



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2024

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School will be closed on the 4th July as we are a Polling Station for the election. We will also be closed on 5th July for our planned INSET. Enjoy the long weekend!

We have had such a lovely Sports Week and hopefully your children have come home having enjoyed some of the different activities they have tried. The good weather has also really helped out!

On Monday we had a Euro-themed day. Miss Pierides ran some football skills sessions for Reception and KS1. Children also took part in a football skills and we had a giant inflatable goal for shooting practice! On Tuesday we had a Wimbledon themed day with tennis skills and mini games going on. Wednesday and Thursday saw a mix of Wall-Ball, volleyball and our favourite, Kin Ball! Then we finished the week with the Dance-a-thon today. Throughout the week we have also been having a whole school Speed Bounce Challenge!

I would like to say a huge *thank you* to all staff for embracing the week with so much enthusiasm and particularly to Miss Pierides for all her hard work in organising and timetabling everything.



On Wednesday, we were treated to a delightful class assembly by Year 2C. They shared their learning about the rainforest from last half term, reading us extracts from their writing and showing their fantastic artwork. All the children spoken clearly and confidently - it was lovely. Next week, it is the turn of 2P!



Sports Days

We are at the point in the year where events come thick and fast.

KS2 - Thursday 27th June

This Thursday afternoon is the Key Stage 2 sports afternoon. Children in KS2 should come dressed in their PE kit and trainers to save changing on the day. We will be aiming to start at approximately 1.30pm. You will find us in Oakhill Park (we are intending to set up near the Cafe but it does depend a bit on the weather beforehand). We aim to finish at approximately 3pm and will take the children back to school to be dismissed. Please do not ask to take your child directly from the park as this makes it much more challenging for class teachers to ensure that we know where all the children are! Please make sure that if you do not need your After School Club place that day that you cancel in advance.

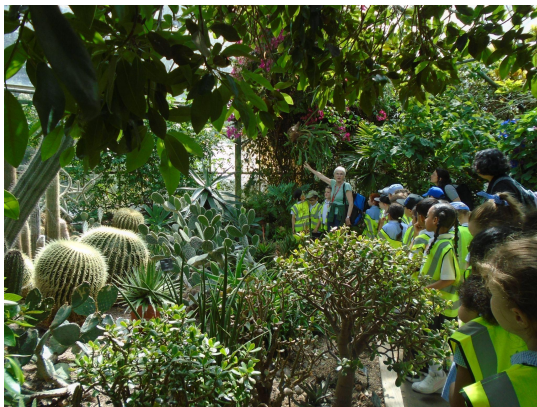
Reception - Friday 28th June

Reception Sports morning will start at 9.15am. The gate on Monkfrith Way will be opened just after 9am. Please sit on the grass or on the edge of the playground (there will be some Year 6 children there to direct you). It will last approximately 45 minutes.

KS1 - Tuesday 2nd July

KS1 Sports morning will start at 9.15am. The gate on Monkfrith Way will be opened just after 9am. Please sit on the grass or on the edge of the playground (there will be some Year 6 children there to direct you). It will last approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

Sports Day is a highlight of the school year and we want to encourage all the children to do their best and most importantly, enjoy the experience. There will be a mix of games and races. All decisions made by the staff will be made with the best of intentions and in good faith.



On Tuesday, **Year 1** went to Capel Manor. They looked at different types of trees and plants which links to their learning in science.

They also explored the Zoo and had their lunch in the sunshine.



All the adults were really impressed with how sensible the children were and how well they listened.

Thank you to the parents who came along to help - it would not be possible without you!

Year 6 Leavers' Arrangements

We like to give our Year 6 children the best ending to their time at Monkfrith.

