

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

5th February 2021

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

There has been a significant amount of change since our last newsletter, with the sharp rise in number of Covid-19 cases and the resulting, partial school closure. This has been a difficult time for many families, but we are hopeful that the end is in sight and schools will reopen during the next half term.

I want to say a big thank you, on behalf of the staff of Montgomery Junior School, for your support with the remote learning. The live sessions are working well with 35+ pupils online at any one time. The access to live learning sessions is invaluable and directly teaches the work set on the website and in the paper packs. If your child is not accessing the sessions, please let their class teacher know so that they can assist. We have also introduced support sessions for those children who may be struggling with the pace of the online lessons or the level of the work set. If you think your child may benefit from these, please email and let our SENCO know: SENCO@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk

To support the remote learning sessions, the DfE have provided a number of tablets for those children who do not have access to a device. The tablets will be loaned to your family during the partial school closure and returned to school thereafter. If you feel your child would benefit from a device, please let me know: head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk

We are grateful to everyone who returned the weekly assessment sheets; it is important that your child's teacher tracks their progress so that they can best support them with any areas of difficulty. The sheets are included in the home learning packs and are uploaded to the website on Fridays. Please return them in the drop-box outside school or scan/photograph them and return via Purple Mash or the year group email.

Thank you to all parents for only sending your child in on those days when nobody is available to look after them at home due to work commitments. The bubble numbers are currently very high, so we appreciate it if you would continue to be mindful of the risks of sending children into school when it is not essential. We do understand that this is a very stressful time for many parents, however for the time being, we need to adhere to national guidance and reduce the risk of transmission in schools.

If you would like support with any of the above, please let me know and we will do our best to help.

Stay safe

Michelle A. Wright

Michelle Wright
Headteacher



What's on next week.....

Lunch Menu Week 2

Monday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Tuesday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Wednesday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Thursday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Friday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Online Live Sessions

Year 3 - 8:45am & 10:30am

Year 4 - 9:15am & 10:45am

Year 5 - 9:45am & 11:15am

Year 6 - 10:00am & 11:30am

Links for these sessions are sent out daily to parent email addresses.

Dates For Your Diary

Half term
15th-19th February 2021

World Book Day
Thursday 4th March 2021

Easter Holidays
29th March—9th April 2021

12th April—**Non Pupil Day**

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Monty's Marvels



Tyler-James in 5C has not only been working hard at home on his home learning online but has been continuing his dancing online too.

Tyler-James took part in Lockdown Legends 2020 run by Essex Freestyle Promotions winning his Slow Solo coming 1st place, runner-up in Disco Solo and 4th place in Street Solo.

Tyler-James also took part in Dynamite School of Dance Annual competition winning these titles:

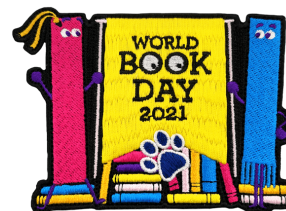
Disco Dancer of the Year 2019/2020
O10 Competitor Disco Solo 3rd place
Dynamite Idol 5th place
Disco Set Dance 5th place
Team player of the year 2019/2020

Wow Tyler-James - you have been busy. This is very impressive. Congratulations to you and well done from everyone at Montgomery Junior School.

World Book Day



World Book Day will take place on Thursday 4th March 2021. We will email out details of how Montgomery Junior School will celebrate after half term (both at home and in school). For more information and details of live events, check out their website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/09/world-book-day-2021-announcements/>

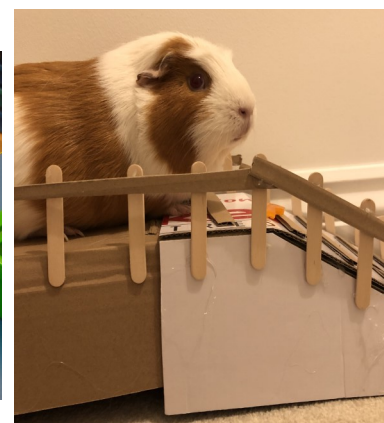
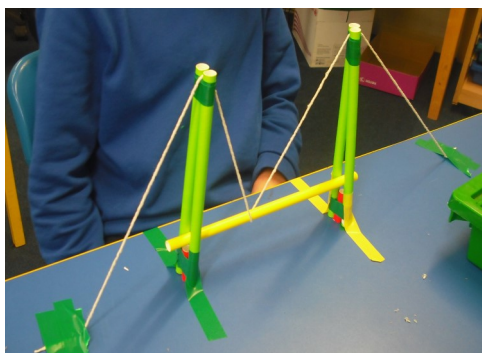


Year 5 Building Bridges

Year 5 have been investigating suspension bridges in DT. This week they have been designing their bridges and will be making them next week. If you make one at home please feel free to send a picture of your bridge to Mrs Witt who would love to see it. The first picture below is the bridge Rory has been working on; the second picture is Mrs Witt's guinea pig-bridge that she has been working on at home, based on suggestions and feedback from Bubble 5A!

Lateral Flow Testing For School Staff

This week we have seen the introduction of staff self-testing for COVID-19; this is great news! We will continue to routinely test staff to identify those who may be asymptomatic. We hope that this helps slow the spread of the virus throughout our school community.



**DON'T
FORGET**

If you haven't brought back your Data Collection Form it is important that these are returned as soon as possible. This will help us ensure you receive all communications from school, including live teaching links, plus enable us to contact you in an emergency.

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