



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2023

Newsletter 3

It was so lovely to see so many parents and family members able to attend the Meet the Teacher sessions last week. I hope you found the opportunity to hear more about the year ahead, and what your child will be learning about, helpful. If you were not able to come along or would like to look at anything again, then everything should be available on the the year group page on the website.

Our Spring Competition for 2023 was to contribute lyrics and ideas for our specially commissioned school song. Marc Folan then held songwriting workshops with the winners to turn their ideas into a song. In our assembly this morning, the children heard it for the first time and started learning the words.

We welcomed our new Reception children last week. They came in on a staggered start over Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and then all stayed for lunch on Thursday and Friday. Miss Cooper and Mrs Khawaja were so impressed with how calm and settled the children have been.

Just a reminder that we will be holding our Reception Parent Phonics and Early Reading meeting on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7pm.



Year 3 were looking at and learning about how fossils are formed.

In **Year 4** were the children were investigating states of matter by looking at water as a solid, liquid and gas.

If you have a child in **Year 5** we are very excited about our trip to Kingswood next week. If you have not done so already please complete your medical and dietary requirement google form so that we are able to share this information with the Centre. You will also have received a kit list last week.

In **Year 6** the children were writing character descriptions of Mrs Jarvis in Streetchild as well as finding out about the changes that took place during the Industrial Revolution.



In **Year 1** the children have been learning about space and the planets in our solar system.

When I popped into **Year 2** this week, the children were thinking of noun phrases to describe delicious cakes. I left, impressed with the children's ideas and very hungry!



Parent Governor Elections

You will be receiving information about how you can stand for parent governor.

School governors work in partnership with the school to shape the strategic direction of school. It is a rewarding way of getting involved with the life of a school and making a difference to the children's education.

You will receive information shortly via email about how to register your interest.

Diversity & Inclusion on Monkfrith's Governing Body

We want our governing body to mirror the diversity of the Monkfrith community to ensure that the decisions we take and priorities we pursue are representative of the broad views of the whole school community. Therefore, we are particularly keen to encourage parents from ethnically diverse backgrounds, those with disabilities, members of the LGBT+ community and people with non-professional backgrounds to put themselves forward for the forthcoming parent election.

We're also asking parents to be mindful of why a diverse governing body benefits everyone when placing their vote for their preferred candidate.

The governing body is a group of people from all walks of life with a common goal – to ensure Monkfrith is the best it can be. No previous experience is required just a strong desire to get involved and make a positive impact.

There is mentoring and training for all new governors to help you get to grips with the role and to get the most out of it. Meetings and training are a mixture of online and in-person and so participating on the governing body has never been so accessible.

Just One Tree Day - 13th October 2023

We will be having a green-themed non uniform day to join in with over 500 other schools around the world for Just One Tree Day.

Children can bring £1 and wear something green (alongside their own clothes or their uniform, whichever they would prefer).

Just One Tree is a not for profit social enterprise based in Barnet that plants trees to combat climate change

You can find out more information at <https://www.justonetree.life/>



Choir for Year 4 - 6

It was so lovely to see so many new faces at choir last week. This is a free club and everyone in Years 4, 5 and 6 is welcome! The more the merrier!

It is on Thursday at 8.15am. Please arrive at the Breakfast Club door (via the car park).

