

Monkfrith School

Spring Term 223
Newsletter 10



There was so much happening in school last week, it flew by!

Reception read the text, Handa's Surprise then they tasted and drew different exotic fruits. **Year 1** combined their learning in geography about London landmarks and in maths about position and direction. **Year 2** were reading the fantastic book, The Street Beneath My Feet and creating pictograms.

Year 3 went to Oakhill Park as part of their geography fieldwork for their topic, Flow. **Year 4** were writing their Viking setting description, while **Year 5** planned and began writing their Egyptian Myths. It was a busy week for **Year 5** who were also going swimming every day! **Year 6** finished their flashback narrative based on the short film, Girl in the War, as well as learning all about the causes of World War Two!

You can find out about our Governor visit day later in the newsletter...

Industrial Action

You should have received an email on Friday to confirm that school will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Thank you so much for your support and understanding on this issue.

Meet the Author...

Banji Alexander, an author who writes books for children will be coming to visit school and talk to the children on Wednesday 22nd March. There is also the chance to buy a copy of the book and have it signed by the man himself! If you wish to reserve a copy of the book, then you have until Monday 21st March. See the letter for more details.



Year 4 Ukulele

With the support from FOMS, **Year 4** have spent the last two terms learning the ukulele with Mr Hughes. On Wednesday 22nd March at 9.45am, there will be an opportunity for parents (or grandparents!) to come along and see the children perform. The show will last around 30 minutes. I know this is a busy time of year and getting time off during the day can be tricky, but we hope you are able to pop in.





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!

Barnet Dance Festival

On Monday last week, we took our dancers from **Year 5 and 6** along to the Barnet Dance Festival which was held at the Arts Depot in Finchley. Dance Club meet on Tuesdays after school. For the last few months they have been working on choreographing a dance to perform.

It is a long day with quite a lot of waiting around but the children were fantastic. They behaved impeccably, executed their dance beautifully and were full of fun and laughter. They represented our school really well and I was extremely proud of them. Well done to: Eliz, Keira, Holli-Rose, Liana, Rosanna, Ayah, Sophia, Aria and Zoe in Year 6 and Iris, Alessia and Olivia in Year 5.



Thank you so much to the parents, siblings and grandparents who came along to support the children! Thank you also to Ms Donaghy who came along to help during the day and to Mrs Pill (and her daughter, Emma) who helped organise hair and costumes.

Dance Club is now looking for new recruits! If your child is in Year 4 or 5 and they would like to join please email the Office to put your name down! It is completely free!

Football Update

Both the boys' and girls' football teams were in action last Tuesday on grass pitches in the snow; both playing league matches. We were so proud of their determination and willingness to play, despite the weather. Sadly, both teams lost in close matches.

The final results were:

Monkfrith boys' 1 V 4 Osidge

Monkfrith girls' 0 V 2 Danegrove

Thank you so much to the parents that helped with transport so that these fixtures can go ahead.

Year 4 Girls' Tournament

We took eight girls to the year 4 girls' tournament on Friday. The day started with snow but we were lucky to the sun burst through the clouds and warmed us up. The girls had a wonderful time and were impeccably behaved. They won one match, drew two matches and lost their last match. We were very proud of their enthusiasm and spirit throughout the morning. Thank you to all the parents that helped and cheered the girls on.



Governor Visit Day

On Friday, our governors took time off work or out of their busy lives to spend in school. They spent time in classrooms, visiting lessons and talking to the staff and children. Here are some of their reflections on the day:

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Monkfrith on Friday. I sat in on lessons, ate lunch with the children and looked through the children's books. Throughout the day, the children talked to me about what they were learning, what they liked and disliked about lessons, who their friends were and so many other things. What is definitely noticeable about our children is how willing they are to show off their school and how articulate they are. No-one held back telling me exactly what they thought! Similarly, the teaching staff were welcoming in all classes and keen to talk about teaching techniques and whatever else was on their minds.

All around the school, are wonderful displays of children's work and things to inspire them. What makes them even better is knowing that they are driven by the children themselves – Ms Deasey said that she is simply the administrator who gets told what to put up and where to put it! I was very impressed by the Pupil Council display where members have written their biographies and what they hope to achieve.

I'll finish with my favourite response of the day. When I asked a year 6 girl to tell me about something that she had learned in Maths in her previous years that helped her now, she replied "The column method. I would DIE without the column method!" A mathematician in the making Rita Parmar - Parent Governor

Having had the privilege and pleasure to observe and speak with pupils and staff on Friday, I can honestly say that our children are learning in a positive, safe, and engaging environment.

The school has a real balance between performance, creativity, and inclusion, allowing children to explore, question, experiment and learn from mistakes.

This is largely attributed to the committed and passionate teachers, who genuinely love what they are doing, enabling secure and motivating classrooms focussed on the children's educational and emotional development.

It was inspiring to talk to the children who were all well-mannered, respectful of others and had positive attitudes to learning.

Having now had the opportunity to see the school in its operation, it further reassures me as a parent, that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential at Monkfrith, in readiness for their next stage of their educational journey.

Some final words used by the children to describe Monkfrith were, welcoming, kind, caring of others, problem solving and fun. Jay Mudhar - Parent Governor

I found the whole day most enjoyable. From talking to the dedicated teachers and enthused children it's clear what a wonderful and inclusive school Monkfrith is. I look forward to my next visit.

Paul Lemon - Local Authority Governor



Attendance

Week commencing:

6th March 2023

Whole School	94%
Reception	93%
Year 1	87%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	95%

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%

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

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

Wednesday 15th to Thursday 16th March - Planned Industrial Action by NEU

Wednesday 22nd March - SEN Coffee Morning, Year 4 Ukulele assembly (9.45am)
Author Visit pm

Monday 27th March to Friday 31st April - Neurodiversity 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 May 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 Joni, 1K Joseph, Oak Shubha, 1C Nikolay, 2C Joseph, 2C Zayn, 1K Sumerya, 1K Maddie, 1K Yusuf, 1K	Marco, 1C Nikolay, 2C Shubha, 1C Maddie, 1K Hayaan, 1C Maya, 1C Joseph, Oak Caleb, 1K Yusuf, 1C Joni, 1K	Nikolay, 2C Marco, 1C Shubha, 1C Maddie, 1K Hayaan, 1C Caleb, 1K Maya, 1C Yusuf, 1C Joseph, Oak Zayn, 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
Zara, 4P Danyaal, 4S Ross, 4P ANna, 4S Jaiden, 4S Adam, 4S Chester, 3D Nina, 4P Bronwyn, 4S Nick, 4S	Ruby, 4S Sophie, 4S Dina, 4S	Bronwyn, 4S Nina, 4P Abdullah, 4S Ruby, 4S Kacper, 6B Jaiden, 4S Connor, 6B Sofia, 4S Anna, 4S Saaiyuri, 4S	Kacper, 6B Bronwyn, 4S Abdullha, 4S Connor, 6B Jaiden, 4S Nina, 4P Saaiyuri, 4S Anna, 4S Ahmet, 4P Ruby 4S

