



Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2024 Newsletter 2

In **Reception** the children have been acting out the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Next week they will going on a local walk to look at different homes in the area.



In **Year 1** the children have been looking at the weather in the UK and writing own weather diary. In their Computing lessons, they have been using shape, link and colour to recreate the work of different artists.



In **Year 2** the children have been writing a diary entry from the perspective of Amelia Earhart. They have also been combining their PSHE and Maths lessons as they learn about spending money and how to calculate change!

Today **Year 1** and **Year 2** have been visited by the Road Safety roadshow. They were taught about the important of walking to school and how to do this safely.

In **Year 5** the children have been learning the geographical skills of compass points and reading coordinates and 6 figure grid references. In Science they have also started to investigate the properties of different materials.



Nut Allergies

Please can you ensure that you do not send nut based products into schools. We have children and staff with severe nut allergies and we can not risk nut products coming into school.

There are nuts in a range of products you might not usually expect so please be careful to help us ensure the safety of the children in school. Thank you.



In **Year 3** they have been learning about light and how to use mirrors to create their own periscopes. The children have also been learning about different Greek gods as well as the feature of Ancient Greek pottery.

In **Year 4** have been writing non chronological reports about teeth. They were also visited by a dentist who answered the children's questions about teeth and dentistry.

4M also had a great time at the British Library learning about Sacred Religious Texts. Thank you to the parents who helped.

In **Year 6** have been using the short film, Alma, to inspire their own story writing. They were also lucky enough to be the first to use the brand new dictionaries and thesaurus' that we have purchased with the support of FOMS. In their Computing lessons they were looking at the features of websites ready to design their own.

Also, well done to the **Year 6** girls who played against Brunswick Park on Tuesday. After a fiercely contested first half and many near misses Monkfrith went into halftime 1-0 after a powerful long shot from Erin that nestled into the bottom corner. The girls battled on in the second half but Brunswick got 1 back. The game ended 1-1. Miss Shah and Mr Powell are so pleased with how well they are playing as a team.



Thank you to the FOMS Committee for agreeing to fund this purchase of nearly 100 dictionaries and thesaurus.

This investment would have been really challenging if we had to use the school budget and just shows that the money FOMS raise make such a difference to the children. If you organised or attended an event, thank you!

Milk in Reception

Our school is working in partnership with the company 'Cool Milk' to provide free school milk to children in our Reception classes. The school milk will not only provide them with essential nutrients, but as it is rehydrating and energy boosting it also bridges the gap between lunch and home time to help the children stay focused.

Find out about the top ten reasons to drink school milk at: www.coolmilk.com/whyschoolmilk

The milk each child in Reception receives is free of charge. Their daily entitlement is 189ml and will be given to them in a cup as part of their afternoon fruit/veg snack time.

If you would prefer your child not to have milk at school please let your class teacher know or send an email to the office.

Cool Milk



Healthy School

Smart Watches

It has been lovely to see how excited so many of the children have been with the presents they received over Christmas.

Unfortunately Smart Watches are not appropriate to wear at school. Devices that are able to send/receive calls or messages or take photographs will be treated the same as mobile phones and are not allowed to be used on site.

Fitbits, or similar devices, that count steps can be worn at the your own risk. If they become a distraction, children will be asked to remove them.

UK Health Security Agency

The UK Health Security Agency have updated their guidance on keeping your child health in the Spring Term.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/a-parent-s-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

Early Years SEND Conference

If you have a child with SEND who is in nursery or Reception, you are welcome to attend the online Barnet Early Years SEND Conference on 24th January.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0w6jyBPA1ksPZqELn2oj-lABNdXRuGPQx3L3fmixE8uqW-A/viewform>

Wrap Around Care

Barnet Council are asking for the help of parents and carers to help them understand the supply and demand for wraparound childcare within Barnet. The survey will be live for 2 weeks, closing on Friday the 26th of January.

See link: [Complete the Parent Breakfast and After School Childcare Survey here.](#)

School Meals

Alongside this week's newsletter, you will be receiving a letter from the Mayor's Office. As you will know, all primary school aged children have had the option of a free school meal since September. This was initially offered a one year pilot. It has now been funded for a further year and so in the 2024/5 academic year, children will continue to have the option of a free school meal.

Due to the success of the Dr Bikes in December in Barnet's car parks, particularly among parents/carers and children, there has been demand to continue these into the new year.

The free Dr Bike sessions will be run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free.

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	10/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	17/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	24/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	31/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	07/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	14/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	21/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	28/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	06/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	13/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	20/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	27/03/2024	4pm to 7pm

Barnet SENDIASS will be holding an in-person information session for Barnet resident parents/carers and young people with special educational needs or disability on:

- Date: Wednesday 28 February 2024
- Time: 10am to 12.30pm
- Location: Colindale Office, 2 Bristol Avenue, NW9 4EW
- Presenters: Inclusion Advisory Team (IAT)

Registration details will be available soon.

