

# Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

18th June 2021



## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the announcement that the full easing of restrictions, put in place due to Covid 19, have been delayed, we are pleased that we are still able to continue with our school trips and visitors as part of our #MJS-best-term-ever.

On Monday the Year 3 children enjoyed a day at Layer Marney learning about life in the Bronze age. These visits are an important way to broaden the learning experiences of the children and we are keen to continue to implement these in the future. We do, however, need your support in financing these trips or they will become financially unviable. Thank you to all parents who sent in their donations for the trip.

Also on Monday, Year 6 accessed their workshops on Managing Change as they prepare for secondary school. The sessions focused on strategies to reduce worries and anxieties to which the children responded well.

Unfortunately the Colchester Military Pop-Up Band are unable to perform on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June due to the restrictions on the numbers allowed to attend public performances. **This event has been cancelled by the MoD.** Years 5 & 6 will be attending a Virtual Community Day on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June instead where they will access presentations from Essex Police, which will include learning about ways to prevent discrimination and prejudice.

From September, the National Curriculum is changing and all primary school aged children will be taught Health and Relationships Education. We have been working hard on our curriculum and our RSE policy so that it meets the needs of our children and families. We aim to teach the subject appropriately and sensitively and would like to consult with children and parents before our planning is finalised. Once we have the views of the children, we will be asking for your input. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Kind Regards

*Michelle A. Wright*

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Headteacher



What's on next week:

### Summer Menu Week 1

#### Monday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### 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

##### Sibling Photographs

##### 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

#### 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

#### Last day of Term & Early Finish

Wednesday 21st July 2021



### Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **5W** who are our weekly attendance champions with an amazing **99.2%** attendance. Well done everyone in 5W.

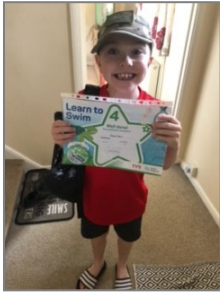
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## Monty's Marvels

Congratulations to George Getty in year 3 for being awarded his Level 4 swimming certificate and badge. Well done George.

Thank you and well done to our kitchen staff for making some lovely Monty's biscuits for us all; they looked great and were delicious.



## Now's the Time for Change

On Monday, Year 6 took part in a virtual workshop called 'Now's the Time for Change'. The focus was on the pupils' transition to secondary school and the leader taught them strategies to manage this change. These included breathing techniques, meditation and positive affirmations.

"I enjoyed this session because we were given many ways to calm ourselves if we get overwhelmed." Kamila - 6P

"I think it was very encouraging and it helped me to be more positive about myself." Victor - 6P

## Year 3 Trip to Layer Marney Tower

Year 3 enjoyed an activity packed day at Layer Marney Tower this week. They learned about the Beaker People and made their own clay pots. They practised their Bronze Age hunting skills and used teamwork to use stepping stones to cross a river. The archaeological dig was super fun and they found all sorts of interesting artefacts.



## Sibling Photographs Thursday 24th June 2021



VanCols Ltd will be visiting us next week to take our sibling photographs. Thank you to all those that have returned forms to say you would like your child's photograph taken with their sibling(s) in the infant school. Please bring your children together to the junior school hall at 8.45am and line up, ensuring you leave 2 metres space between families. Adults must wear a mask at all times when on the school site. Your eldest child will be given a card that will have details of how to view and order the photographs.

## End of Term Early Closure - Wednesday 21st July 2021

On Wednesday 21st July 2021 we will be closing at the earlier time of 2pm for the Summer Holidays. Due to restrictions remaining in place the class times will be staggered as before. Please make the necessary childcare arrangements for that day. Pick up times will be as follows:

Year 3 - 1:30pm

Year 4 - 1:40pm

Year 5 - 1:50pm

Year 6 - 1:55pm

## Paying for School Trips

Please note all trips can be paid for on SIMS pay under the 'trips' tab. Please do not pay for a school trip on your child's dinner money account. Thank you for your co-operation.

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