



Monkfrith School

Spring Term 223

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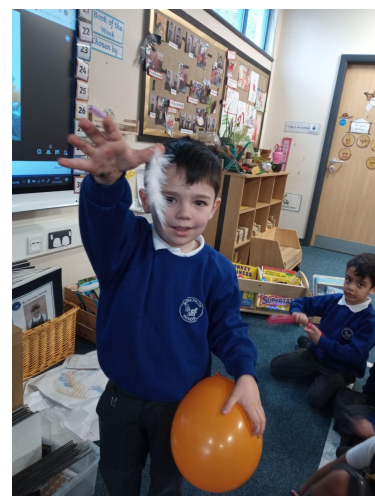
This term has just flown by! Last week there was lots happening both inside and outside the classroom. This week will be just the same! Remember that we finish at 2pm on Friday.

As you will know, on Wednesday the children were visited by the author, Banji Alexander. He gave an assembly to the children from Years 1 to 6 about his book *Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party*. The children then had the opportunity to ask him questions and find out what it means to be a writer. Thank you to Samuel and Beau from Year 6 who did an amazing job of looking after our visitor on the day.



Children should be wearing school uniform. This includes school shoes and does not include jewellery or nail varnish. Please also ensure that longer hair is tied up properly.

When you pick up at the end of the day, please do not let your child climb on the equipment, the handrails on the staircases or the trees.



In Reception they investigated static electricity as part their science week lessons. They also did some learning about teeth and healthy eating.

On Wednesday **Year 4** treated their families to a fantastic ukulele concert. For the last two terms we have taken part in the Barnet Wider Opportunities Music Project. The children have a 45 minute lesson each week with Mr Hughes and it is clear that they have been having a great time. We pay for the first term from the school budget but **FOMS** pay for the second term, which is so much more beneficial. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to come along.





Year 5 have been learning all about Ancient Egypt this half term. Last week they used clay to craft their own Egyptian amulet based on designs that they had looked at.



In [Year 1](#) the children have been designing and making their own moving London Bus in their Design and Technology lessons. [Year 3](#) have been studying the work of the artist Houskai and creating their own version of his famous watercolour, The Great Wave off Kanagawa.



For the last two weeks, [Year 6](#) have been learning about the impact of rationing during the Second World War. As part of their Design and Technology lessons they have been following wartime-style recipes - the mock banana sandwiches made using parsnips were quite something!

The Governing Body

Last week we met for our spring Term Governing Body meeting. We looked carefully at a document called our Self Evaluation Form that summarises our current strengths and areas for development. Governors thought about how these things were reflected in their recent Visit Day.

We also discussed recruitment. Janet Frost who has been a governor at Monkfrith for a long time, has decided that it is time to step away. She has served our school as both a parent and then co opted governor. She was Chair of the Governing Body when I was recruited and she has been a great source of support, experience and expertise. We are very sorry to see her go. She has agreed to keep involved in the role of Associate Governor, which means that we can still go to her for advice but she is not actively involved in making decisions. I am sure that you will join me in thanking her for all her years of service.

This meeting was also the last for Rita Parmar who has come to the end of her second term in office as a parent governor. Rita was Chair of the Personnel Committee and was the governor responsible for PSHE. Her legal background and passion for inclusion, diversity and equality have added so much to our school.

We will be recruiting for new governors:

- 2 parent governors (details to follow shortly)
- 1 co opted governor

The role of co opted governor is not typically a parent but someone within the local community who has skills, experience, time and interest in developing and supporting the school.

If you know of anyone that may be suitable, then please get them to get in contact.

PE Update

Football

Sadly, both the boys' and girls' league fixtures did not go ahead last week.

We have three matches to look forward to this week though.

The girls' have their semi-final against Akiva and the boys' play their final two league matches this week. We wish them the best of luck.

For details go to <http://monkfrithschool.co.uk/news-info/pe/>

Feel free to come and support our teams.

On Friday, six year 2 boys represented Monkfrith at the annual year 2 football festival. They won four matches, drew three and only lost one match. It was a joy to see them playing and we were very proud of their behaviour and enthusiasm. Their animated goal celebrations uplifted the crowd.

Thank you to all the parents/carers that came to support and helped with transport. These events could not happen without you. We really appreciate the time you take out of your day.

Miss Pierides





Week commencing:
20th March 2023

Attendance

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

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%

Key Dates for Spring Term 2023

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

Friday 9th June - Class Photos

Tuesday 13th June - Music Festival for KS2 Choir

Monday 19th June - Sports Week, [including the return of the FOMS Danceathon on Friday 23rd June](#)

[Friday 23rd June - Reception Sports Morning \(9.15am start\)](#)

Tuesday 27th June - Barnet Athletics Competition for KS2

Wednesday 28th June - Year 5 to Capel Manor

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

Wednesday 5th July - KS1 Sports Morning (9.15am start)

Thursday 6th July - KS2 Sports Afternoon (1.30pm start)

Friday 7th July - INSET 5

[Saturday 15th July Summer Fair**](#)**

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
Ayla, 1K Ufuk, 1C Zayn, 1K Adrian, 1C Isabelle, 1K Tolu, Oak Nikolay, 2C Wattein, 1K Joseph, 2P Maddie, 1K	Marco, 1C Sumeyra, 1K Deniz, 1C Shubha, 1C Seamus, 1K Isabelle, 1K Joseph, 2P Carlos, 1C Joshua, 1C Krish, 2C	Marco, 1C Sumeyra, 1K Deniz, 1C Shubha, 1C Seamus, 1K Isabelle, 1K Joshua, 1C Krish, 2C Carlos, 1C Daniel, 1C

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
Alyssa, 4P Beth, 6B Fausto, 5K Elijah, 5F Naomi, 4S Sachh, 4S Sophia, 4P Lewis, 4S Philip, 4S Alfie, 6LD	Lillya, 4P Abdullah, 4S Mara, 4S Bronwyn, 4S	Nina, 4P Ruby, 4S Saaiyuri, 4S Bronwyn, 4S Kacper, 6B Noah, 4P Rosanna, 6LD Abdullah, 4S Sophie, 4S Mara, 4S	Saaiyuri, 4S Kacper, 6B Nina, 4P Bronwyn, 4S Noah, 4P Ruby T, 4S Rosanna, 6LD Alexander, 6LD Abdullah, 4S Jaiden, 4S

