



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2024

Newsletter 1

Welcome Back to the Summer Term - the longest and busiest of the school year. Please ensure that you check the dates either on the newsletter or on the website calendar to keep up to date with what is happening. The dates are on the calendar for Sports Days. You will see there has already been a change to the KS2 Sports Day as we have just been informed that some of the secondary school transition visits have been scheduled for this day.



As many of you will be aware, there has been issues with the increased traffic in the roads around school, particularly on Parkside Gardens and into Brookside South. We have been liaising with the Council to help make it safer for our children walking to and from school.

A petition has now been set up and we need your help with the next step!

It could not be more simple to get involved:

- you just need to be over 18
- [click this link](#) and complete your details. Because it is petitioning Barnet Council, they will only accept responses from Barnet residents, so we need as many of you as possible to complete it.

The more people that sign it, the more our voice will be heard. Please share with your friends and neighbours. The more signatures it receives, the greater the impact it could have. Thank you for your support.



As you can see, the children in **Reception**, have been learning about minibeasts this week.

In **Year 1**, the children's topic this half term is called Paws, Claws and Whiskers. They will be learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and how to classify different types of animals. In maths they will be covering the start of multiplication and division by making groups of and sharing with 2s, 5s and 10s before moving on to finding simple halves and quarters.





This week in school some of the children have taken part in Golf taster sessions that Miss Pierides has organised. The rest of the classes will also have their chance in the coming weeks.

In **Year 2** the children will be immersing themselves in the rainforest as they learn about plants and animals, as well as the artist Rousseau. In maths they will also be covering fractions as well as time. Time is one of those mathematical concepts that can be really well supported at home by talking about what time things are happening, how long it is until... or how long something lasts for.

In **Year 3**, their topic is Flow. The children will be learning about rivers and the water cycle. In Maths, they will start the year looking at adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators and then finding fractions of objects and quantities. They will then move on to adding and subtracting money.

In **Year 4**, the topic this half term is Playlist. The children will be learning about sound and how we hear sound. In Maths, they will be learning about decimal numbers and how to compare and order numbers up to 2 decimal places. They will also be learning about maths and time. There will be a letter about Phasels Wood sent to parents on Monday.

In **Year 5**, their topic is Stargazers. The children will be learning about the planets of our solar system and the phases of the moon. In Maths, the children will be learning about measuring and calculating angles, before doing some work on coordinates, translation and symmetry.

In **Year 6**, the children will be learning about some of the different artistic movements of the 20th Century in their topic, Gallery Rebels. In Maths they will be revising some of the concepts related to fractions, decimals and percentages before the children sit their SATs in a few weeks time. The final details about the Isle of Wight will be shared on Monday.

Year 5 and PSHE

As part of the PSHE curriculum, Year 5 will be having a free workshop next week from Talk Consent, who came in last term to speak to Year 6. It will focus on boundaries and the importance of consent in relation to boundaries and interactions with friends.

Throughout the interactive session they will go through:

- Understanding personal boundaries.
- The importance of respecting others' boundaries.
- How to feel confident asserting your own boundaries.
- Understanding consent.
- What it means.
- How it works in relation to boundaries and different relationships.
- Discussion of age appropriate scenarios around boundaries.

PE Update from Miss Pierides



Boys' Football Match

Sadly, our winter season sports have come to an end. Our Boys' team played their final league playoff match against Akiva. It was an extremely close match. We scored an incredible first goal early on in the match: 1-0. It remained 1-0 for most of the match with Kaya Y making some unbelievable saves but unfortunately just before the final whistle, there was no stopping Akiva's equaliser: 1-1. As it was a play off match, we needed a winning team. We went into 5 minutes of extra time. It was still 1-1. This meant penalties. We felt prepared and confident as we had practised at training. With our 5 penalty-taker chosen, we stepped up for our first shot. We missed! 0-0. They scored 0-1. We scored 1-1. They missed 1-1. We missed 1-1. Kaya Y saved their shot 1-1. We scored 2-1. Another save from Kaya Y 2-1. Omer our final penalty taker looked at me and said, "If I score this, we win right?" I nodded in response. With all that pressure, guess what? He scored. We celebrated! It has been a rocky season but we were so glad to get this final win. A great way to end the season. We are proud of the players determination and passion for the game.

Girls' Football

Our girls' team had their quarter final of the John King Trophy. It was against a very strong Livingstone. Sadly, we lost 5-0 but the girls' spirit and determination throughout the match was inspirational. We are so proud of all they have achieved this year. Two quarter finals and a lot of them had not played competitive matches before this season! You are a credit to our school. Incredible attitude and it makes us smile to see the joy you get from playing.

Cross Country

It was a pleasant spring day at Oak Hill park where 12 of our children competed in the Barnet Cross Country competition. The children were buzzing with the atmosphere of this event. We had a good group of supporters there to cheer us on. Each runner ran against their year group and was placed at the end. The course was very muddy and slippery but no one complained. Each place gained us points for our school. With all these points collected, we gained 160 points which meant we came 5th out of 16 schools. This means there were 32 children in each race. Congratulations to our runners representing: Erin, Kaitlyn, Omer, Alfie, Sophie, Sasha, Tommy, Abdullah, Cora, Annabel, Louis A and Callum.

Barnet Virtual Skipping Challenge

During Autumn and Spring term, KS2 took part in the Barnet Virtual Skipping Challenge. Each year group had a challenge for half a term and the top 10 skippers were submitted into the challenge against all the other Barnet Primary schools. All of our results together, led to us being first. The trophy will be returning to Monkfrith. Well done to all the skippers and to the teachers who took the time to collect the results. CHAMPIONS! Next KS1 take on the Virtual Skipping Challenge. Good luck.

