



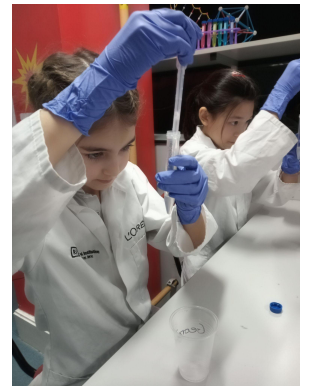
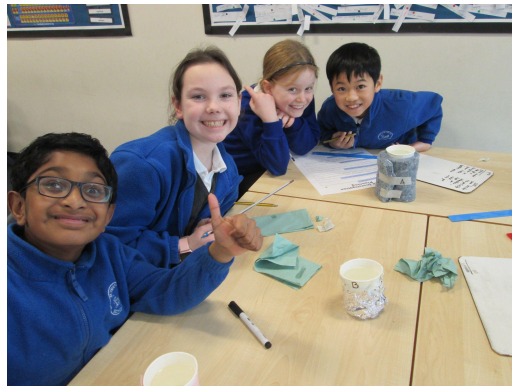
Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2024
Newsletter 3

The children in **Reception** went out on their first school trip this week! They went out in small groups to look our local area. Some children were very excited to be able to see their own house on the way! The children have been using what they saw to create their own maps.



In **Year 1** have been writing and performing their own weather forecasts this week using what their observational weather diaries from last week. The children have also been using wax crayons to create their own art work inspired by the weather.



In **Year 2** the children have been finding out about hospitals now and in the past. They have been learning about how Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale changed nursing.

In **Year 3** the children have been experimenting with paint mixing techniques. They have then painted their Greek-inspired pottery.

After their dentist visit last week, **Year 4** have been writing their information leaflets about teeth which they are going to share with Year 1. **4P** have also been practicing for their class assembly next Wednesday.

In **Year 5** the children have been investigating magnetism and thermal insulation as part of their Alchemy Island topic.

In **Year 6** the children visited The Royal Institute this week to take part in a workshop about DNA. The children get the opportunity to be real scientists in a laboratory setting and use a range of scientific apparatus to extract their own DNA. They have also been doing some fantastic writing taking inspiration from the short film, Alma.



Year 6 and Bikeability

The children who begin their Bikeability on Monday must have their bikes and helmets in school. You should have also received a separate email with a reminder of the final instructions.

Reporting Absence

If your child is going to be absent, please inform the Office as soon as possible.

You can do this via an Arbor message or an email.

UK Health Security Agency

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

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

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

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.

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.



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.

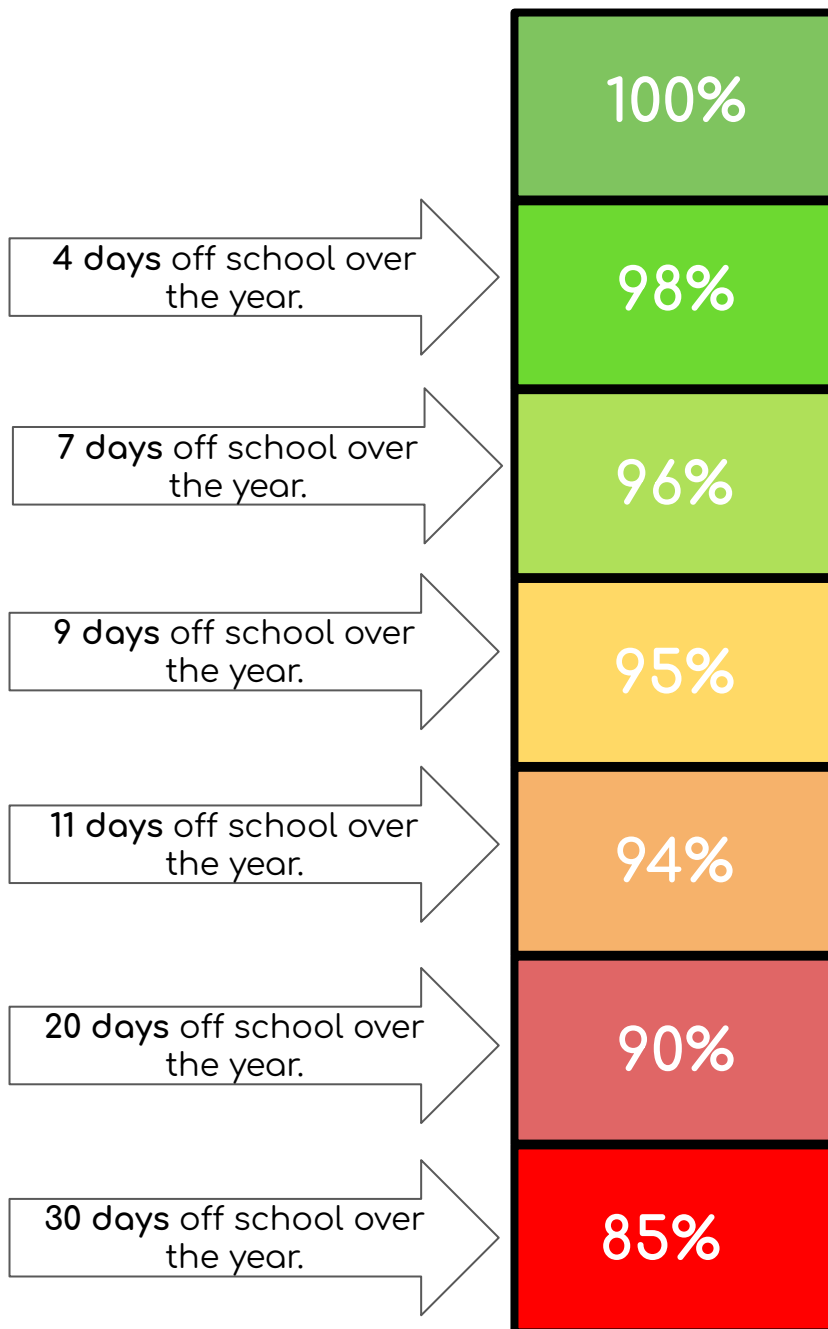
If you have any questions, please contact: sendiass@barnet.gov.uk

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:

22nd January 2024

Whole School	94%
Oak	96%
Willow	88%
1C	92%
1K	92%
2C	95%
2P	100%
3DW	94%
3F	89%
4M	93%
4P	99%
5LD	96%
5S	94%
6K	96%
6S	96%

Dates for the Year

Here are the term dates for this year so far:

January

29th January - Year 6 Bikeability

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

February

5th February - Children's Mental Health Week

6th February - Online Safety Day

9th February - Express Yourself Day!

Children can wear whatever they like to express themselves as part of Children's Mental Health Week. Please make sure that is appropriate to wear on the playground at break and lunchtime.

12th to 16th February - Half Term

19th February - INSET 3

23rd February - Year 4 Viking Day

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)

21st March - Year 3 to Hari Krishna Temple

22nd March - FOMS Quiz Night

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

27th March - Year 4 Recorder Concert for parents (3pm)

28th March - Break up 2pm

29th March to 12th April - Easter Holidays

April

15th April - First Day of Summer Term

22nd April - International Week

23rd April - Year 2 to London Zoo

May

2nd May - SCHOOL CLOSED - LONDON MAYORAL ELECTIONS

6th May - May BANK HOLIDAY

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

13th July - FOMS Summer Fair

24th July - Last Day of Term 2pm

September 2024

2nd September - INSET Day

3rd September - First Day back