



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2024

Newsletter 2

Thursday 2nd May -
School is closed for
Polling Day.



Thank you for those of you who have taken the time to add your name to the petition and support our attempts to make our roads safer. As of this morning there were 104 signatures. If you have not had the chance, don't worry there is still time.

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 on improving the safety for our children. Thank you for your support.



In **Reception**, the children were visited by ZooLab this week who brought along a range of different minibeasts for the children to see close up. **This experienced was funded by FOMS so if you have helped raise money this year, a huge big thank you!**

Year 1 have been learning about programming in Computing this week as well as learning about classifying different animals in Science.



Just a few reminders:

- Year 6 parents - please complete the online Medical Form for the Isle of Wight as soon as possible.
- Key Stage 2 Choir - please return your consent form and ticket request by next week.
- Key Stage 2 Athletics - please return consent forms to Miss Pierides next week.





Year 2 had a day out at London Zoo this week. The children had a great time seeing the different animals, from meerkats to crocodiles! Mr Powell and Mrs Choudhury were proud of the children. Thank you so much to the parents who came along and helped out - it was much appreciated.



They have had a busy week as they also had their golf sessions this week! Year 6 will be having theirs in a couple of weeks time.

In **Year 3** have been doing some fantastic poetry work this week. They have been writing and performing poetry in the style of Valerie Bloom. Both Ms Donaghy and Mr Filby have been impressed with the children's language and enthusiasm.

In **Year 4** the children have been learning about sound and writing their own narrative inspired by a music video.

In **Year 5** joined the National Space Centre in Leicester (virtually) to take part in a very special Science workshop. Mrs Ditchburn and Mrs Slater were impressed with the way that both classes listened and participated.

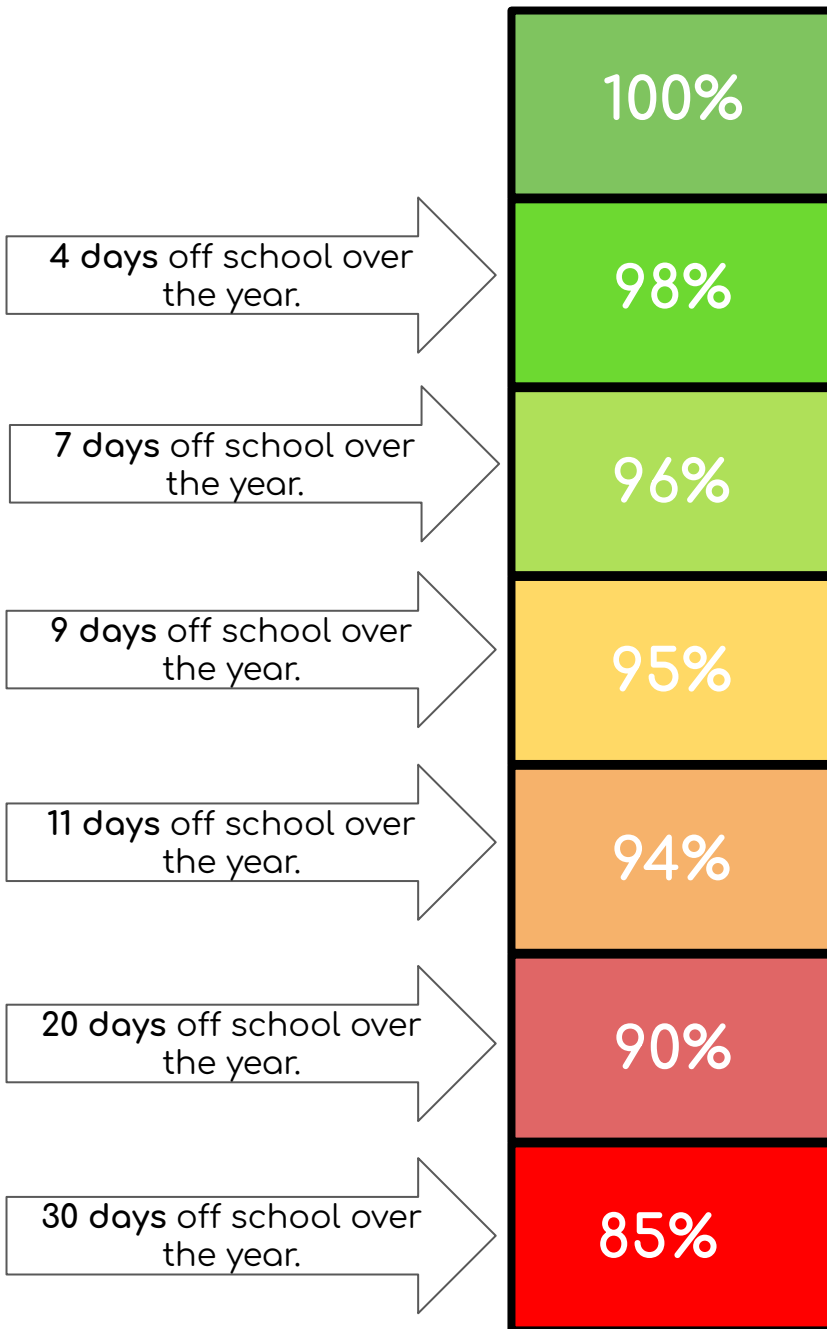
In **Year 6** the children have been practising for their SATs in a few weeks time - we have been really proud of how hard the children are working and the efforts that they are making to show what they can do! However they have also been learning about different artistic movements, including creating some of their own pointillist inspired art work.