Thursday 18th July at 9.30am - Goodbye Arnold (with 6S taking the lead roles) Children in 6S will each have 4 tickets for this performance)

Friday 19th July at 9.30am Goodbye Arnold (with 6K taking the lead roles) Children in 6K will each have 4 tickets for this performance)

Wednesday 24th July at 9.10am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Year 6 families welcome)

Wednesday 24th July at 7pm to 9pm - Year 6 Leavers Disco



Pick Up

We have had complaints from local residents about the behaviour of some children outside of the school gates at the end of the day. This is from residents on both Knoll Drive and Brookside South. If you are talking on the pavement at the end of the school day, please could you remind your children not to run into the road. I have also spoken to the children about this in assembly today.

School Photos

If you would like to order your child's class photo, you have until 27th June to order and get free delivery back to school. You can do this using the QR code that was sent home last week. If you need the code resent, you can request via the Office.

A polite reminder not to bring your dog on to the playground at the end of the day.

In addition to all their sports week activities, the children in **Reception** have been practising for their Sports Morning next week and doing their end of year phonics assessments.

Year 3 have been testing soups as part of their Design and Technology lessons.

Year 5 have been learning about Anne Boleyn and putting their persuasive skills to the test as they plead to Henry VIII to spare their life! They have also been finishing their portraits of Henry VIII. The children tried really hard to think about proportion scaling and shading.

Year 6 have been learning about colonisation and slavery. They have also started practising for their Year 6 leavers show next month. They are reading Freedom 1783 by Catherine Johnson which explores a boy's experience of slavery in Britain.



Next week will also see the first round of the **KS1** and **KS2** Spelling Bee. This was a real highlight last year. The children do spelling tests in their classes before the top 4 from the year group going through to the finals. The words are a mix of those that they will have encountered in their learning throughout the year across a range of National Curriculum subjects. It is going to *bee-brilliant* Updates to follow...

Year 4 were at Phasels Wood last week and as promised, here are some photos of their overnight residential ...



World Music Day 2024


Today is World Music Day and to celebrate this, the children had a very special surprise in assembly. Over the last two weeks, Mr Filby (out Music Lead) together with the some of the other members of staff have been rehearsing after school to perform Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. It was fantastic and the children thoroughly enjoyed it - at one point it felt like the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury! The children will also be taking part in some addition music activities following on from this.







It's 3 weeks until the Summer Fair on Saturday 13th July!

The Summer Fair is FOMS' biggest fundraising event of the year. Bring your family and friends for a day full of fun, food and music! FOMS' summer fair has something for everyone:

 **Arts & Crafts:** Get creative at our arts and crafts booths!

 **Delicious Food:** Savor a variety of food stalls offering everything from BBQ to sweet treats.

 **Live entertainment:** Dance to the beats of a DJ throughout the day.

 **Raffles & Prizes:** Don't miss out on your chance to win fantastic prizes in our raffle draws, and more...mark your calendars and join us for a day of summer fun!

★ Help us make it a success

We are actively seeking your help with raffle donations and offers to support set up, during and after the fair. Please have a look at the [sign up](#) sheets shared by your class rep and reach out if you can support in any way.

Face painter

We're looking for volunteers to assist with our face painting stand. Whether you have artistic skills or simply a desire to help, your support will be invaluable in creating a fun and memorable experience for the children.

Does your company or employer want to sponsor a stall or activity?

In return, they can be advertised on the day and in the school newsletter. Get in touch with your class rep or email friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com for more information.

