



Monkfrith School

Spring Term 2024

Newsletter 5

INSET Day

Monday 19th February will be an INSET Day. The staff will be working on reviewing Learning Support Plans as well as working on developing different aspects of the curriculum.

This week I attended the termly Headteacher briefing with the Director of Education for Barnet Schools. The focus of the meeting was about school budgets as we are getting to the time of year where school funding is set for 2024/5. The news was bleak for all schools, and we are in a much more fortunate position than many others.

If you would like to understand more about the current funding challenges that school are experiencing you might want to look at the [School Cuts](#) website which monitors school budgets.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is **Children's Mental Health Week**. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. In assembly on Monday, Mrs Choudhury and Mr Powell introduced the theme to the children. Throughout the week the children have thought about things that matter to them, from friends and family to big subjects like the environment or their futures'. We were also lucky enough to get some of the practitioners from BICs who are the team who support children and young people's wellbeing for Barnet. They came and worked with **Year 6** on coping skills when we are feeling overwhelmed.

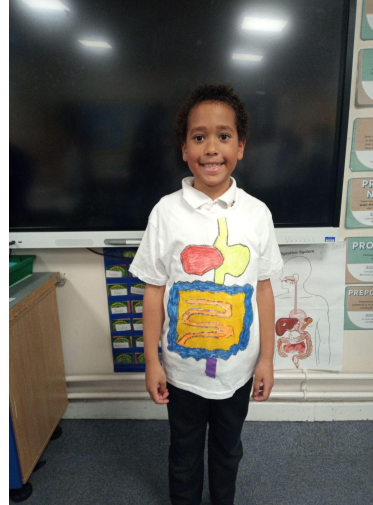


We have also used two lovely books which you may be interested in looking at: *Blue* by Britta Teckentrup and *Every Child A Song* by Nicola Davis.



We have been lucky enough to have two parents come in and talk to **Reception** and **Year 1** about Chinese New Year. Thank you so much - the children (and adults) really enjoyed their session!





Year 4 have been learning all about the digestive system this half term. They have found out about teeth, written stories as if they are travelling through the digestive system and in Design and Technology, they have put this knowledge into practice by designing and making their own Digestive System T-shirt. They look fantastic!



Year 1 have been writing about winter this week! They have also been learning about the importance of washing their hands in PSHE.

In **Year 2** the children have been learning about the life and work of the artist Frida Khalo. They looked in detail at one of her pictures and then have been learning how to draw a self portrait. As I type this morning, they are painting their faces!



Year 3 have been evaluating the shadow puppets they made last week. In 3F there have been lots of preparations for their class assembly which is shortly after half term.

Year 5 have been creating fantasy landscapes based on the work of Peter Doig as well as investigating the solubility of different materials.

Music lesson bookings for the Summer term 2024

If you would like to sign your child up for group recorder lessons with Thady please email the Monkfrith office by Friday 11th March.

If you would like to sign your child up for ukulele or guitar lessons with Mr Hughes, please contact him by Monday 25th March therosshughes@gmail.com

For music lessons via BEAT please follow the below link to set up an account and enrol, by midnight on Monday 18th March. <https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/>

If your child already has lessons with BEAT, you do not need to re-enrol, BEAT will be in contact with you directly about how to pay for the next term.



Internet Day

was also Safer Day. The theme year was about Change. All the have taken part ies related to this.

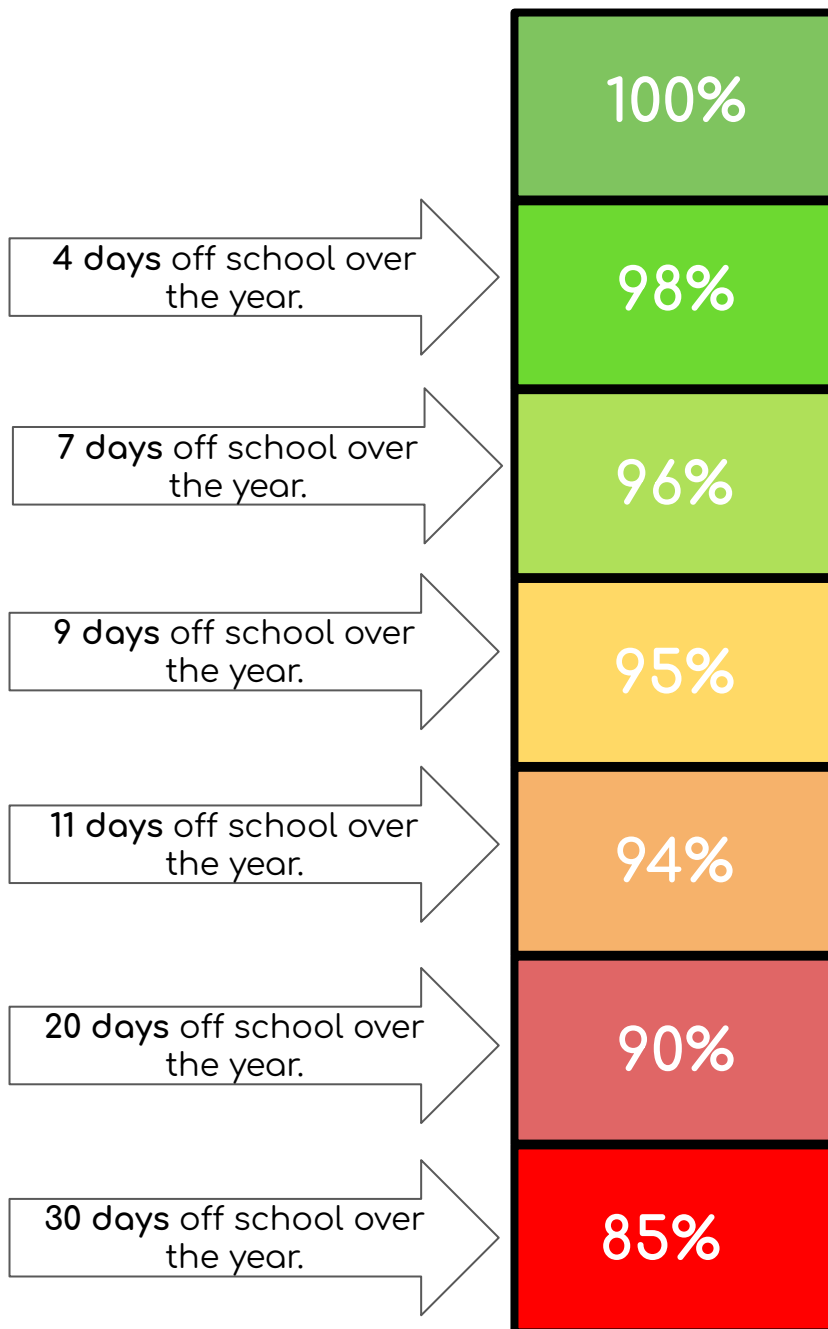


Attendance and Punctuality

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:

5th February 2024

Whole School	96%
Oak	91%
Willow	94%
1C	91%
1K	95%
2C	94%
2P	93%
3DW	97%
3F	98%
4M	98%
4P	98%
5LD	97%
5S	90%
6K	98%
6S	95%

Dates for the Year

Here are the term dates for this year so far:

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