retelling the story in a variety of ways as you can see from the photos! Weather depending, this week the children will be going out for a walk to look at different houses. Thank you to the parents who have sent in photos of the children's homes which will also be used as part of their work this week. If you have not had the chance, you can still email it to the Office.

In **Year 1** the children have been learning about health and hygiene as part of their PSHE lessons. This week they were thinking about how to clean their teeth effectively. This links really well to the learning that they will do in Year 4 about the digestive system.





Year 2 were writing about hospitals last week. They were also learning about and taking digital photographs as part of the Computing curriculum.

If you have a child in **Year 3**, I am sure that they have been telling you all about their PSHE lesson this week, where they learnt how much sugar is in various foods. They investigated the packaging of every day foods and compared that to how much sugar they need for a health diet. In **Year 4** the children have been carrying out an investigation into the effect of different liquids on teeth (although they are using eggs instead).

In **Year 5** the children have also been carrying out scientific enquiry into the heliocentric model of the universe (the Earth and planets rotating around the sun) and how that view has changed over time. In **Year 6** the children have been planning their narratives based on the short film, Alma as well as learning about the circulatory system. There will be information coming this week about the Isle of Wight trip in May.



Ms Dunning and I have been meeting with teachers to discuss the children's progress. It is lovely to hear how well so many of the children are doing, how hard they are trying and about the progress they are making.

Just a reminder that if your child has a Numbots, TTRs or Wordshark log in but you have had problems logging in, please let us know so we can help resolve the issue. Children who are using these sites regularly are making great progress and we would not want anyone to miss out!



Storysharers

One of the areas that we are developing this year is the children's opportunities for taking responsibility. Last week the children in Year 5 and 6 who applied for the role of 'Storysharers' began their jobs. It was lovely to see how enthusiastic they were when they arrived at school (many of whom came earlier than usual to be able to help) and the how proud they were to help children in Year 1 and 2 read.

Online Safety Day

We are coming up to Online Safety Day (Tuesday 7th February). As part of the work that we are doing in school to ensure that children understand and can use the internet safely, we are also offering a session to parents. This will be a virtual pre recorded session that parents will be able to access between Monday 30th January and Sunday 5th February. It is a 1 hour long and parents will be sent the link closer to the time.

I am hoping that by giving plenty of advance notice, you will be able to find an hour in that week to be able to log on and take part.

The training is run by Education Child Protection who are specialists in Safeguarding. I have attended some of their training recently and it was really informative and up to date.



Online Safety For Parents & Carers

Provided by a specialist from Education Child Protection Ltd.

What is covered in the session?

- What children are taught about online safety (specific to their age)
- Latest trends of what children are doing online
- Details of the current 'apps' & games that children are using & playing
- The issues & dangers children face online
- How we can make children safer online
- Details of what support is available for you & your family

What parents & carers who have had us deliver our sessions say...

- "I thought it was well-paced, useful and well-delivered"
- "Lots of clear information, well presented"
- "Although I attended as a parent, I am also a teacher. I will be recommending that we hold a session like this for the parents at my school"

Our online safety sessions are regularly updated to reflect the ever-changing online world & with children using devices to access the internet well before they start school, we would encourage all parents & carers to attend!

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Help for Households

At a meeting this week, all Headteachers were asked to remind families that there is support for families in the current cost of living crisis. You can find support and advice on the [Government website](#) or the [Barnet Council website](#).

Parent Pulse Survey

To share your views about home learning, please click the link:

<https://forms.gle/1KXdwaNG4GoqFktj8>

The survey closes on Saturday.



RIBA



The Royal Institute of British Architects have a range of activities and experiences for families, including some lovely things that you can do in half term. If you are interested then click here for the [link](#).

If you are looking for a holiday club over February half term, then Non Stop Action have some spaces left.

Click [here](#) for details.

A final thing from FOMS....

After a break of a couple of years, the Monkfrith Christmas fair returned with more cheer and festive fun than ever! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make it happen and supported FOMS to deliver a great event that brought smiles to children's faces and raised vital funds to support the great work our school does. We raised over £4,600 from the event and an additional £2,759 from match-funding provided by parent's employers. That's an incredible total of £7,359 - what a fantastic amount!

We would like to say a special thank you to lots of people and companies:



THANK YOU!

Our Christmas Jingle & Mingle would not be possible without the help, support and donations from sponsors, volunteers, school staff, students, parents and carers

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Special Mentions

Balloon Bar parties Alessia, Elida & Maya (5F) Zumbatastic
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Our Year 6 volunteers Betka's Gingerbreads
Huggle Design by Sophia (6B) & Sophie (4S)