Match funding

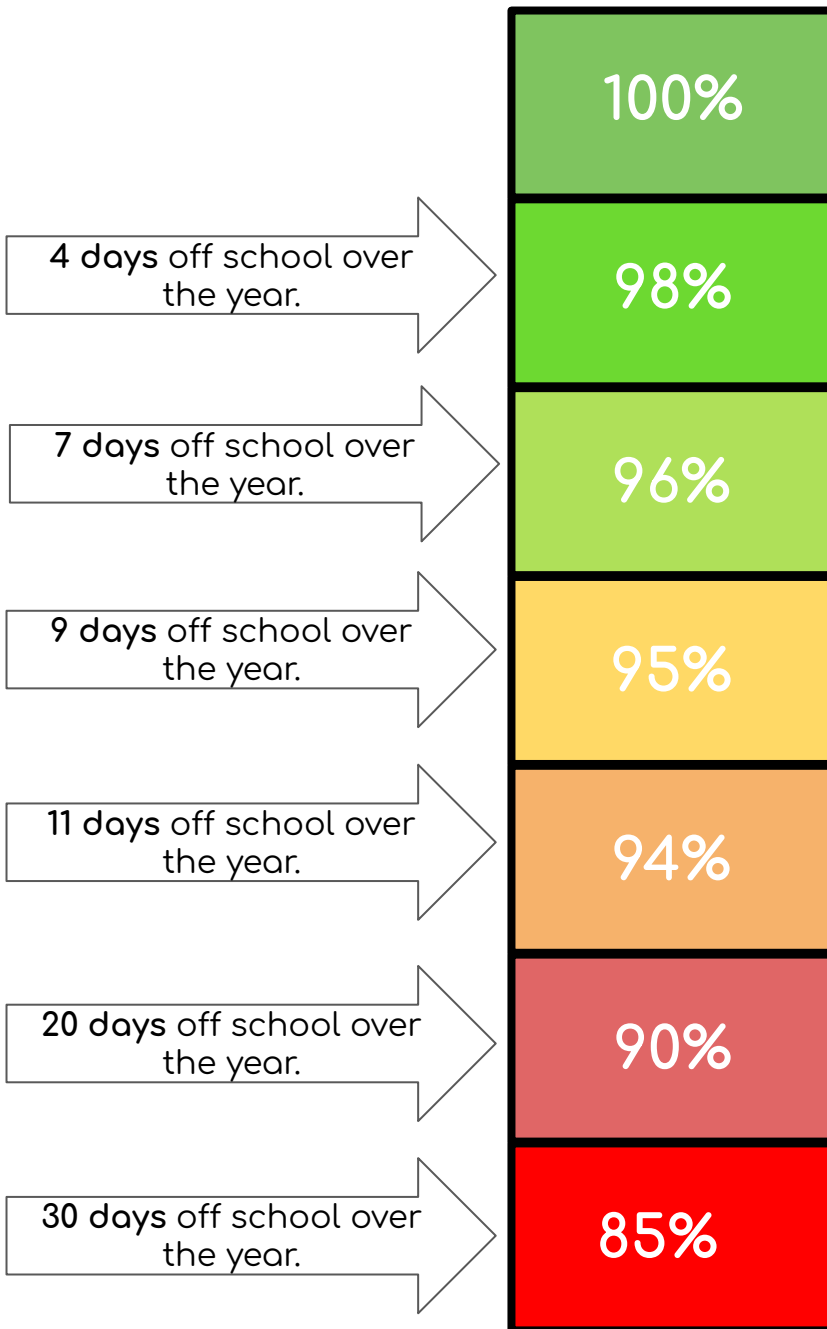
Many companies have a match funding policy which means that any money we raise at the fair can be matched by your employer. Please check the policies at your workplace to help us double the impact of our efforts. If you'd like more information, please reach out to any FOMS member or send a message to friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com.

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:

17th June 2024

Whole School	96%
Oak	96%
Willow	95%
1C	95%
1K	99%
2C	95%
2P	94%
3D	97%
3F	96%
4M	100%
4P	92%
5LD	96%
5S	98%
6K	93%
6S	97%

Dates for the Year

24th June - New Reception Parents Welcome Evening 7pm

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

27th June - KS2 Sports Afternoon (weather dependent) in Oakhill Park 1.30pm

28th June - Reception Sports (9.15am)

July

July - Spelling Bee

2nd July - KS1 Sports 9.15am (weather dependent)

3rd July - Year 3 to the National History Museum

4th July - School Closed for General Election

5th July - INSET 5

8th July - Non Uniform for FOMS (please bring £1)

10th July - Reception Class Assembly

12th July - Non Uniform Day for FOMS (Bring a bottle - details to follow)

13th July - FOMS Summer Fair

18th July - 9.30am Year 6 End of Year Show (6S with main parts)

19th July - 9.30am Year 6 End of Year Show (6K with main parts)

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