



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2023

Newsletter 4

Reception have had such a settled start to term. You can see from their photos they are learning inside and outside of the classroom.



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

In **Year 1** the children have been reading the story of Beegu and drawing story maps. They were doing some offline computing about identify, matching and counting objects and sorting materials in Science. What a busy week!



Year 6 were writing setting descriptions about Victorian workhouses using what they have learnt so far in their topic. In Science they were starting to explore adaptation ready to link to their learning about Charles Darwin.

Year 6 will be visiting the William Morris windows at Christ Church later this week.

Parent Consultations Years 1 to 6

This year we are holding parent consultations over two days (3:50 pm to 6:50pm)

- Monday 16th October
- Wednesday 18th October

You will be able to book your slot from Tuesday 26th September at 7am via Arbor. If you are not able to see a slot at a certain time, then it will have been booked by another parent, so please do not email the Office asking to be booked in.

Parent consultations for Reception children will be in the week of 6th November.





In **Year 2** the children were combining the work that they have been doing about healthy eating in PSHE, their cutting and chopping skills from Design and Technology and their instructional writing knowledge from English as they made fruit kebabs.



Year 3 have been finding out why we have a skeleton and about the skeletons of animals and humans. The children have also been starting to create their own non fiction texts about predators.

In **Year 5** the children have been learning about the work of the artist Rosalind Monks who creates detailed and intricate drawings inspired by the natural world.

Year 5 will be heading to Kingswood in Kent on Wednesday for our 2 night residential. There will be lots of different activities for the children to take part in and we will have a great time! Going away on a trip like this is so beneficial for the children. They develop skills of independence, resilience and for many children, there is a real sense of pride at being able to challenge themselves to be away from home.

Parent Governor Elections

You will have received information about how to nominate yourself for the role of parent governor. Completed forms need to be returned to the Office by 3pm on Friday 6th October.

We will let you know we have arrived safely on Wednesday afternoon and then we will aim to be back on Friday afternoon at about 3pm (traffic permitting!).

Please ensure that you check the weather forecast and pack appropriately. We are outside a lot throughout the day, so layers are the best idea. And please don't forget to pack a water bottle!

Year 4 were learning about how particles behave in solids, liquids and gases in a practical lesson outside.

They were also doing some drama activities based on their work on Alice in Wonderland.

