

# Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2023  
Newsletter 3



## Teachers' Industrial Action

For the last few months, the National Education Union have been balloting their members to take strike action for a fully funded, above inflation pay rise.

The proposed dates for action are:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Thursday 2nd March
- Wednesday 15th - Thursday 16th March

If there is no agreement between the government and the NEU before the 1st February it may be that school or certain classes will be closed on this day. I understand that this may be inconvenient.

We are currently considering the options and will let you know about the arrangements for this day as soon as possible. In the interim, you may need to explore alternative childcare options for the 1st February.

## 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!

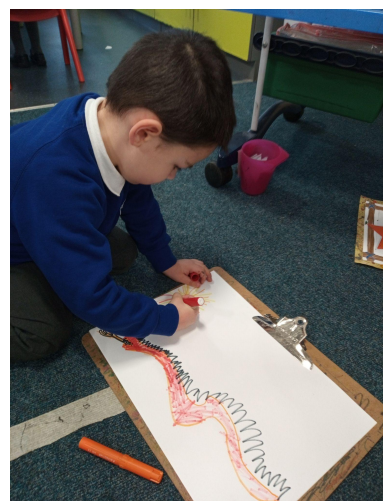


## Parent Consultations - Reception to Year 6

You will be able to book your consultation time with your child's class teacher from this Tuesday morning from 7am on Arbor.

A huge well done to Andreas in Year 6B who has passed his Debut piana exam.





**Reception** were hampered by the weather last week and so were not able to go out for their walk in the local area but it will happen this week. The children did some lovely learning about Chinese New Year and in Maths they were exploring capacity.

**Year 1** have been writing and then presenting their own weather forecasts. **Year 2** were also performing last week. They have been reading the book Man on the Moon and were acting it out. Our enthusiastic story sharers were also busy!



**Year 3** were learning about the lives of rich and poor in Ancient Greece. **Year 4** were lucky enough to be visited by Mrs Chal (Harleen and Dhevan's mum) who talked to the children about being a dentist. **Year 5** have been designing Space Landers as part of their Design and Technology project. They were then tested by being 'launched' from the roof by Mr Filby! In **Year 6**, the children have been learning about legal and illegal drugs as part of their PSHE learning into leading a healthy lifestyle.





## Football

Last week, both the boys and girls football teams played against Akiva in the league. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and determination against well organised teams. We were happy to come away with a point as both teams drew.

The girls also competed in the annual Barnet football tournament. They made us so proud with their behaviour and teamwork. It was great to see them all enjoying themselves. They made it into the knockout stages but sadly lost in the quarter finals.

## Virtual Skipping Challenge

Last half term, year 5 competed in the Barnet Virtual Skipping Challenge against 12 schools in Barnet. They had to skip forward for 30 seconds and then backwards for 30 seconds. We submitted our top 10 skipping results. The results are in and we are delighted to announce that we received two medals. Elijah with gold for skipping 200 jumps and Nayan with bronze for skipping 159 jumps out of 130 skippers. All the skipping results added together means that we have crept up the overall leaderboard to 2nd. Now it is the year 4s turn and their challenge is to skip backwards as many times as they can in 45 seconds. Year 4 get practising at home and school. Good luck.

## Wordshark - parents in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4.



As a school we buy into Wordshark for some of our year groups (Years 1 to 4). Wordshark is a games based product for learning spellings.

The first time your child logs in they will be invited to take the 'Shark Challenge'. This helps Wordshark to decide where you should start the program - this will be different for different children. Taking the Shark challenge is important because starting at the right point in Wordshark will make learning more effective.

Wordshark will then suggest some words to learn in 'Supershark'. The children can then choose which games to play.

In some year groups the children will also set work. You can find this by clicking on the tab 'My Set Work'. This might include spellings that the whole class or groups of children need to practice (eg. high frequency words or the 'Gold Star' words).

Parents can find more information about this by going to <https://wolhelp.wordshark.co.uk/portal/en/kb/articles/information-about-wordshark-online-for-students>

To access Word Shark, the URL is: <https://onwordshark.com/monkfrith/login>. Your child will then have their own username and password (probably inside their homework book). If you do not have it, then please let your child's teacher know.

This programme has a strong evidence base of improving children's spelling and reading skills when used regularly.

## 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, 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](#).

### Help for Households

#### Fully Funded Positive Activities from Barnet Early Help

Alongside the newsletter today, you will receive a flyer from the Barnet Early Help Team about a range of families activities taking place over the holidays.

You can book from today.

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.

