

Monkfrith School

Spring Term 223

Newsletter 8



World Book Day

World Book Day falls on Thursday this year but because of the industrial action we have spread some of the activities out over the week.

Tuesday 28th February - World Book Day Dress Up

If your child would like to come dressed as a character from a book on this day, then they are more than welcome. Dressing up is not something that all children enjoy, and so if your child would prefer to wear their school uniform, that is also fine.

Friday 3rd March - Book Swap

If your child would like to take part, then they should bring in a book to swap on this day.

Last Call for Choir

If your child is in years 4 to 6 and would like to join choir, we are giving one last opportunity to come along...

Between now and June we will be preparing to perform at the Barnet Music Festival.

Choir is on Thursday at 8.15am.

****Please note there is no choir this week due to planned industrial action****



The Bee Musical

If you have requested tickets for the KS1 show, you should have received them today.

The show will start at 9.30am on Tuesday and Wednesday and we will open the doors for parents to take their seats from 9am.

Please remember that you may take photos but these are not to be shared on social media.

On Friday, the rest of the school came to watch the dress rehearsal and LOVED it, so hopefully you are in for a treat!

KS2 Dance Club

Next Monday is one of my favourite days of the year! The children from Year 5 and 6 who attend Dance Club on Tuesdays will be performing at the Arts Dept in the Barnet Dance Festival. Photos to follow!

After this, Year 6 will get one more session of dance club. We will then be opening up places for children in Year 4 and 5. If your child would be interested in joining (from 21st March), then please email the office.

The club is free and runs on Tuesdays from 3.30pm to 4.20pm.





The Spring Competition

The Spring Competition is a Monkfrith tradition and an opportunity for the school community to take part in the same project.

This year the competition is a little bit different. All the children will have the chance to contribute towards a specially commissioned whole school song about our school, the children and the community.

What is special about Monkfrith?

Everyone needs to write 4-5 lines about Monkfrith. You could write them as sentences or make it into a short poem.

Think about what is special about our school, what you enjoy and what makes children who come here unique!

Then some of the children will be chosen, (along with songwriter Mr Folan), to use these ideas and turn them into a whole school song which we will perform at the end of the year.

Please write your sentences on a separate sheet of paper along with your name and class and hand it to your class teacher.

The deadline for your entry is Wednesday 22nd March.

I will update you about the process in the newsletter over the coming weeks.

We can't wait to see what fantastic ideas you have. Good luck!



This week Mr Stead, or Mr Chris as you will probably know him, is leaving. Technically his last day is Tuesday but you will still see him around until Friday. He will be relocating to Wales next month and we wish him all the very best!

Our new site manager, Adam Baldwin, started last week so I am sure you will make him feel welcome!



Music lesson bookings for the Summer term are now open

If you would like to sign your child up for group recorder lessons with Ms Boden please email the office by **Friday 10th March**.

If you would like to sign your child up for individual/paired guitar or ukulele lessons with Mr Hughes please email the office by **Friday 10th March**.

For music lessons via BEAT please follow the below link to set up an account and enrol, by **17th March**.

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

If your child already has lessons with BEAT, you do not need to re-enrol, BEAT will be in contact with you directly about how to pay for the next term.

There is an opportunity for a limited number of children in years 3 - 6 to have a free 15 minute trial with our BEAT woodwind teacher. The instruments available for the trial are the flute, clarinet, saxophone and recorder. Please email the office by **Friday 3rd March** for further information.

Online Safety

Before half term, parents were able to access a webinar that we had purchased about keeping your child safe online. Thank you to the 27 families who logged in and took part. The feedback was really positive!

If you did not get the chance within the time frame, then you can access a different session free of charge by clicking [here](#).

The statistics show that:

- 42% of 5-12 year-olds used social media (despite being under the minimum age requirement)
- 7 in 10 children aged 5-15 played games online
- 4 in 10 children have come across something online that they would describe as 'nasty' or 'harmful'.