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.



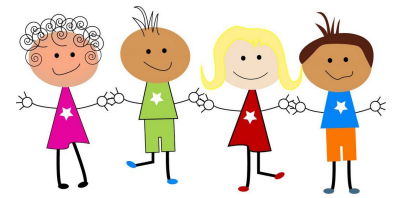
All our lessons build on the day before so if your child misses one day it is like a missing brick in a building. Build the strong foundations of your child's education by ensuring that they are here every day!

Week commencing:

22nd April 2024

Whole School	97%
Oak	97%
Willow	93%
1C	96%
1K	98%
2C	95%
2P	99%
3D	99%
3F	96%
4M	93%
4P	97%
5LD	100%
5S	99%
6K	100%
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Supporting children's emotional wellbeing

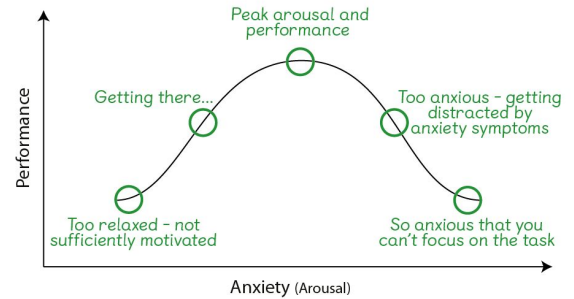


It was great to see so many parents at our Coffee Morning on Wednesday!

The session focused on the different types of things that children can feel anxious about but then shared some strategies about how to help them manage these feelings.

It can be hard to see a child feel worried or anxious and so take action on their behalf to 'fix' or 'take away' the problem, but children need to learn experience these feelings. By experience and overcoming them, they will build their confidence and resilience to new challenges.

I liked the graph she shared which might help to show children that feeling a bit worried about something is normal and can help us to do well in a task or activity.



She also recommended taking an emotion coaching approach towards talking to children when they are feeling worried or anxious. You can find out more here...
Emotion Coaching training:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2oTdr-3jVw>

Secondary School Virtual Transition Meeting - 16th May 2024 (10am to 1pm)

This meeting has been arranged by Barnet for parents who have children in Year 5 and 6 to help them prepare their child for the move to secondary school. Please see the flyer attached to the email.

♥ 🧥 👕 Monkfrith Preloved Uniforms

Selling used uniforms generously donated by parents & carers to raise money for FOMS.



Please contact Delphine 07523266659
or visit the insta page :

<https://www.instagram.com/monkfrith.preloved.uniforms>

Dates for the Year

Here are the term dates for this year so far:

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)

8th May - Year 3 to Oakhill Park for fieldwork (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

23rd May - Year 4 to the Southgate Gurdwara (am)

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

6th June - Dress Like A Piece of Art

7th June - Whole Class Photo Day

12th June - 4M Class Assembly

12th June - Choir to the Music Festival

13-14th June - Year 4 to Phasels Wood

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