



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2023

Newsletter 5



Reception were creating self portraits and family portraits. When you come along to the Reception Phonics Meeting this week, you will be able to find your child's!

Year 1 were creating their own salt dough Beegus and writing part of their Beegu story.

In **Year 2**, they were reading The Incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers. In addition to this they were also learning about the artist, Giuseppe Arcimboldo. As part of this, they created their own portraits inspired by his style!



The children in **Year 3** had a busy week! They were exploring branching databases in computing and starting to find out more about carnivorous plants.

In **Year 4** the children were finishing their Alice in Wonderland writing. They were also investigating what happens when different states of matter are heated and cooled.



Parent Governor Elections

Just a reminder that you have until the end of the week if you would like to stand for parent governor.

This is a rewarding way to become more involved in school and vital to a school's drive for improvement. Nomination forms should be returned to the Office by Friday.





Year 6 visited the William Morris windows at Christ Church in Southgate as part of their learning about the changes that happened during the Victorian period.

Can you help please?

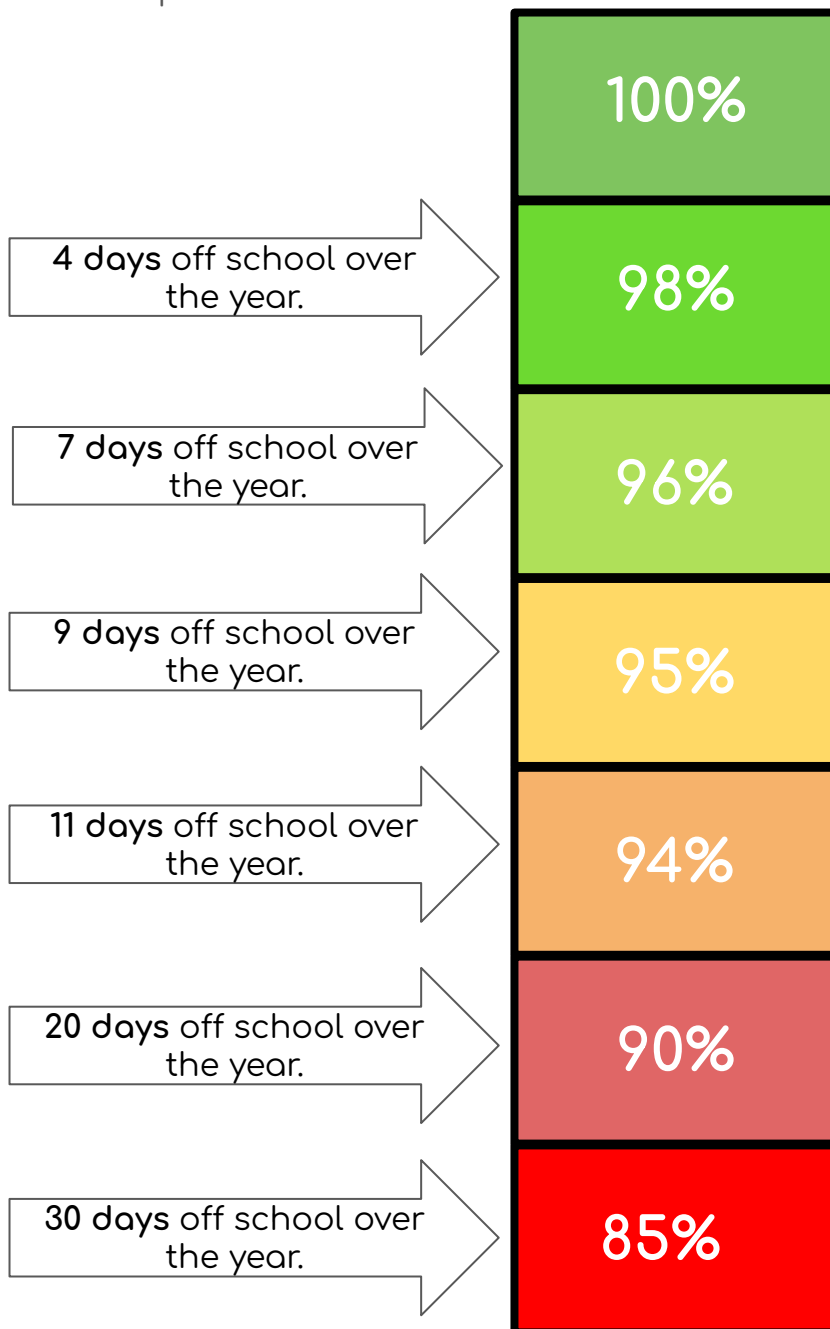
Miss Pierides would be really grateful if anyone has any football boots or shin pads in reasonable condition. If you do, please drop them in at the Office. We would be really grateful!