Breakfast Club and After School Club

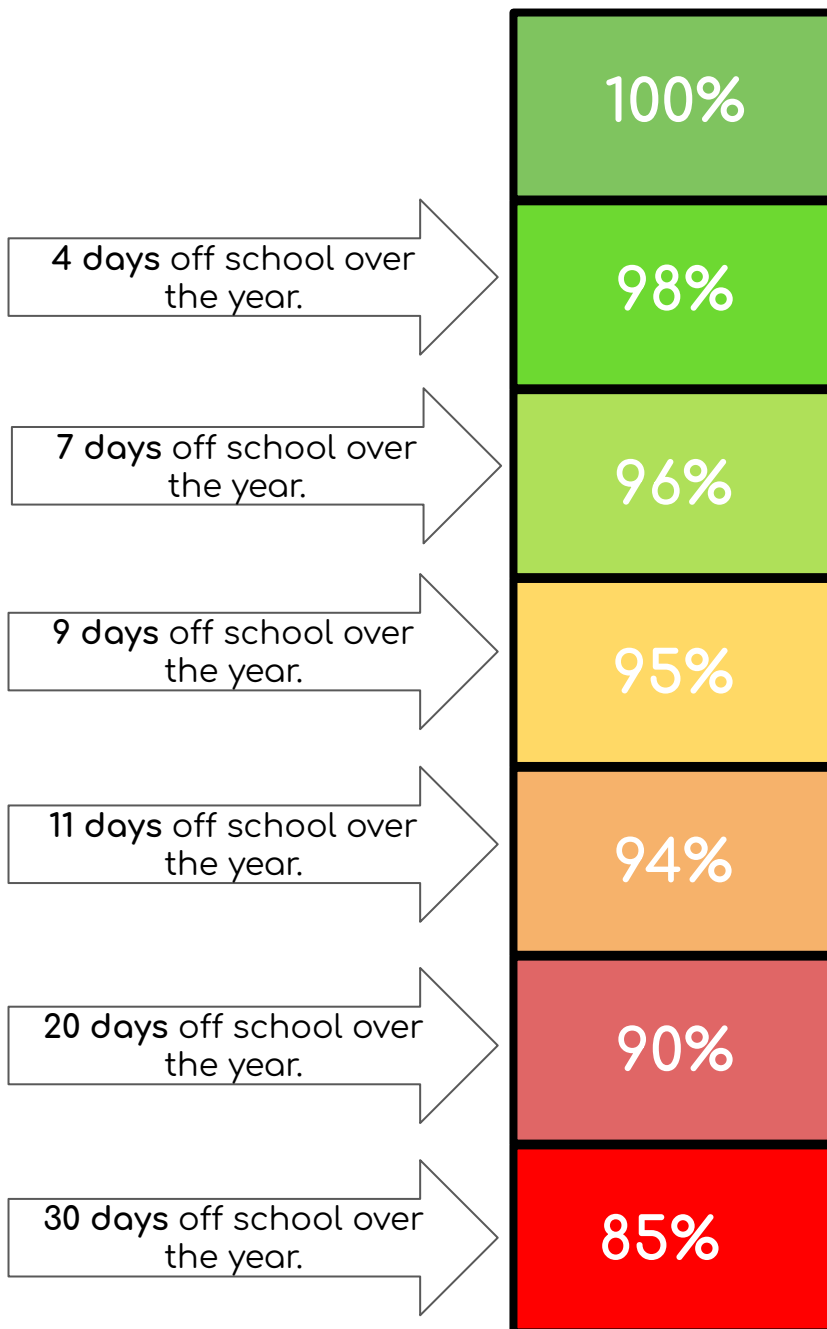
The wonderful Mrs Costas tries to be as flexible and accommodating as she can be but we do need to ensure that we have appropriate staffing levels for the sessions. There have been lots of last minute requests and changes already this term, which make it hard to plan. Please email asc@monkfrithschool.co.uk with your bookings.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children have the best chance of success if their school attendance is above 96% and we had a great start with attendance last week! Children who attend school regularly and on time are more likely to keep up with school work, develop good habits and important life skills and maintain friendships.

Week commencing:

11th September 2023



All our lessons build on the day before so if your child misses one day it is like a missing brick in a building. Build the strong foundations of your child's education by ensuring that they are here every day!

Whole School	97%
1C	97%
1K	98%
2C	98%
2P	100%
3DW	97%
3F	99%
4M	96%
4P	97%
5LD	98%
5S	96%
6K	97%
6S	93%

Parking and Driving



I could not help but to include this photo which dropped into the Office inbox this week! I would like to reiterate that if you do need to drive to pick up, please do not park in such a way as to make it dangerous for other children, families and residents.

We started the week with an assembly about walking to school and so many children wanted to get their walk to school badge.

Please help us reduce traffic and pollution around our school site by leaving the car at home and choosing a healthier, more sustainable option.



Message from Miss Donaghy:

On 23rd Sept, I'll be stepping outside my comfort zone - quite literally. Myself and two other family members will be attempting the Shine Night Walk full marathon. If you could consider sponsoring me/us I would be really grateful. If you're not in that position, please send up positive vibes that we make it to the end!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/katrinass-giving-page-2015>

1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's ground breaking work. Donate to my Giving Page today and help bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.