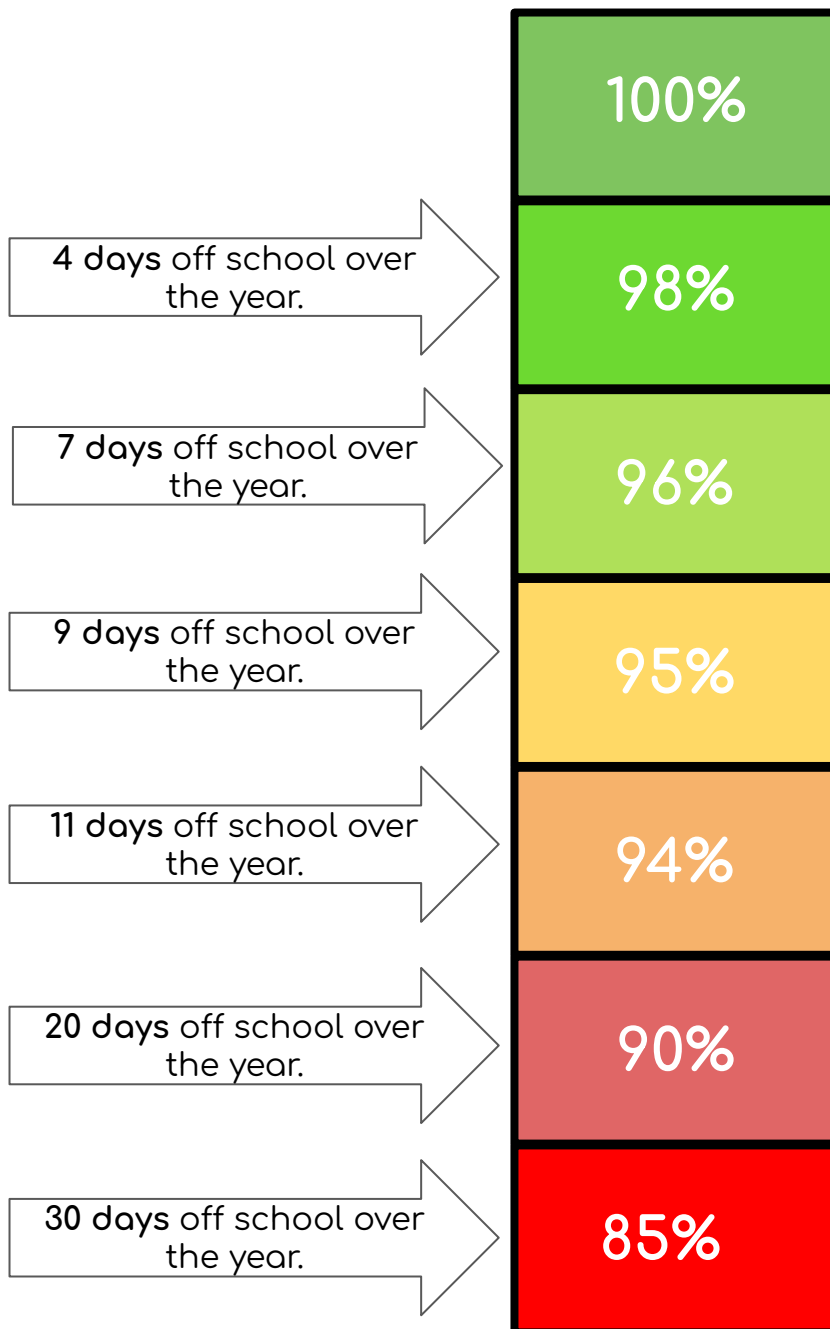
If you have any questions, please contact: sendiass@barnet.gov.uk

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:

15th January 2024

Whole School	96%
Oak	99%
Willow	94%
1C	98%
1K	94%
2C	94%
2P	98%
3DW	92%
3F	96%
4M	95%
4P	98%
5LD	99%
5S	98%
6K	96%
6S	93%

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:

January

22nd January - Year 6S to the Royal Institute

24th January - Year 6K to the Royal Institute

31st January - 4P Class Assembly (9am)

February

5th February - Children's Mental Health Week

6th February - Online Safety Day

12th to 16th February - Half Term

19th February - INSET 3

26th/28th February - Parent Consultations

28th February - 5S Class Assembly (9am)

March

4th March to 15th March - Year 4 Swimming (letter to follow next week)

6th March - 3F Class Assembly (9am)

7th March - World Book Day

18th to 28th March - Year 5 Swimming (letter to follow next week)

25th & 27th March - KS1 Show (time to TBC)

28th March - Break up 2pm

29th March to 12th April - Easter Holidays

April

15th April - First Day of Summer Term

22nd April - International Week

May

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

June

3rd June - INSET 4

July

5th July - INSET 5

24th July - Last Day of Term 2pm

September 2024

2nd September - INSET Day

3rd September - First Day back