



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2023

Newsletter 6



Year 6 spent last week on their Year 6 residential on the Isle of the Wight. Spending 6 days and 5 nights so far away from home when you are 10 and 11 can be really hard! You have to learn different set of life skills but all the adults were really impressed with how well the children did. The schedule was packed - an adventure park, Osborne House, Carisbrooke Castle, the Zoo, a model village, mini golf, bowling, the beach - all while sharing a bedroom with your friends! We were so fortunate with the weather and that meant we were able to make the most of everything we planned. There were lots of great moments but the loveliest thing is how many members of the public or staff at the various locations, stopped one of us to comment on the children's manners.

I would like to thank the staff who joined us and for giving up a lot of their time and energy to ensure that the children had a good time. Thank you to Mrs Ditchburn, Mr Batchelor, Miss Kelly and Miss Cowan. Thank you also to Mrs Pill who made lots of the arrangements.



While we were away, the rest of school also had a busy week! Ms Dunning's assembly on Monday was about World Bee Day. The children learnt about how important they are for the environment and how we can encourage bees to visit our school grounds.

Reception went on a minibeast hunt to consolidate their knowledge of minibeast habitats. They found centipedes, woodlice and lots of worms for their wormery. They also had a snail race and found out what snails like to eat.

Year 1 have been story mapping, role playing and retelling 'The Tiger who came to Tea'. In maths they have been learning to recognise half of a shape or quantity. They have also been learning to draw animals using a step by step guide.

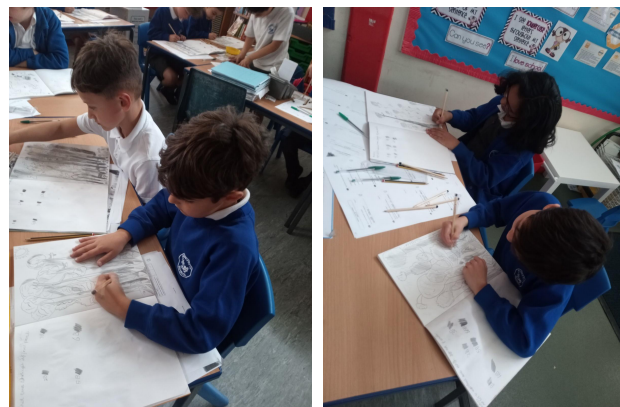
Year 5 have been learning about coordinates in both maths and geography. In geography they have been looking at OS maps and in maths have been looking at translation. They have also done a science experiment on solubility.



Year 3 have continued working on their volcanoes this week. They have created paper and paste structures and have painted them. They also wrote a recount of the workshop that they took part in at The Natural History Museum.



In **Year 4** the children have been using 'Soundtrap' in their computing lessons to record their poems and add sound effects. They were also learning about pitch in their science lessons.



Year 2 were finishing their maths assessments as well as learning about different habitats in Science. They were also developing their understanding of tone by using different types of pencil grade.



One of the first things that I did when we got off the coach on Friday afternoon was to go and look at the play equipment that has been installed in KS1. Ms Dunning had been sending me regular photos while I was away but I was keen to see it in real life! The safety flooring is not quite finished as they had overrun on a previous job but hopefully it will be done by Tuesday.

Thank you to FOMS for funding this project - we would not have had money in the government-allocated school budget to do this.

Spring Competition Winners

We had some absolutely lovely entries for our competition to contribute to our whole school song.

The following children were winners for their class/year group:

Reception - Sabine

Year 4 - Sophie, Emily, Elizabeth, Sam BH and Ayah

Year 1 - Daniel (1C), Joni, Valentina and Penelope.

Year 5 - Milo, Nayan, Lily and Avesh

Year 2 - Alyssia, Ida and Maxon

Year 6 - Zoe and Ishaan

Year 3 - Inaaya, Natalia, Esma Ceyda and Zoe

Mr Folan will be leading the first song writing workshop for some of these children after the holiday.



Week commencing:

15th May 2023

Attendance

Whole School	96%
Reception	94%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96%

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 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Half Term

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

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