London Mayoral Elections 2 May 2024

As you know, the school building is used as a Polling Station. Barnet have written to us to confirm that they intend to use school for the Mayoral Elections on Thursday 2nd May 2024 as well as the General Election (whenever this is called). Please note that school will be closed to pupils on this day.

Barnet SENDIASS is pleased to announce an in-person coffee morning event for Barnet resident parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disability.

This is a FREE event where they will have an opportunity to meet with other parents/carers and young people. Dr Sophie Driver (Senior Educational Psychologist) will be giving a short presentation on Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) and be available to answer any questions that the attendees may have.

Monday 16 October 2023 from 10am to 12.30pm

Colindale Library

Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) exploring

To register [please click here](#).

Year 6 Secondary Transfer - deadline 31st October

The online application system is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

Applications received after the 31 October 2023 deadline will be considered after all on-time applications have been processed.

Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned in the last 7 days
Hugo, 2P Eva, 2P Artin, 2P Sumerya, 2P Asel, 2C Shubha, 2C Caleb, 2P Zayd, 2P Isla, 2C Zak, 2P	Zayd, 2P Isla, 2C Asel, 2C Joel, 2C Sumerya, 2P Joseph, 1C Caleb, 2P Artin, 2P Eva, 2P Zak, 2P	Zayd, 2P Isla, 2C Joel, 2C Asel, 2C Sumerya, 2P Artin, 2P Caleb, 2P Eva, 2P Joseph, 1C Zak, 2P

If you have an issue with your child's log-in information for either Numbots or TTRS then please let us know.



Overall School Leaderboard

1. Cos, 5K
2. Deeyar, 5K
3. Daniyal, 5K
4. Adam, 5K
5. George, 5K
6. Khloe, 5K

Most improved accuracy in the last 7 days	Most improved speed in the Studio in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins in the last 7 days
Isla, 3DW Alice, 6K Seb, 3DW Alyssia, 3D Ayah, 5S Zavi, 3DW Joseph, 4M Veronica, 3DW Ibrohim, 3DW Angelo, 3F	Annabel, 4M Kaya, 4M Max, 4P	Ibrohim, 3DW George, 4P George, 3F Abdullah, 5LD James, 4P Max, 4P Akshara, 4P Annabel, 4M Sachh, 5LD Esma, 4P	George, 3F Akshara, 4P George, 4P Ibrohim, 3DW Sachh, 5LD Annabel, 4M Esma, 4P Satyana, 5S Ayaan, 4P Abdullah, 5LD



Dates for the Term

27th September to 29th September - Year 5 to Kingswood

27th September - 6K to Christ Church (am)

28th September - 6S to Christ Church (am)

9th October to 20th October - Year 5 Swimming (am)

12th October - Year 6 to the Ragged School

13th October - Flu Immunisation

16th October - Parent Consultations (Y1-6)

18th October - Parent Consultations (Y1-6)

Just One Tree Day (Own Clothes Day £1)

20th October - Show Racism the Red Card (wear something red)

23rd October to 27th October - Half Term

3rd November - Individual and Sibling Photos

13th November - Year 1 to The Ragged School

20th November - Year 5 to the British Museum

24th November - Year 2 to the Transport Museum

29th November - Year 4 to the British Museum

4th December - INSET 2

13th December at 9.30am - Reception Nativity

14th December at 2pm - Reception Nativity

18th and 19th December at 9.30am - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Concert

21st December - Break Up 2pm

Dates for the Year

The calendar on the website is now being updated more frequently and has lots of dates for the year ahead already including term dates, INSET Days and trips that have been organised.

Here are the term dates for this year:

8th January - First Day of Spring Term

12th to 16th February - Half Term

19th February - INSET 3

28th March - Break up 2pm

29th March to 12th April - Easter Holidays

15th April - First Day of Summer Term

2nd May - SCHOOL CLOSED - LONDON MAYORAL ELECTIONS

13th May - Year 6 SATs week

19th May to 24th May - Year 6 to the Isle of Wight

27th May to 31st May - Half Term

3rd June - INSET 4

5th July - INSET 5

24th July - Last Day of Term 2pm