



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2023

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Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to take part in Inline Skating workshops last week. **This opportunity to try a different activity from a former world champion was provided by FOMS.** Danny also ran two assemblies for the rest of the school where he talked about trying new things, building your confidence and resilience as well as showing some great tricks!



The children listened really well and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. Danny was incredibly complementary of the children's behaviour and attitude.



Dropping off for Breakfast Club

When you drop off in the morning, please ensure that your child has entered the school building before leaving the car park.

On Tuesday, we took 38 children to the Barnet Athletics Competition at the newly refurbished Stone X stadium. They were undoubtedly the best behaved and most supportive school there..

We were 2nd overall in the field events with a special mention to Leyla who was 1st in the vortex throw; Lucia 1st in the long jump; to Emily and Andreas who came 2nd in the high jump after only practising 3 times; to Zack and Alfie who came 3rd in speed bounce and long jump respectively. Our track events in the afternoon were just as thrilling with some very tough competition. Lucia smashed the 400m coming 1st; Erin and Alfie came 3rd in the 400m.



Our relay teams showed how hard they had been practising with incredible teamwork. Year 6 boys and year 3 mixed reply came 2nd and we had three year 3 children in the final sprints. We were so proud of all our athletes and their contribution and determination when representing the school.

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Year 1 used a variety of natural materials and clay to create tree bogarts. They then wrote instructions to explain how they were made.

In Year 2 designed and made their own bee puppets as part of their Design and Technology lessons.

In Year 3 were also doing DT last week as they designed and made their own pop-up thank you cards.



Year 4 were developing their identifying and classifying skills in Science as part of their Blue Abyss topic.

The children also finished their designs for their own moving toy. Construction begins shortly...



Year 5 visited Capel Manor last Wednesday as part of their topic, Allotment. They explored the grounds and sketched different plants. Thank you to the parents who came along to help.



In Reception they have been learning all about London. They also used the parachute for the first time and had lots of fun!



We also welcomed along some of our new families for their first visit to Reception!

Pupil Council

Our elected Pupil Councillors are coming to the end of their term of office. One of the final activities they wanted to take part in was to do more for our local community. They chose to do this by collecting food bank donations.

The foodbank at St Andrews in Southgate was incredibly grateful for the donations.

They said they expected it to feed 30 local families for a month, which is a fantastic contribution to the community.

Thank you to Mr Powell and Mrs Choudhury for helping with the organisation and transportation!



The children also wanted to share their thoughts about their experience this year..

Zeynep, 6B

I've enjoyed being in school council because it developed my confidence and helped me to learn different skills. I would recommend it because you get to discuss things you like to talk about and the teachers listen to you carefully. I most enjoyed thinking about different ways we could celebrate the wider curriculum.

Rosanna, 6LD

I have enjoyed being on the school council because I got to listen to the others in my class and be a voice the children will hear. I recommend it because it helped me grow in confidence and I was able to help people myself which was really nice. We also did a range of things from book drives to finding out what other pupils like which was really fascinating.

Lily, 5K

I have enjoyed being a school council member because it has been a really fun experience. I liked how I could record and share my classes ideas. I mostly enjoyed the book drive and standing in front of the class. I would recommend it because I loved having an opportunity to share ideas with my class.

Shrina, 5F

I liked being in the school council because it has given me so much more confidence to talk to my class. There has always been time to talk about questions in class and to pass on everyone's ideas. The student council have helped children without books and have influenced the homework and behaviour policies. The meetings were so interesting, thank you Mrs Choudhury and Mr Powell for this amazing experience! I would definitely recommend this.

Lewis, 4S

I enjoyed being in pupil council because it gave me a boost of confidence. I recommend it because we get to help the school and community like when we did the book drive. I also enjoyed it because I had a fun time writing my friends ideas down. It was a joy to go to every meeting.

Sam, 4P

While being class representative I have enjoyed starting a book drive, improving homework and helping the school. I recommend it as it is a good way of getting involved to make school a better place and also to help people in and outside of school.

Leila, 3D

I have enjoyed being my class representative because it was fun and I got to share my ideas and those of others. I liked getting feedback from my class too. I would recommend it to anyone who likes listening to ideas, sharing ideas and being helpful.

Philip, 3S

I have enjoyed being my class rep because it has built my confidence in talking to all of my class and it's nice to represent good causes like the food bank and the book drive. I would recommend it because it's nice to help children and others who do not have as much as us.

Eden, 2P

I liked being in the school council because I love helping people and giving things away. I would recommend it because being in school council gives you a chance to do those things.

Aadam, 2C

I enjoyed being in school council because I really liked listening to Mrs Choudhury and Mr Powell in the meetings and sharing ideas with my class. I would recommend it so you can do this too.

In September the search will be on for our next Pupil Council members!



Attendance

Week commencing:

26th June 2023

Whole School	97%
Reception	96%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	99%
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%

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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.

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.

Key Dates for Summer Term 2023

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

Tuesday 4th July - KS2 Sports Afternoon 1.30pm start (Oakhill Park)

Wednesday 5th July - NEU Industrial Action (proposed)

Friday 7th July - INSET 5, NEU Industrial Action

Monday 10th July - Non Uniform Day - Bring £1

Wednesday 12th July - Supporting children's communication skills at home

Wednesday 12th July - KS1 Sports Afternoon (1.45pm start in the playground))

Friday 14th July - Non Uniform Day - Bring a bottle

****Saturday 15th July Summer Fair****

Monday 17th July - FOMS Raffle Grand Draw!

Tuesday 18th July - Year 6 Show (with 6B leading) 9.30am

Thursday 20th July - Year 6 Show (with 6LD leading) 9.30am

Friday 21st July

- 9.15am Year 6 Leavers assembly (Year 6 parents welcome)
- Break up 2pm
- Year 6 Leavers Disco 7pm

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