

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

11th June 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a pleasure to hear and see the enthusiasm of the children when practising their poems this week; the standards have been very high. The final on Thursday consisted of winners from each class performing in front of a panel of judges: Mrs Leung (former HT of Montgomery Infant School), Mr Brown (Year 6 teacher) and Mrs Hilton (Finance Governor). The judges were impressed by the quality of the recitals and found it very difficult to choose the winners. The overall Montgomery Junior School Poetry Champions of 2021 were Archie and Rio from Year 5; their performance was filled with rhythm and energy and wowed the panel; our runner up was Florence from Year 4 who recited her poem with great expression and intonation. Each of the class winners received a prize and certificate. Well done to all our young poets; the staff have thoroughly enjoyed your brilliant performances this week.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Parents' Evening meetings this week. If you have not had the chance to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact the office and we will do our best to find a time for them to phone you.

As our Year 6 pupils are preparing for their transition to secondary schools in September, we have a number of key events for them to attend. On Monday, they will have virtual sessions provided by 'Now Is The Time For Change' professionals, who will provide strategies to support the children's wellbeing during the transition. On Wednesday 23rd June, they will attend a virtual day with Essex Police. In addition, staff from the local secondary schools will be in school to meet with their pupils ready for Year 7.

The British Army Band Colchester will be having a Pop-Up performance to celebrate Armed Forces Week on Wednesday 23rd June. We are hoping to take our Year 4 children along to enjoy the music. The organisers have requested that we share the invite with parents so that you too can join us. The performance will take place on **Wednesday 23rd June**, starting at **1:30pm**, on the Ministry of Defence green space by the Community Centre off Fallowfield Road. The performance will last no more than 30 minutes.

Finally, as the weather has become warmer, several parents have requested that their child be permitted to self-apply sunscreen in school to prevent sunburn. I have checked the guidance and can confirm that sunscreen will be allowed in school from Monday. The bottles must be clearly labelled with your child's name and class, and stored on the teacher's desk. The children will be invited to self-apply at the start of lunchtime. Bottles should remain in school until the end of term.

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright

Michelle Wright
Headteacher

Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **5R** who are our weekly attendance champions with an outstanding **100%** attendance. Well done everyone in 5R.



What's on next week:

Summer Menu Week 3

Monday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Y3 Trip to Layer Marney

After School Clubs:

Football Y3 2:55-3:55pm

1stClass@Number 3:05-4:00pm

6P Maths Booster Class 3:20-4:10pm

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Netball Y4 3:05-4:05pm

Military Club Y3/4 3:05-4:05pm

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

1stClass@Number 3:05-4:00pm

Football Y5 3:15-4:15pm

6C Maths Booster Class 3:20-4:10pm

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

1stClass@Number 3:05-4:00pm

Netball Y6 3:20-4:20pm

6B Maths Booster Class 3:20-4:10

Military Club Y5/6 3:15-4:15pm

Friday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Football Y6 3:20-4:20pm

Dates For Your Diary

Sibling Photographs

Thursday 24th June 2021

Y4 Firstsite Visits

Monday 28th June 2021 **4S**

Thursday 1st July 2021 **4RS**

Monday 5th July 2021 **4M**

Y6 Ancient Greece Day

5th & 6th July 2021

Y5 Trip to Tower of London

Friday 2nd July 2021

Induction day

Wednesday 7th July 2021

Sports Day

Friday 9th July 2021

Y6 Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze

Friday 16th July 2021

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#MJS-best-term-ever

Montgomery Junior School Poetry Competition 2021

Our wonderful finalists:



3T Class Poem

I opened a book

I opened a book
and a hand fell out.
I turned a page
and heard a shout:
'I'm lost in a wood,
my mother's no good.'
I couldn't bear to look
so I closed the book.

But the girl called out:
'Don't leave me here
I need you to help me.'
I was cold with fear
so the book stayed shut.
I put it back on the shelf.
I put it out of my mind
but then it opened itself.
Right there in front of me
it opened up wide
and I heard a voice
say, 'Come inside.'

The hand that fell out
jumped back in the book,
the girl inside
gave me a long, cool look,
and before I knew it
I was in that wood
running and running
as fast as I could...



3T performed a class poem 'I Opened a Book' by Michael Rosen with great enthusiasm. Well done 3T!

During the Poetry final the classes watched via Microsoft Teams. 5W were joining in the actions as they watched their finalists perform on screen.

Poetry Champions 2021

Well done Rio and Archie from 5R for getting 1st place
and Florence in 4M for being runner up.



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