

# Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

8th March 2024

## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all those parents who attended Parents' Evenings this week; these sessions are an invaluable opportunity to find out how your child is progressing and to ask the teacher any questions you may have about their year so far. If you have not been able to make an appointment this week, please contact the school office to make a telephone appointment with your child's teacher for next week.



World Book Day was celebrated in style at Montgomery Junior School starting with our African Storytelling, Day on Wednesday, when we heard the children in the hall laughing with delight at the tales from afar. The story teller commented on how well-behaved the children were and was impressed with the diversity of our pupils, which he felt is a fantastic representation of the world we live in. Yesterday, the children and staff dressed to impress with a wonderful array of costumes depicting characters from our favourite books. Our World Book Day lunch was enjoyed by the children, so a big thank you again to our amazing catering team.

Next Wednesday, we will be welcoming the Two Johns, who are online safety experts to Montgomery Junior School; they will be teaching the children how to keep themselves safe online. After school, we are offering a parents' session at 5:30pm to which you are all invited. We are increasingly having to spend time dealing with online issues, which take place out of school, so we feel this session is vital for parents to learn how to limit the risks to your child in an ever evolving online world. Please put the date in your diaries and come along. Time will be available for parents to ask questions, or seek advice, at the end of the session.



Just a reminder about the gymnast, Courtney Tulloch's visit to MJS on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please return the sponsor forms to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March so we can ensure your child is given the correct reward. Thank you in advance for your support.

Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we will welcome a theatre company to MJS to perform Jungle Book to the children. This is fully funded by the school and will provide them with a magical experience of music and dance.



Our Year 3 children will be visiting Beth Chatto gardens as part of their Science learning from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. With our increasingly stretched budgets, parental contributions to trips are vital so that we can continue to offer these to our children and provide a wider range of educational experiences. Please ensure payment and slips are returned as soon as possible. We appreciate your support with this.

We wish our Y5/6 football team every success in the next round of the Utilita cup on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The children will be competing against other regional winners in the Colchester United kit to seek a place in the finals. Good luck to the team; we will be cheering you on back here at school.

Michelle A. Wright

Mrs Wright  
Headteacher



## Attendance Champions



Congratulations to class **3S** who are our weekly attendance champions this week with 100% attendance. Well done everyone in 3S.



## What's on next week?

### Winter Menu Week 3

#### Monday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra  
Board Game Club

##### After School Clubs:

1st Class @ Number 3:10-4:15  
Y5/6 Tag Rugby 3:20-4:15pm  
Y3 Building Resilience 3:10-4:15

#### Tuesday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra  
Timestables Club Y4

##### Utilita Cup Regional Finals

##### After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Military Club 3:20-4:15  
Y3/4 Tag Rugby 3:10-4:15  
Y4 Building Resilience 3:10-4:15

#### Wednesday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After School Clubs:

1st Class @ Number 3:10-4:15  
Fairplay Football 3:10-4:15pm  
Y3/4 Football Club 3:10-4:15pm  
Computer Xplorers 3:10-4:15pm  
Y5 Building Resilience 3:20-4:15  
Football Team Cup Training 3:20-4:15pm

##### The Two Johns Parent Session 5:30pm

#### Thursday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra  
Board Game Club

##### 4RS Swimming Lessons

##### After School Clubs:

1st Class @ Number 3:10-4:15  
Girls Football 3:10-4:15pm  
Y3/4 Military Club 3:10-4:15pm  
Y6 Building Resilience 3:20-4:15  
Girls Netball 3:20-4:15pm  
Y6 Maths Challenge Club 3:20-4:15pm

#### Friday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Football Club 3:20-4:15  
Gymnastics 3:10-4:15pm  
Friendship Club 3:10-4:15pm  
Y5/6 Football Team 3:20-4:15pm

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## This week's Monty Merit Awards



## TimesTable Rockstars



## Reading Awards



## World Book Day 2024



## Dates For Your Diary

### Monday 18th March

3L Trip to Beth Chatto Gardens

### Wednesday 20th March

3S Trip to Beth Chatto Gardens

Monday 25th March  
3R Trip to Beth Chatto Gardens

Thursday 28th March  
Early finish for the Easter break

Friday 29th March  
Bank Holiday



Daily  
**Gazette**

Our World Book Day photos will feature in the Gazette on Tuesday 12th March 2024— 20 copies will be available for 50p each at school on Tuesday.

## African Drumming Workshops

The children in all year groups enjoyed an African Drumming workshop this week.



## Musical Festival Thursday 21st March

Our school choir will take part in the Colchester Music Festival on Thursday 21st March with other local schools. They have been rehearsing songs from around the world. Tickets are limited to the participating child's family only.

## Essex 11+ Selection Test 2025 Entry— Important Information

Online registration for the 11+ tests open on 14th May 2024 at 9am. Visit the CSSE website to register—

[www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk).

Registration closes on 28th June 2024 at 5pm and the test will take place on Saturday 21st September 2024.

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