Year 5 were away at Kingswood at the end of the week. After a little bit of coach-related drama, we finally set off to Kent on Wednesday afternoon. The children were able to take part in different activities that developed their team working skills. We built dens, made fires (this was my favourite!) as well as doing some rock climbing and the children's favourite - the 3G swing. As much fun as the activities are, the real benefit of these trips are the other skills that the children develop - independence, managing themselves, compromising with peers, following new routines and learning that being away from the familiarity of home and parents is ok. The children were so well behaved and tried really hard - we were proud of them! I would like to say thank you to the staff who volunteered to go with us - Mrs Ditchburn, Mrs Slater, Miss Cowan and Miss Kelly. It is a big commitment and the trip would not have been possible without them.



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:

25th September 2023

Whole School	98%
Oak	99%
Willow	98%
1C	96%
1K	95%
2C	96%
2P	98%
3DW	99%
3F	96%
4M	100%
4P	97%
5LD	99%
5S	99%
6K	96%
6S	98%

Parking and Driving

This week there were more complaints from residents about the parking of parents at the end of the school day and emails from local councillors asking me to do more to make parents not park or drive irresponsibly in the roads around school. There are so many places that you could choose to park within a short walk of school that would not make it unsafe and not cause huge inconvenience to others.

Thank you to those parents who have supported us by challenging poor parking.

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.



Message from Miss Donaghy:

Thank you so much for your support on 23rd September. You obviously sent up the most wonderful vibes as I actually completed the full marathon at the Shine Night Walk! Not bad for a novice. It was an experience to say the least, with some funny moments along the way. Many, many thanks. I wore my medal all day on Monday <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/katrinass-giving-page-2015>



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.

The picture is at around 3am!

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
Isabella, 2P Wattein, 2P Sumerya, 2P Tomiris, 1C Andriana, 1K Rayan, 1K Caleb, 2P Bodhi, 1K Ruhan, 1K Luna, 1C	Maximos, 1K Dominic, 1K Olivia, 1K Sabine, 1C Bodhi, 1K Marco, 2C Kayla, 1C Maia, 1C Ronin, 1K Isabelle, 1C	Maximos, 1K Dominic, 1K Olivia, 1K Sabine, 1C Costa, 1K Ronin, 1K Maia, 1C Luna, 1K Bodhi, 1K 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, 6S
2. Daniyal, 6S
3. Deeyar, 6S
4. Adam, 6S
5. George, 6S
6. Khloe, 6S

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
Eden, 3D Aadam, 3DW Andrew, 6S Lilly, 4M Kasjan, 4P Zarin, 4P Ela, 4M Philip, 4M Leo, 3F Joshua, 4M	Zoe, 4P Kaya, 4M Inaaya, 4M Panayis, 4P Isaiah, 4P Ayaan, 4P Micah, 6K James, 4P Isaac, 4P Harry, 3DW	Inaaya, 4M Akshara, 4P James, 4P Ayaan, 4P Micah, 6K Kaya, 4M Sophie, 5LD Kaitlyn, 6K Isaac, 4P Kaya Y, 6K	Akshara, 4P Inaaya, 4M Sophie, 5LD Kaya Y, 6K Kaitlyn, 6K Ela, 4M Ayaan, 4P Krish, 3DW Muhsina, 6K Micah, 6K



Dates for the Term

3rd October - Reception Phonics Meeting

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)

16th October - Year 3 Science Workshop

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

6th and 8th November - Parent Consultations (Reception)

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