



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2023
Newsletter 10

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers last week at Parent Consultations. My favourite bit is hearing how proud you are of your children!



In **Reception** have been learning about Diwali this week. Thank you to Kabir's mum who came into speak to the children about the meaning of the celebrations. The children really enjoyed it!

As part of their geography learning, **Year 1** went on a Monkfrith School tour this week. They created birds eye view maps using what they found. They also wrote a poem about our school. Today, the children have their Victorian workshop.



The KS1 Design and Technology curriculum requires the children to be able to learn skills such as spreading, peeling, chopping and grating. Last week, **Year 2** utilised these skills in their sandwich workshop.

**GET
INVOLVED!**

London and our Local Community

One of our display boards in school is a map of London. We are gradually adding places of significance in our local area over the year. We would like to fill it with places that the children might like to go and visit or find out about.

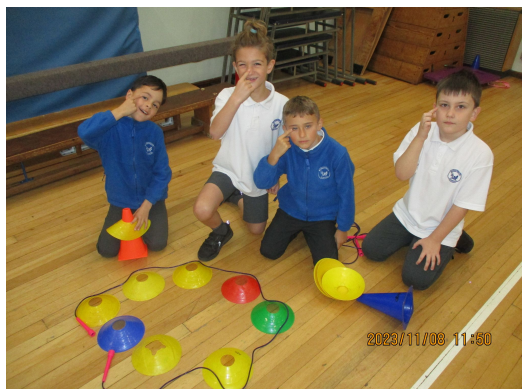
If you are out and about in London over the next few months, you might like to take a photo of your child in front of a famous landmark or building and it can be added to the board.

If you would like to get involved, you can just email your photo to the office.



Every year Chickenshed put on a Christmas performance and this year we have several children taking part.

If you are interested in getting into the Christmas spirit between 22nd November and 13th January, then go to <https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/events/the-toy-makers-child>



Year 3 have been using The Iron Man by Ted Hughes in their topic, Mighty Metals. On Wednesday, they went to the hall and used the clues from the text to work out how big the Iron Man is! The children have also been exploring the sugar content of food in PSHE this week by looking at different types of packaging.



Year 4 learnt about roads during Roman times. They were also practising hard in their recorder lessons. Parents are invited to see what they have been doing on 6th December.



In **Year 5** the children continued their learning about why the River Nile supported the Ancient Egyptians and started to find out about hieroglyphs. On Wednesday, 5LD did the first class assembly of the year. It was lovely to see how much the children had learnt over the first half term and that so many families were able to come along and watch. This week it is the turn of 6K!



In **Year 6** the children were continuing to write their non chronological reports about icebergs. They were also treated to a first hand recount of Mrs Powell's recent trip to see the Northern Lights!

Sportshall

On Tuesday, we took 27 children to the annual Barnet indoor athletics competition called Sportshall. This is a team event where children compete in indoor field and track events to gain points for their school. The selected children spent their lunch times practising and they worked as a team to compete against 8 Barnet schools on the day. We are so proud of our athletes that represented us.

The atmosphere was wild and they encouraged each other throughout. They were the best behaved school at the event and their ability blew all that watched away. The hard work, training and the teamwork paid off as we came 2nd and received silver medals. A huge thank you to the parents that came to support their children and soaked up the atmosphere from the viewing window despite it being small. The children really loved seeing you there cheering them along. Thank you also to all the staff who helped prepare the children through their trial, training and at the event.

Monkfrith's Magical Moments

Get ready for Christmas with Monkfrith's Santa's Grotto

We're delighted that this year, FOMS, will be bringing you a special Santa's Grotto experience, Monkfrith's Magical Moments. Whilst we have not been able to organise a Christmas fair like previous years due to limited number of volunteers, we plan to bring some special activities to the children of Monkfrith.

Children will have a special ticket that takes them around different Christmas-themed activities like writing a letter to Santa, decorating a Christmas gingerbread, creating some reindeer food and play some elfy-games, whilst grown-ups can get a hot-drink and cakes.