THANK YOU

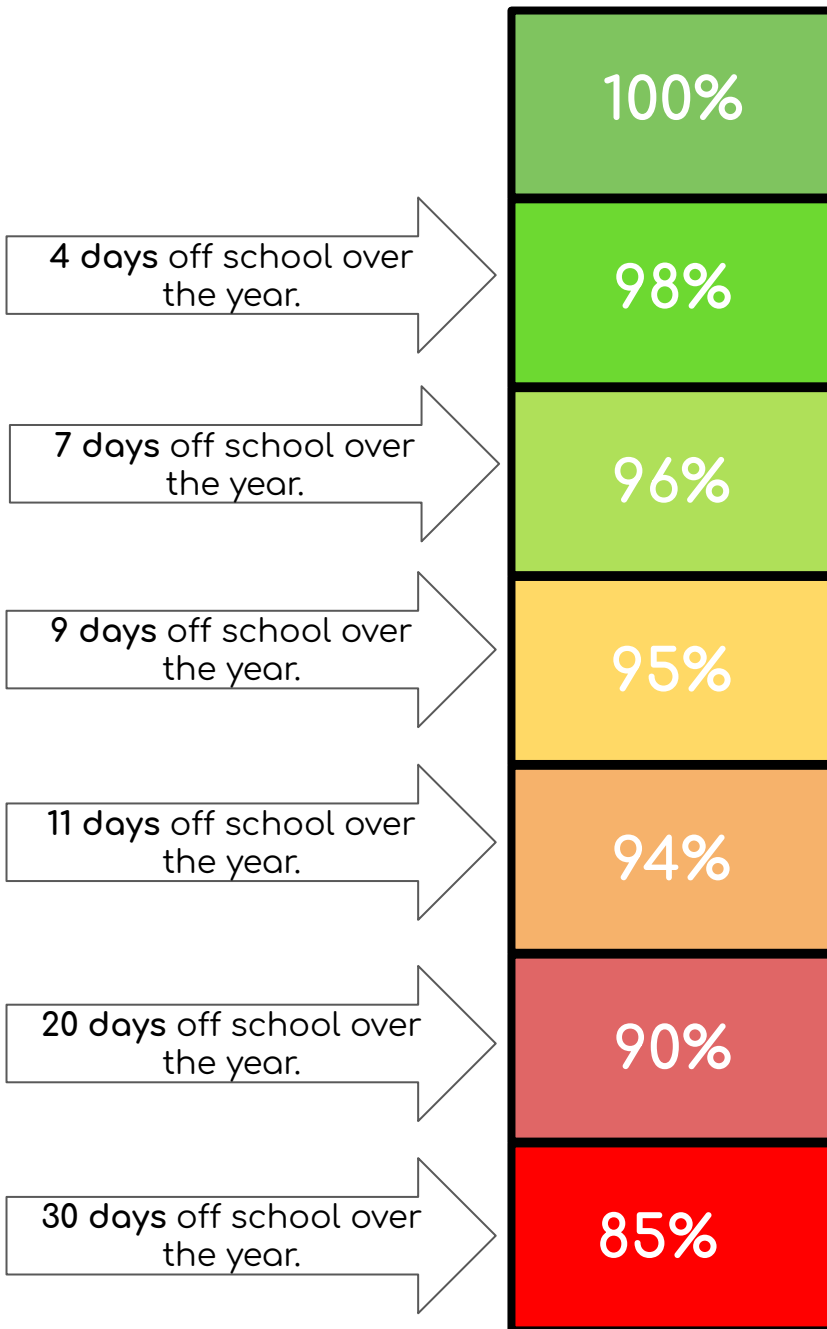
Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents or guardians that have supported us in any way this year so far. We would not be able to do a lot of these events without you and we appreciate all the time you take out of your busy days to support your child and also other children at the school. We are very lucky to have you. THANK YOU!

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 April 2024

Whole School	95%
Oak	98%
Willow	97%
1C	94%
1K	96%
2C	100%
2P	97%
3D	97%
3F	97%
4M	97%
4P	92%
5LD	98%
5S	98%
6K	98%
6S	91%

Dates for the Year

Here are the term dates for this year so far:

23rd April - Year 2 to London Zoo

24th April from 9am to 10am - Parent Coffee Morning (with a speaker to talk about supporting and managing your child's anxieties and worries)

29th April - Hearing and Vision checks for children in Reception

May

2nd May - SCHOOL CLOSED - LONDON MAYORAL ELECTIONS

6th May - May BANK HOLIDAY

7th May - KS2 Choir practice for the Barnet Music Festival at Sacred Heart (am)

13th May - Year 6 SATs week

17th May - KS2 Barnet Athletics Competition

19th May to 24th May - Year 6 to the Isle of Wight

22nd May - Year 1 Assembly 9am

27th May to 31st May - Half Term

June

3rd June - INSET 4

4th to 7th June - Arts Week

5th June - Year 5 to the National Portrait Gallery

7th June - Dress as a piece of art day (details to follow)

12th June - 4M Class Assembly

12th June - Choir to the Music Festival

13-14th June - Provisional Date for Year 4 residential (letter to follow)

17th June - SPORTS WEEK

19th June - 2C Class Assembly (9am)

26th June - 2P Class Assembly ((9am)

27th June - KS2 Sports Afternoon (weather dependent) in Oakhill Park

28th June - Reception Sports (9.15am)

July

2nd July - KS1 Sports Afternoon (weather dependent)

3rd July - Year 3 to the National History Museum

5th July - INSET 5

10th July - Reception Class Assembly

13th July - FOMS Summer Fair

18th/19th July - Year 6 Show (TBC)

24th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.15am)

24th July - Last Day of Term 2pm

September 2024

2nd September - INSET Day

3rd September - First Day back