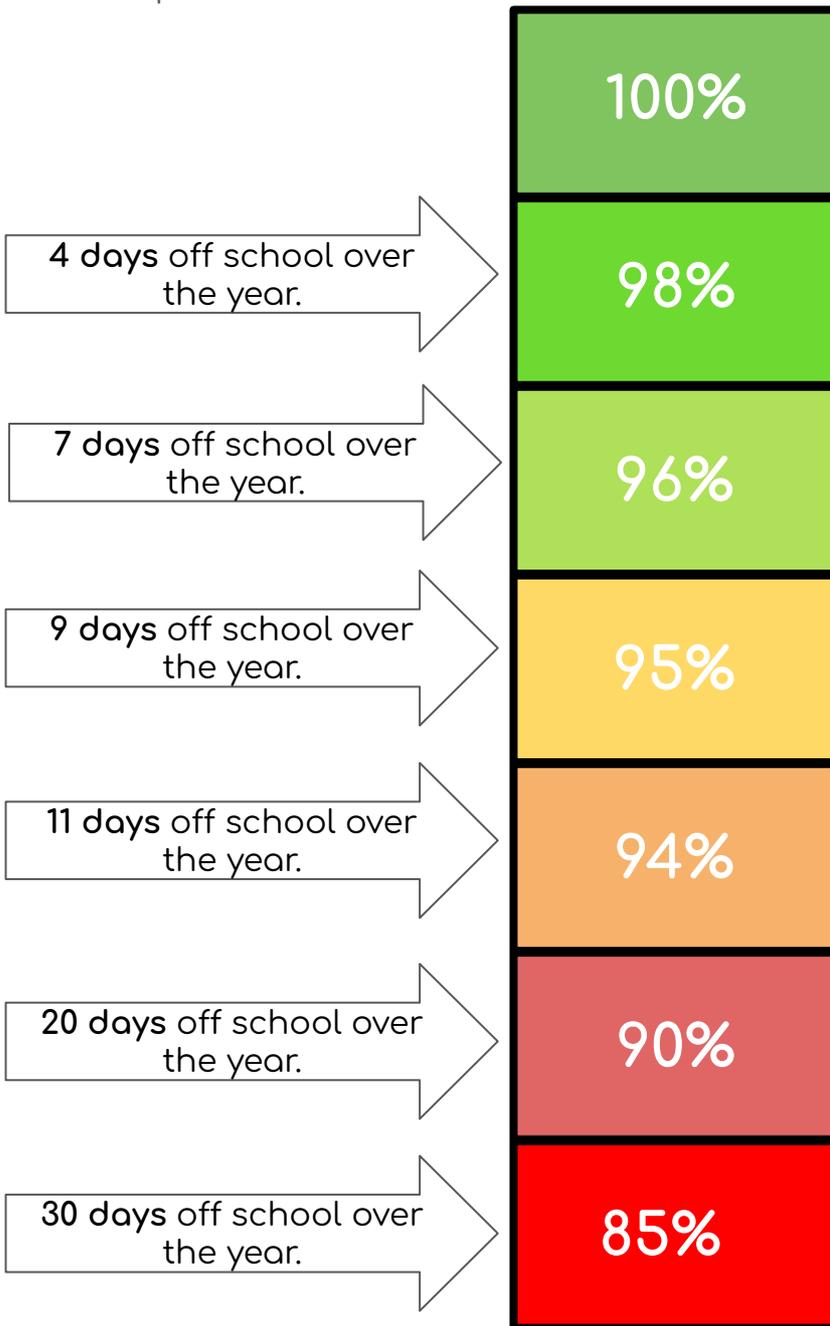


Just One Tree Day - 13th October 2023

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

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.



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!

Week commencing:
18th September 2023

Whole School	97%
Oak	98%
Willow	98%
1C	89%
1K	97%
2C	97%
2P	98%
3DW	98%
3F	99%
4M	97%
4P	100%
5LD	99%
5S	98%
6K	95%
6S	99%

Parking and Driving



Another photo this week from a parent who caused a traffic jam that impacted two buses! I wish I had had a camera to take a picture of the entrance on Brookside South on Monday morning when I was at the gate. There were cars reversing down the road, blocking the bin lorries and just stopping in the middle of the road to let their children out.

It is both dangerous and thoughtless behaviour that is upsetting families and the local residents.

If you are one of the parents who are arriving for pick up really early to secure your parking space right outside school, please could you also remember to turn off your engine. Idling is an offence under the Road Traffic Act because of the impact on the air quality.

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



London Mayoral Elections 2 May 2024

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.

Ferney Road held a street party for Macmillan Cancer Support this weekend. There was a tug of war, balloons, limbo and dancing.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Flo (in Year 2) decided that she would set up a toy stall to help raise some money. She made £140!

Overall the street made £1000, which is incredible!

Ms Donaghy and Mr Powell both completed the Night Walk over the weekend too!

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.

We have our first **FOMS** Trustees meeting of the academic year. We have agreed the following events for the Autumn Term:

Friday 13th October at 9am - Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 14th November at 7pm - New Reception Parent Evening.

FOMS are really keen for volunteers. If you have a bit of time and would like to get involved in making a positive difference to the children at school, then send them an email: friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com

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
Elizabeth, 2P Adrian, 2C Adriana, 2C Andriana, 1K Kamila, 1C Hristo, 1K Luna, 1K Oliver, 1C Harli, 1K Sumerya, 2P	Adrian, 2C Kayla, 1C Noah, 1C Marco, 2C Isabelle, 1C Dominic, 1K Meredith, 1K Zakaria, 2P Ronin, 1K Alice, 1K	Ronin, 1K Kayla, 1C Zakaria, 2P Noah, 1C Adrian, 2C Isabelle, 1C Dominic, 1K Ayla S, 2P Marco, 2C Alice, 1K

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
Lillya, 5S Emilya, 3DW Natalia, 4M Alfie, 4M Maryam, 4P Emily, 5LD Shivay, 4M Mikail, 3F Maxon, DW Lucy, 3DW	Inaaya, 4P Annabel, 4M James, 4P Ruby, 5LD Kaya, 4M Kasjan, 4P Valentina, 5LD Muhsina, 6K	Deeyar, 6S Inaaya, 4M Akshara, 4P James, 4P Abdullah, 5LD Jaiden, 5LD Saaiyuri, 5LD Nina, 5S Ruby, 5LD George, 3F	Deeyar, 6S Akshara, 4P Saaiyuri, 5LD Jaiden, 5LD George, 3F Satyana, 5S Abdullah, 5LD Amelie, 4M Sachh, 5LD Rudy, 3DW



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

Just One Tree Day (Own Clothes Day £1)

9am - Parent Coffee Morning

16th October - Parent Consultations (Y1-6)

18th October - Parent Consultations (Y1-6)

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

14th November - FOMS New Reception Parent Welcome Evening 7pm - 9pm

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