This ticketed event will be on Friday 8th December from 3:15-6. Please look out for a poster with details on how you can book your slot with Santa and get your ticker.

Tickets will be £10 to cover all activities at Monkfrith's Magical Moment.

We still need your help to make this possible. Here's how you can help:

- Are you a Santa in disguise? We need one more Santa to fill those boots.
- Help create our magical Grottos.
- Help set up activities and help clear away at the end
- Bake a cake for the cake stall.
- Help with an activity – cake stall, bar, letter writing or games.

If you would like to help FOMS and help create more magical moments and enriching experiences for our children, please email: friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com

Dear Parents & Carers, if you wish to purchase preloved uniforms you can now use the following link :

<https://instagram.com/monkfrith.preloved.uniforms?igshid=MzM yNGUyNmU2YQ==>

All proceeds of the sale go to FOMS. If you wish to donate items, information will also be available there.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Improving
children's mental
health

If you have any concerns about your child, please come and talk to us about it. You can email the office to arrange a time to speak to your child's class teacher.

Over the course of the two nights of Parent Consultations I had lots of conversations about the challenges of being a parent or guardian whether it be supporting your child's understanding of the news, helping your child manage their friendships or getting your child to listen at the right times.

Whilst there is not a one size fits all solution, Place 2 Be have made a series of videos and short reads for parents on different topics that might be helpful.

You can find them here:

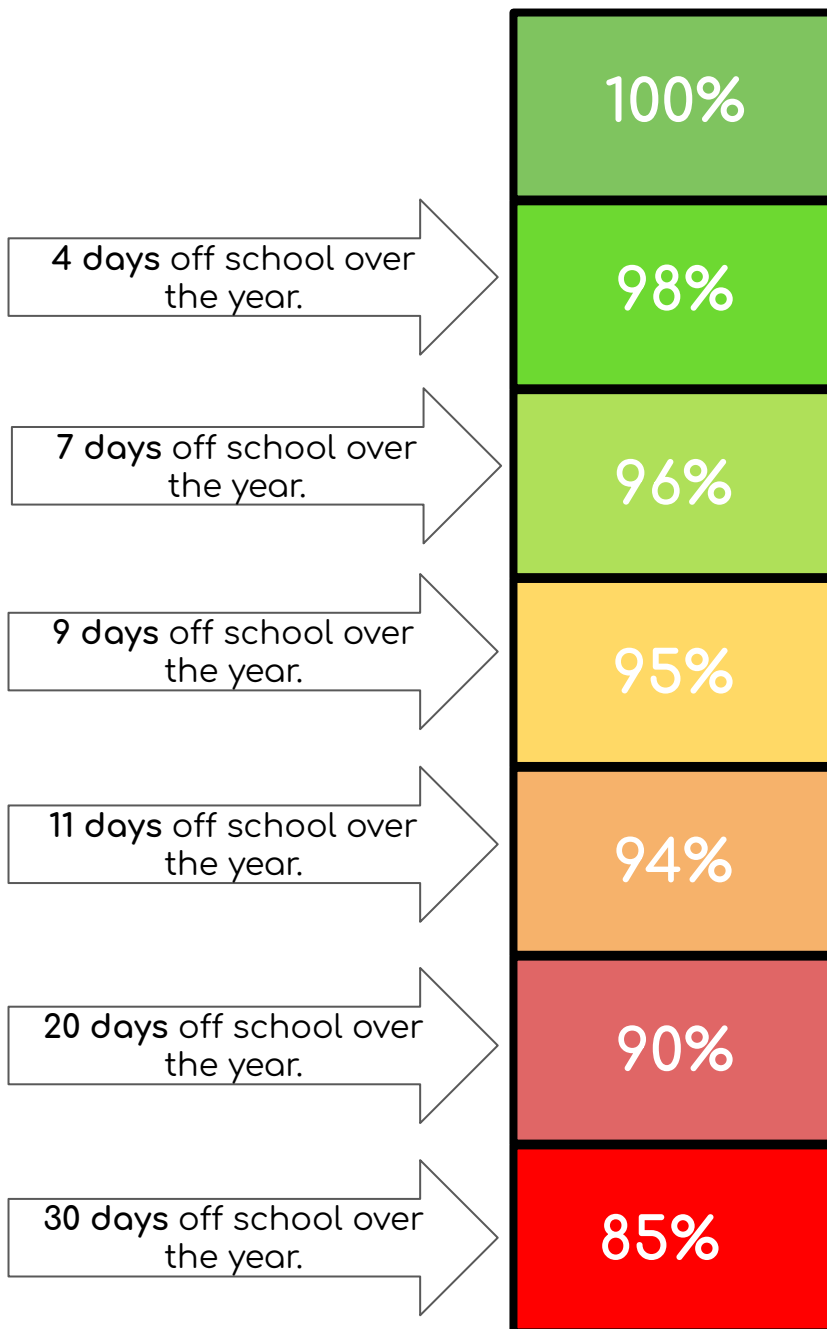
<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Attendance and Punctuality