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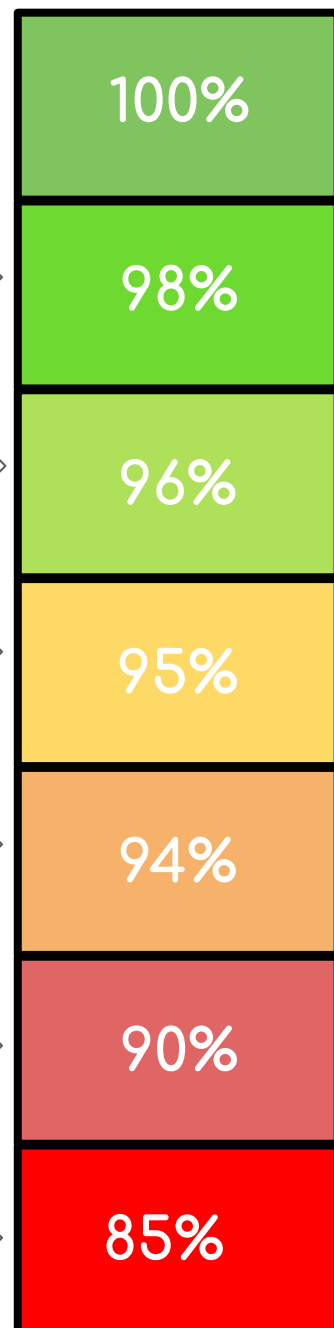
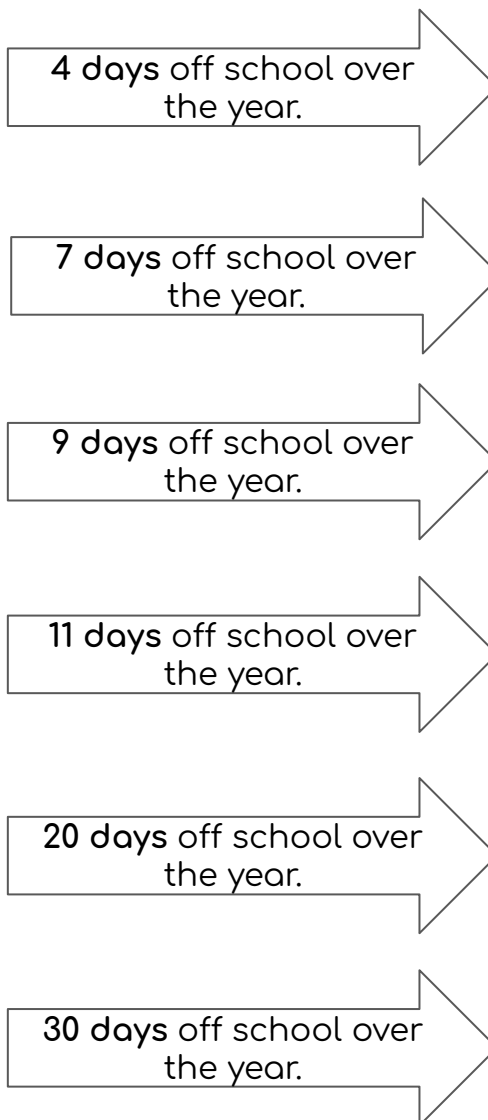
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Week commencing:
9th January 2023

Attendance

Whole School	97%
Reception	98%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%



Thank you to everyone for the huge improvement in attendance last week (although it has dropped again today)! I hope we can keep it up for the rest of this term. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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
Ayan, 2P Joshua, 2C Marco, 1C Alyssia, 2P Lucy, 2C Josh, 2C Caleb, 1K Yusuf, 1C Joseph, 2P Ida, 2P	Marco, 1C Lupin, 2P Ida, 2P Maxon, 2C Omid, 2P George, 2P Isla, 2C Krish, 2C Josh, 2C Alyssia, 2P	Lupin, 2P Marco, 1C Ida, 2P Maxon, 2C George, 2P Krish, 2C Omid, 2P Isla, 2C Josh, 2C Caleb, 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
Elise, 4P Alyssa, 4P Beth, 6B Harleen, 4P Alicia, 5K Lily, 5K Lewis, 4S Cairo, 5F Noah, 4P Astrid, 4P	Elise, 4P Liana, 6LD Leyla, 5K Noah, 4P Ipek, 4S Naomi, 4D Nina, 4P Amelia, 4P	Jaiden, 4S Nina, 4P Saaiyuri, 4S Leyla, 5K Anna, 4S Ahmet, 4P Connor, 6B Noah, 4P Kacper, 6B Sophie, 4S	Jaiden, 4S Saaiyuri, 4S Anna, 4S Leyla, 5K Connor, 6B Ahmet, 4P Kacper, 6B Sophie, 4S Shrina, 5F Noah, 4P



Key Dates for Spring Term 2023

****More dates to be added over the coming weeks****

Wednesday 25th January at 9am - Coffee Morning

Friday 27th January - Year 1 and 2 Road Safety Show (at school)

Tuesday 31st January - 6LD to the Royal Institute

Wednesday 1st February - 6B to the Royal Institute

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

Monday 6th February - Wednesday 8th February - Parent Consultations for Reception to Year 6 after school

Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February - Half Term

Monday 20th February - INSET DAY 3

Monday 6th March - KS2 Dance Club to the Dance Festival

Monday 6th March to Friday 17th March - Year 5 Swimming lessons

Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March - Science Week

Friday 31st March - Break up 2pm

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