



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2023

Newsletter 7



On Friday the first group of children were able to use our brand new play equipment in KS1. 1K were the lucky winners of the lining up points last week and so it was their turn first. Just a reminder the children should not be using it after school.

A huge thank you to FOMS for funding this for the children!



The last week of a half term is often spent bringing together the learning that has taken place over the previous few weeks.

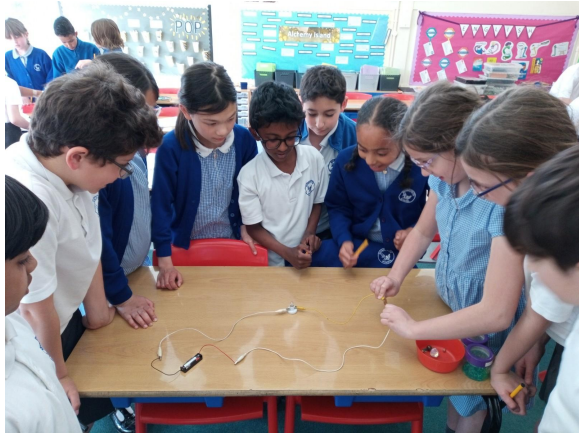
Reception were able to release the butterflies that they have grown from caterpillars over this half term on Friday afternoon. **Year 1** were reciting their own versions of a familiar poem using their knowledge of predators. **Year 2** finished up the last of the statutory assessments that have to be done by the end of May and used their knowledge of animal habitats to do some writing.

Year 4 completed their Kandinsky inspired art work. **Year 6** used the work they had done in their artist study of Kimmy Cantrell to create their own self portraits. They also used their Geography lessons to compare the Isle of Wight with where we live and create their own Isle of Wight inspired piece of art work using what they have learnt about artistic movements this half term.

Year 4 Swimming

We would usually offer a block of swimming in Year 4 (followed by another one in Year 5). Since Covid, the pool have changed the way that they offer the slots to schools: they now give 10 consecutive sessions over 10 school days. This year they did not have availability for 2 classes at the same time in the Summer Term and therefore we will be offering the current Year 4, two blocks in Year 5 instead. The children will have sessions in the Autumn Term and then the Spring Term. More details will be sent out in September.





Year 3 were able to 'erupt' the volcanoes that they had been making as part of their Ricks, Relics and Rumbles topic.

Year 5 finished up their learning about Alchemy Island by conducting a range of science investigations into the properties of different materials, including their electrical conductivity.

This is the busiest half term of the school year!

Reception will be using their trip to Aldenham as the start of their learning this term, before moving on to learning about London. We will also be starting to prepare the children for their transition into Year 1.

In **Year 1** the focus of their learning this half term is about the woodland, trees and life cycles.

In **Year 2** the children will be building on the learning that they did in Year 1 to find out about plants and how they grow.

In **Year 3** their topic is called Mighty Metals. They will be learning about forces and electricity.

In **Year 4**, their Blue Abyss topic focuses on life underwater, biodiversity and the environment.

In **Year 5** the children will be studying a topic called Allotment. As part of this they will be extending their knowledge of plants and flowering plants from year 1 and 2, while learning about fair trade and climate change.

Year 6's topic is Maafa. They will be learning about the history of the Kingdom of Benin, the slave trade and the Windrush. The children will also be starting their end of year show rehearsals.

Also in this term, we cover some of the objectives related to Relationship and Sex Education. Since the last time we consulted with parents about our approach to teaching this area of the curriculum in 2021, we have made no changes to what we cover. You can find information about it on the website in the policies section. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.



Attendance

Week commencing:

22nd May 2023

Whole School	96%
Reception	92%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97%
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%

Breakfast Club and After School Club price increases

For the last few years we have endeavoured to keep our prices the same for breakfast and After School Club. However the rise in costs and the nationally agreed salary increases for staff, mean that from September 2023 there will be a slight rise. Please see the newsletter for further details in the next few weeks.

Choir

We perform at the Arts Depot next Tuesday. Our last rehearsal will be this Thursday morning. If you have already purchased a ticket via school, it will be sent home this week.

How can parents buy more tickets?

They can buy them from the artsdepot by Box Office. Phone 0208369 5454.

Key Dates for Summer Term 2023

Monday 5th June - INSET 4

Wednesday 7th June - Reception to Aldenham

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**

In this week, the children can wear sporty clothes all week rather than their uniforms as it will be an active week! Trainers, shorts, leggings, tracksuits etc...

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

Thursday 29th June - Full Governing Body Meeting

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

Tuesday 6th July - KS1 Sports Afternoon 1.30pm start (Oakhill Park)

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

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October - Half Term

Thursday 21st December - Break up 2pm

Spring Term 2023

Monday 8th January - First day of school