Requesting Exceptional Term Time Leave

When you make a request, you should expect that it will not be authorised. There are only 190 days in the school year which is only 52% of the year.

I understand that holidays during term time are less expensive, however this does not mean that a request is exceptional.



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:

6th November 2023

Whole School	97%
Oak	94%
Willow	91%
1C	98%
1K	98%
2C	98%
2P	99%
3DW	98%
3F	90%
4M	98%
4P	100%
5LD	99%
5S	95%
6K	98%
6S	96%

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
Devi, 1C Millan, 1C Rosie, 1C Asil, 1K Bodhi, 1K Hristo, 1K Oliver, 1C Hugo, 2P Nicolette, 1K Bade, 1C	Luna, 1K Kyran, 1C George, 1C Oliver, 1C Noah, 1C Maximos, 1K Sabine, 1C Dominic, 1K Aiyah, 1K Deniz, 2C	Kryan, 1C Luna, 1K Noah, 1C George, 1C Maximos, 1K Oliver, 1C Aiyah, 1K Artin, 2P Dominic, 1K Sabine, 1C

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
Kerri, 3F Ozzy, 3F Kian, 3F Aadam, 3DW Harry, 3F Ayan, 3F Alma, 3F Emilyya, 3DW Reagan, 3F Dhevan, 3F	Ruby, 5LD Alma, 3F Isaiah, 4P Aadam, 3DW Akshara, 4P Esma, 4P Cora, 4P Joe, 4P	Ibrohim, 3DW Josh, 3F Joshua, 3DW Alex, 3F Akshara, 4P Nikolay, 3DW Omid, 3F Ayaan, 4P George, 3F Alyssia, 3F	Ibrohim, 3DW Joshua, 3DW Alex, 3F Josh, 3F Akshara, 4P Nikolay, 3DW George, 3F Omid, 3F Ayaan, 4P Alyssia, 3F



Dates for the Term

13th November to 17th November - Anti Bullying Week

13th November - Odd Sock Day!

14th November - Victorian School Workshop for Year 1

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

15th November - 6K Class Assembly (9am)

16th November - Full Governing Body Meeting

20th November - Year 5 to the British Museum

22nd November - 6S Class Assembly (9am)

24th November - Year 2 to the Transport Museum

29th November - Year 4 to the British Museum

4th December - INSET 2

6th December - Year 4 Recorder Concert for Parents (3pm)

8th December - Monkfrith's Magical Moments

13th December at 9.30am - Reception Nativity

14th December at 2pm - Reception Nativity

15th December - FOMS Christmas Raffle Draw

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

19th December - Christmas Lunch!

21st December - Break Up 2pm

A special Christmas edition of the newsletter will be shared next week with all the information that you will need about December at Monkfrith.

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