



# Monkfrith School

## Summer Term 2024

### Newsletter 6

Thursday 4th May - it may be that school will be closed on this day if we are asked to be a Polling Station. We will update you as soon as this is confirmed by Barnet Council.

This week's newsletter has been written on the Isle of Wight (with a bit of help from everyone else back home!). Today we break up for half term. Just a reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 3rd June. We will see you on Tuesday 4th June.

**Year 1** performed their fantastic assembly- sharing their learning from throughout the year. They also had Year 6's music lesson with Mrs Folan. The children explored accompanying singing with a range of percussion instruments. In maths year 1 have been looking at positional language.



This week **Year 2** have been working hard to create their final piece of artwork- a jungle picture inspired by the work of Henri Rousseau. They have also been writing poems about the rainforest.

**Year 3** took part in a 'Water Aid' virtual workshop where they looked at global awareness of water. In computing they were designing a Sprite on a program called Scratch then using coding to add movement to it. They have also been working hard to paint their final piece of art work inspired by Hokusai's painting 'The Wave'. **Year 4** have been working hard writing a biography about a musician they selected. They also visited a Gurdwara where they learnt about Sikhism and the Sikh way of life. In art they have been painting pictures inspired by the work of Kandinsky, mixing colours to achieve specific tints and shades.



**Year 5** have been using Crumble Kits in their computing lessons to explore coding to get a motor to turn which made their character dance. (photo on As part of the space topic they have been exploring forces in science. The children have also designed posters to explain, things around them that only exist as a result of space travel.



This week **Year 6** have been on the Isle of Wight on their Year 6 residential. Trips like these are great for developing children's confidence and independence. We left early on Sunday morning and will back on by the time you read this on Friday.

Over the last 6 days, the children have visited the Zoo, a model village, Carisbrooke Castle, Osborne House and Blackgang Chine. They have also played Crazy Golf, gone bowling, played on the beach (which often means just digging big holes!) and walked lots!

But they have also been resourceful, resilient and managed themselves and their friendships. These skills are just as important as the experiences they have had.

All the staff on the trip have been so impressed and proud of the children while we have been away.

I would also like to say a huge big thank you to the staff who have come with us - coming away from home for this long is a big commitment from them too. Thank you to Ms Shah, Ms Kontos, Ms BH, Ms Kelly and Ms Cowan. **We could not have done it without you!**



## Relationships and Sex Education

In this half term our PSHE and Science curriculum cover Relationships and Sex Education. You may have seen that last week the Government announced there would be a change to the objectives that are taught in schools but these changes are not for this year.

The Department for Education set out the statutory content about what children should know by the end of primary school about relationships:

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring Friendships
- Respectful Relationships
- Online Relationships
- Being Safe

The Science Curriculum sets out the statutory content for what children should know by the end of primary school about sex:

### Key Stage 1 (age 5-7 years)

- Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense
- Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

### Key Stage 2 (age 7-11 years)

- Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals
- Describe the changes as humans develop to old age
- Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents

In Year 6 our curriculum we also teach one lesson which is non statutory at primary (but taught at secondary school). This includes some details about how babies can be made and the decisions that people make before doing this.

You can review our policy and the materials we use by clicking on this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-aTnB6yYKR5pO2x4zeZcEz1B2VepjrPG?usp=sharing>

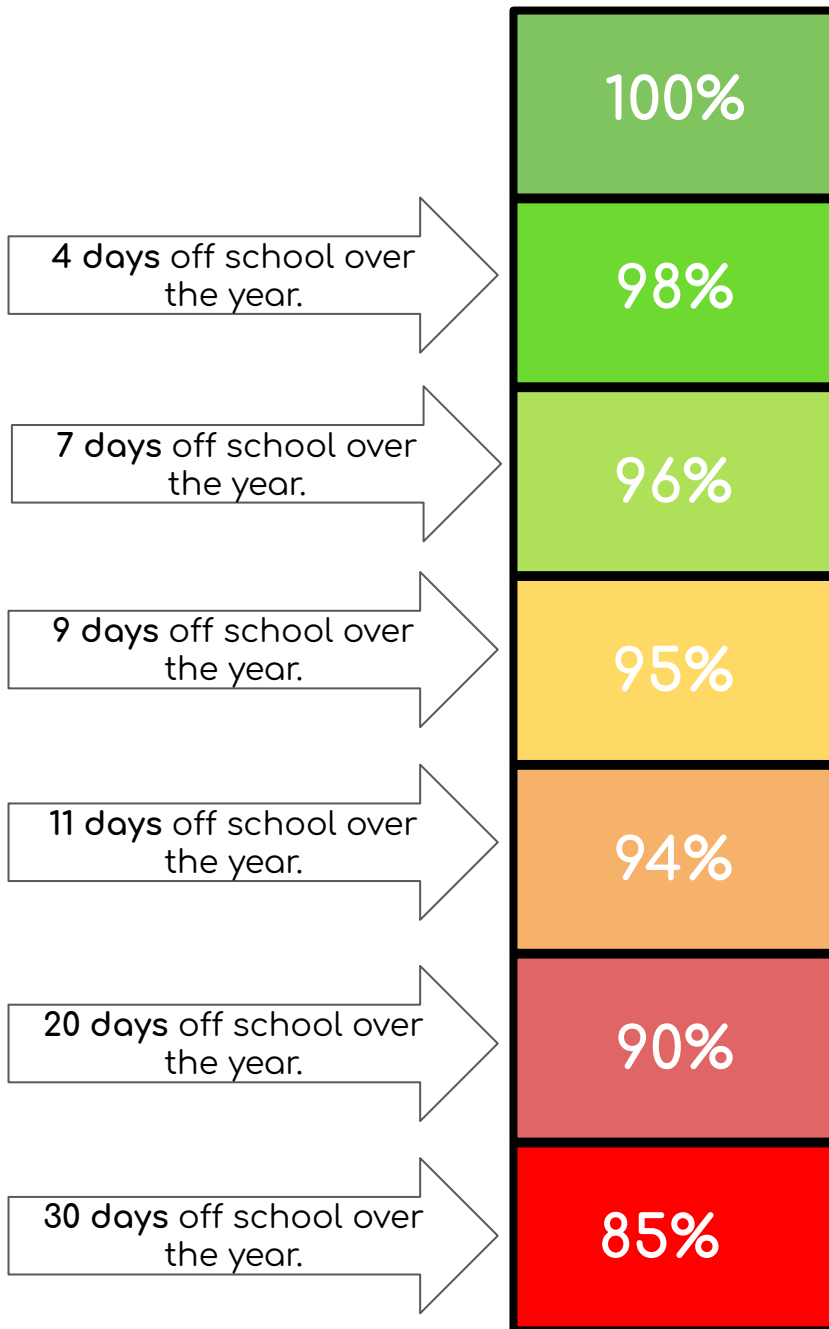
If you have any questions, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

# 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:

24th May 2024

Whole School	95%
Oak	95%
Willow	93%
1C	94%
1K	96%
2C	96%
2P	93%
3D	99%
3F	94%
4M	97%
4P	93%
5LD	94%
5S	97%
6K	100%
6S	98%

## Dates for the Year

Here are the term dates for this year so far:

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

10th June - Reception to Aldenham

12th June - 4M Class Assembly

12th June - Choir to the Music Festival

13-14th June - Year 4 to Phasels Wood

17th June - SPORTS WEEK

18th June - Year 1 to Capel Manor

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

24th June - New Reception Parents Welcome Evening 7pm

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