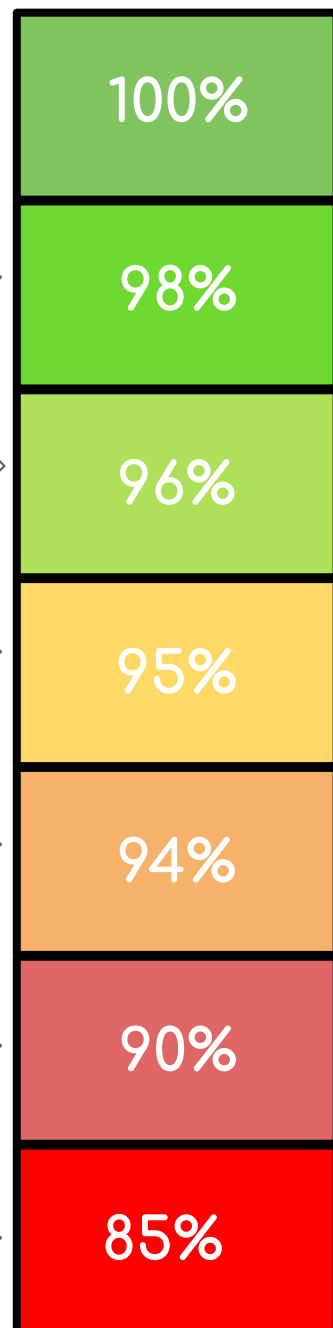
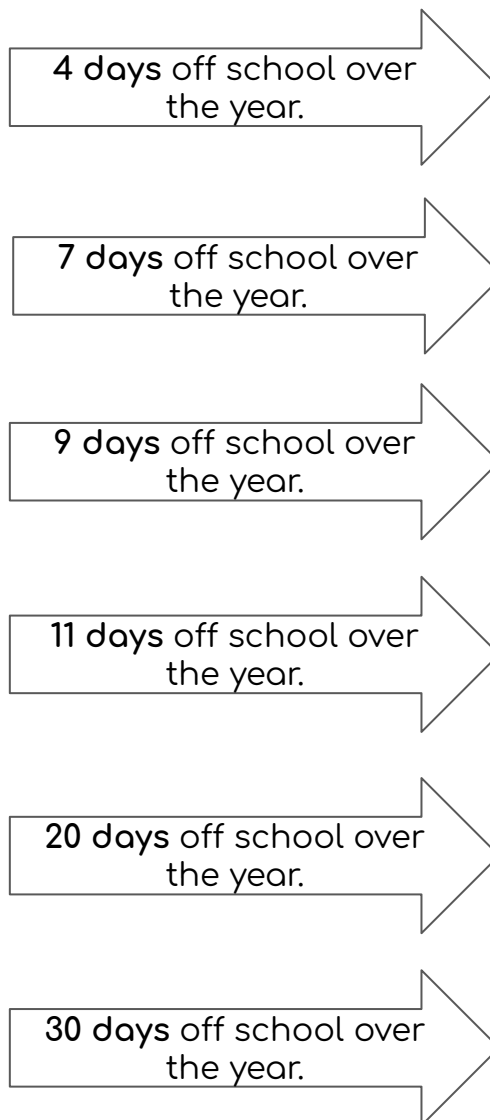
Click [here](#) for details.



Week commencing:  
16th January 2023

# Attendance

Whole School	96%
Reception	97%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%



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
Joshua, 2C Marco, 1C Charlotte, 1C Krish, 2C Kian, 2P Ellie, 2P Deniz, 1C Ida, 2P Hugo, 2P Isla, 2C	George, 2P Marco, 1C Krish, 2C Reva, 1c Eden, 2P Ida, 2P Kerri, 2P Kian, 2P Maxon, 2C Ellie, 2C	George, 2P Krish, 2C Reva, 1C Marco, 1C Ida, 2P Eden, 2P Deniz, 1C Maxon, 2C Kerri, 2P Leo, 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
Milo, 5K Ava, 4P Elsie, 4P Mylo, 5F Elina, 6LD Myla, 5F Christiana, 5F Alessia, 5K Evie, 6B Issa, 5F	Micah, 5F Cairo, 5F Elsie, 4P Liana, 6LD Leyla, 5K Naomi, 4S Astrid, 4P Omer, 5F Lewis, 4S Elizabeth, 4P	Micah, 5F Saaiyuri, 4S Nayan, 5F Shrina, 5F Jaiden, 4s Avesh, 5K Christiana, 5F Kai, 5K Deanne, 5K Noah, 4P	Saaiyuri, 4S Nayan, 5F Shrina, 5F Jaiden, 4S Avesh, 5K Micah, 5F Christiana, 5F Deanne, 5K Kai, 5K 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

Wednesday 22nd February - Year 5F to visit North Finchley Mosque

Monday 27th February - Year 5K to visit North Finchley Mosque

Wednesday 1st March and Thursday 2nd March - KS1 Spring Show 9.30am

Friday 3rd March - Year 4 Viking Day

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