

Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2023

Newsletter 3



On Wednesday **Reception** had some very exciting visitors. **Thanks to the support of FOMS**, the children got to experience a range of different minibeasts and other animals close up! There was an African land snail called Turbo, a cockroach, a Syrian hamster called Frank, a snake and millipede. They have remembered lots of facts that were told to them, including a great one about a cockroach!

It has also really inspired the children to do some lovely writing.



Spring Competition

Thank you so much for all the entries to the Spring Competition. It was lovely to see the different ways that the children interpreted the challenge! The teachers and Mrs Folan have been looking over all the entries and there will be Year Group winners announced next week!

In **Year 1** last week the children were learning about classification of animals as well as preparing questions for their trip to Willows Farm today!

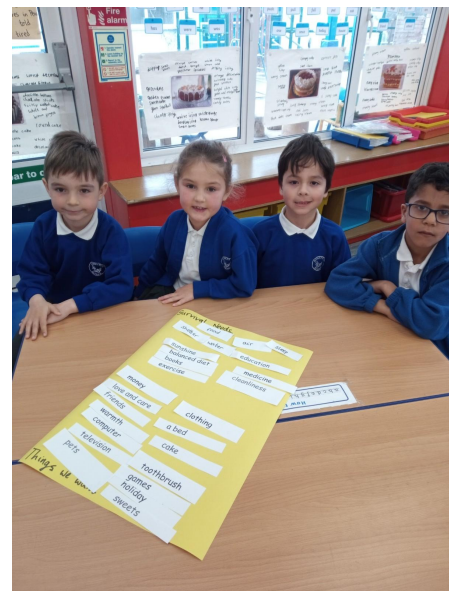
In **Year 2**, they were continuing to learn about the animals and what they need to survive. They were also beginning to plan their piece of writing based on the layers of the rainforest.

Year 3 were learning about volcanoes and how they erupt. The children were also finishing (and then publishing) their

In **Year 4** the children were learning about sound and how it is made. They were also finding out about different ways that sound can be recorded.

In **Year 5**, as part of their Alchemy Island project, the children were investigating the difference between reversible and irreversible changes. They were also doing some drama activities based on their class reader this half term, *Odysseus*.

In **Year 6** the children were learning about the surrealist art work of Dali before creating their own using pastels. The quality of the work, and the effort of the children, is fantastic!



Well done to **Andrew** in **Year 5** for being awarded the first Platinum Card of the Summer Term! He impressed Ms Kontos with his attitude since the start of term, particularly in English. Well done Andrew!



KS2 Sports Day

We have had to make a change to the date for the KS2 Sports Day as we have just been informed that one of the secondary schools is holding it's transition day for Year 6 pupils on the day we had planned. We have changed it provisionally to the Monday of that week but are still waiting to hear back from the other secondary schools about their plans. We will confirm a date as soon as possible.

Changes to prices of school meals

Our catering is provided by a company called ISS who hold a contract with Barnet Council. At the end of last week, we were notified that there will be an increase in the price of school meals from June. The reason for this change is the increase in food inflation, the increase in the London Living Wage of 8.1%, the increasing cost of fuel and transport.

From 6th June the cost of a school meal will change from £2.34 to £2.55.

If your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1, the meal will continue to be provided free of charge by the Government.

If your family is entitled to Free School Meals and you have a child in Key Stage 2, there will be no charge.

If you believe that your family may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can check here: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>

You may have seen that from September, the Mayor of London has announced plans to provide all primary school children with free school meals for one year. We have not had further details about this at present, but these will be shared when we do.

Idle Engines

Idling is when a vehicle's engine is left running while parked or stationary and contributes to toxic emissions. Idling causes high levels of air pollution and high levels of air pollution disproportionately impact children's health.

The World Health Organisation believe that reducing car emissions could prevent over 2 million deaths each year by 2030.

It can also lead to a fixed penalty notice under The Road Traffic Regulations 2002.

Please think about this when you are waiting at the start and end of the school day.



Parent Governor Elections

Shortly, we will have two vacancies for Parent Governors. Being a parent governor is a great opportunity to become involved in the life of school in a different way. There is a time commitment, including evening meetings, but it can be really rewarding!

Look out for details over the next few weeks.

If you would be interested and would like to find out more about the role, then you can email: governingbody@monkfrithschool.co.uk or have arrange a time to come and see me.

Theatre in the Park

The Barnet Arts Theatre in the Park have an exciting programme of events this Summer:

Sunday 4th June at 3pm

Robin Hood

Sunday 25th June at 3pm

The Madical Teddy Bears' Picnic

Sunday 30th July at 3pm

Peter Rabbit

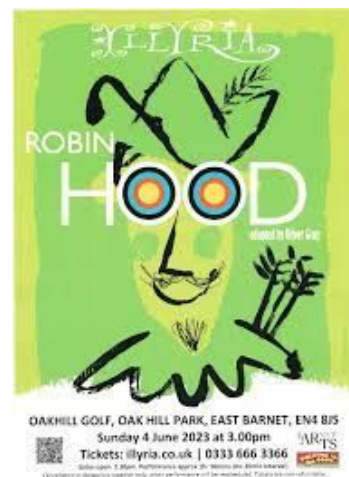
Sunday 20th August at 7pm

Twelfth Night

Saturday 26th August at 3pm

The Wizard of Oz

You can find out more information at www.barnetarts.com.



Advance Notice of Disruption

During the week of 15th May we are hoping to have some work done in the Key Stage 1 playground which will impact on some aspects of the school day.

We are still finalising plans, but please expect not to be able to use the gate on Brookside South for drop off or pick up in the morning. I will send further details shortly when we have confirmation from the contractors.

KS2 Choir

There is not much time before the Barnet Music Festival so please make sure that if your child is in Choir they are coming on Thursday morning. Ticket information went home last week and needs to be returned by this Friday.

Choir will be on as usual this week. Please note there will be no session on 18th May.





Week commencing:

24th April 2023

Attendance

Whole School	96%
Reception	94%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97%
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 Summer Term 2023

Monday 1st May - School Closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May - proposed date for Industrial Action, Year 1 to Willows Farm

Thursday 4th May to Friday 5th May - Year 4 One Night Residential at Phasels Wood.

Friday 5th May - Coronation Celebration!

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

Wednesday 14th June - New Reception Parents meeting 7pm

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!

Monday 3rd July - KS2 Sports Afternoon (1.30pm start) ** change to the date**

Wednesday 5th July - KS1 Sports Morning (9.15am 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