

Monkfrith School

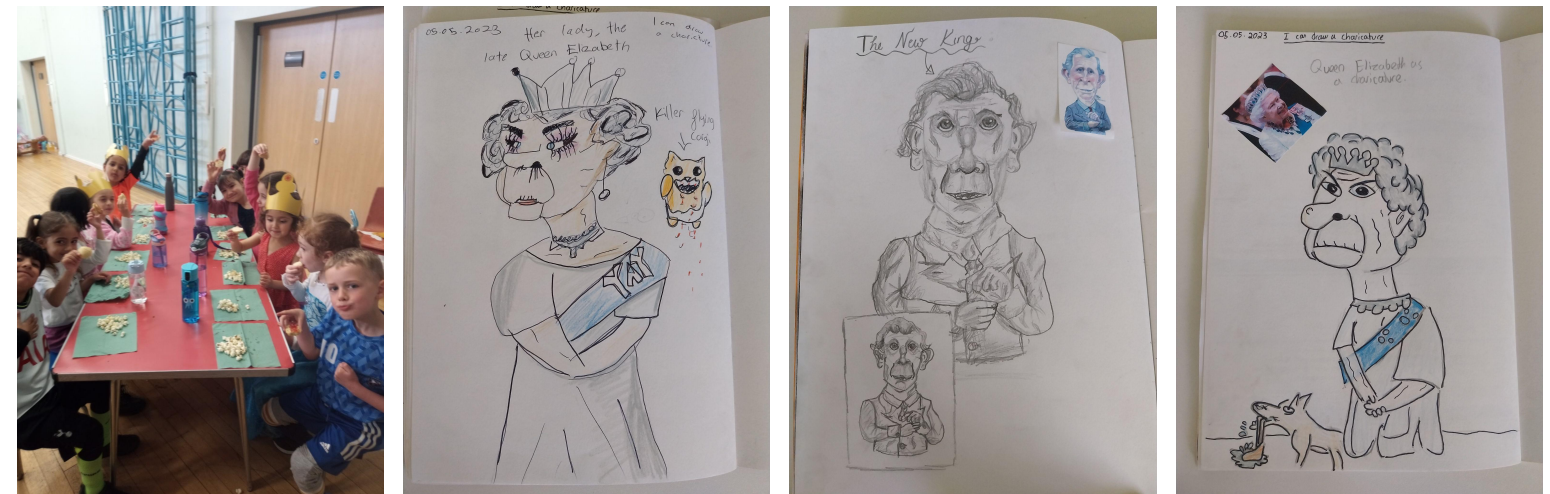
Summer Term 2023

Newsletter 4



Although it was a short week, there was so much happening in school last week! On Friday we had our Coronation Celebration.

Thank you to **Year 3** (and their teachers!) who made hundreds of scones to share on Friday afternoon as part of their DT project. All the classes celebrated in different ways; parties, dancing, playing and in Year 6 some caricature style of art work inspired by the Royals.



There has been an issue with Arbor charging for school meals on Bank Holidays. This is a technical issue at their end which they are working to resolve. If you have been charged, please don't worry. You will receive a credit shortly.

Well done to **Zekeriya** in **Year 6** for being awarded a Platinum Card! Mr Batchelor was impressed with his kindness and maturity.



Year 1 had a lovely day out at Willows Farm on Tuesday. A huge thank you to the parents who came along and helped out on the day. Trips like this would not be possible without your offering to volunteer.



Year 4 went on their first school residential on Thursday and Friday. The children went to Phasels Wood in Hertfordshire. They had a great time despite the rain; I hope they slept well over the weekend!

The children took part in a range of different activities and when the teachers have had a chance to sort through the photos, I will share more in the newsletter next week.

I would also like to say thank you to the staff who gave up their time to take the children:
Miss Pierides, Mrs Slater, Miss Cowan, Miss Kelly and Mrs Whittington.



Sporting Success

It is always lovely to share in the success of children's achievements. Kaya in Year 3 competed in his very first Taekwondo Best Leg Tournament over the Bank Holiday weekend. Over 300 children took part. Kaya kept a level head under great pressure and came away with a silver medal. Congratulations Kaya - we are all proud of you!

Football

On Friday afternoon, the Girls Team played in Semi Final of the Cup against Foulds. They played incredibly well in what was a very tight match. Despite losing 1-0, Mr Powell and Miss Shah were really proud of their determination and attitude. Well done!

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.

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.



Week commencing:

3rd May 2023

Attendance

Whole School	97%
Reception	97%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96%
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 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!

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