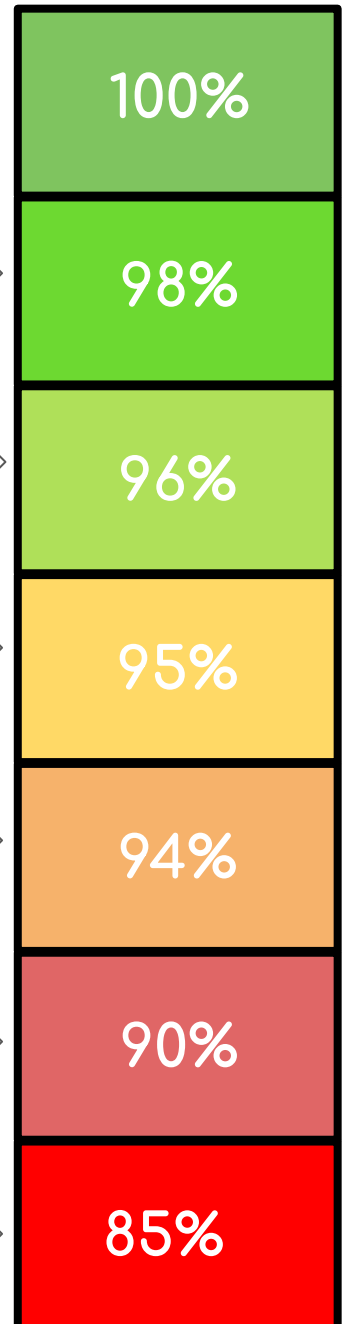
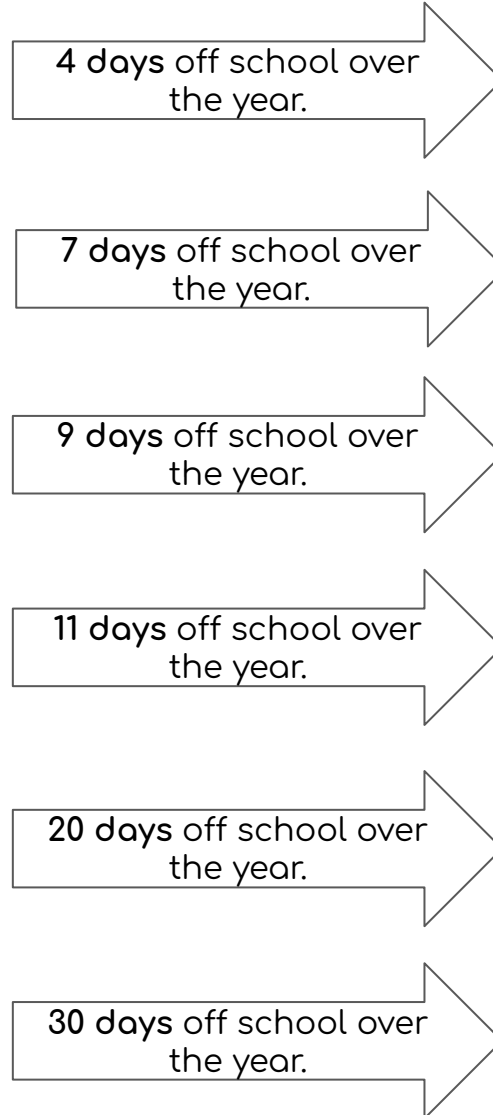




Attendance

Week commencing:
6th February 2023

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



If you choose to take holiday during term time, you could face a fixed penalty notice.
Details can be found [here](#).

Key Dates for Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March - KS1 Show 9.30am

Tuesday 28th February - World Book Day Dress Up Day

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

Wednesday 22nd March - SEN Coffee Morning

Monday 27th March to Friday 31st April - Autism Acceptance Week

Friday 31st March - Break up 2pm

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April - School starts back at normal time

Thursday 4th May to Friday 5th May - Year 4 One Night Residential

Monday 8th May - School Closed for King's Coronation

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

Thursday 11th May - Year 3 to the Natural History Museum

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

Monday 29th June to Friday 2nd June - Half Term

Monday 5th June - INSET 4

Thursday 8th June - Year 2 to London Zoo

Monday 19th June - Sports Week

Wednesday 28th June - Year 5 to Capel Manor

Monday 3rd July to Thursday 6th July - Whole School Spelling Bee!

Friday 7th July - INSET 5

Friday 21st July - Break up 2pm

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September - INSET Day

Tuesday 5th September - First day of school

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
Caleb, 1K Josh, 2C Ufuk, 1C Hugo, 1K Joseph, 2P Sumeyra, 1K Marco, 1C Krish, 2C Flo, 1K Shubha, 1C	Marco, 1C Ufuk, 1C Maya, 1C Sumeyra, 1K Shubha, 1C Zakaria, 1K Krish, 2C Flo, 1K Hugo, 1K Ezra, 1K	Maya, 1C Marco, 1C Sumeyra, 1K Shubha, 1C Ufuk, 1C Zakaria, 1K Krish, 2C Hugo, 1K Flo, 1K Ezra, 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
Ishaan, 6LD Bronwyn, 4S Elina, 6LD Naomi, 4S Isla, 4P Astrid, 4P Radin, 4P Lewis, 4S Sofia, 1C Ruby T, 4S	Ruby, 4S Sophie, 4S Valentina, 4S Lewis, 4S Naomi, 4S	Abdullah, 4S Kacper, 6B Mara, 4S Nina, 4P Jaiden, 4S Nick, 4S Eily, 6B Zia, 6B Lillya, 4P Connor, 6B	Kacper, 6B Jaiden, 4S Abdullah, 4S Emily, 6B Mara, 4S Connor, 6B Nina, 4P Tommy, 4P Nick, 4S Alfie, 6LD

