

# Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

25th June 2021



## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy week here at Montgomery Junior School as we try to ensure the children have as many different learning opportunities as we can. The Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed their 'Virtual Day with Essex Police' and learned more about the role of our police officers in ensuring our communities stay safe.

Next week, two of our Year 4 classes are out exploring the historic buildings of Colchester followed by an Art workshop at the Firstsite centre. We also have our Year 5 children going to The Tower of London. We are delighted to see the children going out on school trips and learning more about their local environment.

As part of the revised Relationships and Sex Education curriculum, due to be introduced in September 2021, we are currently consulting with both the children and their parents about the content of the lessons. We would really appreciate it if you could read through our draft RSE policy and then take part in a short survey, so we can find out more about your views. The policy is located on our school website under the 'More' tab. If you click on Parents and Parental Surveys, you will find both the policy and the link on this page (<http://montgomery-surveys.schooljotter2.com/surveys/page/K3S9J6>). Thank you in advance for sharing your views.

We are currently preparing for the two day Art Solutions visit and would appreciate the donation of newspapers and clean 2litre ice cream tubs. Donations can be left in the plastic bins at the school gates.

Finally, please be mindful that the rates of Covid are rising in our community and there have been cases in local schools. Please do not send your child to school with a temperature or a new continuous cough. We require a negative PCR test result before they can return. If you have a positive test result, even on the weekend, please email me at once on [head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk) so we can ensure the bubble self isolates and the risk of transmission is minimised. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our families safe.

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright

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Headteacher



What's on next week:

### Summer Menu Week 2

#### Monday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### 4S Firstsite Visit

##### 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

##### 4RS Firstsite Visit

##### 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

##### Y5 Trip to Tower of London

##### After School Clubs:

Football Y6 3:20-4:20pm

### Dates For Your Diary

#### 4M Firstsite Visit

Monday 5th July 2021

#### Y6 Ancient Greece Day

5th & 6th 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 **4S** who are our weekly attendance champions with an amazing **98.1%** attendance. Well done everyone in 4S.

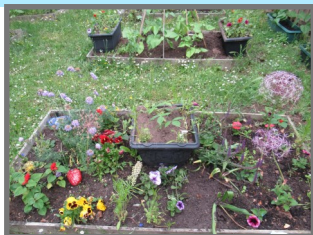
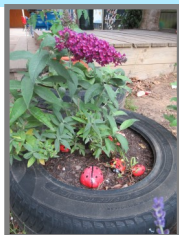
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## Our Beautiful Gardens

We are very grateful to Mrs Witt for keeping our Year 3 gardens so well looked after. I think you'll agree how beautiful they look.

## PGL School Trip Payment Plan

Letters will be sent out next week detailing a payment plan for next year's Year 6 residential trip to Bawdsey Manor, including receipts for deposit payments, please look out for this.

## Induction Day

On Wednesday 7th July 2021 children will have a chance to meet their new teacher for the next academic year. Letters will be sent home to parents with further details of their classes.

## Military Club

The children and staff are really enjoying being back in person for military club. This week they decorated biscuits, which was a big success.



## Sibling Photographs—Thursday 24th June 2021

On Thursday the school photographers came in and took photographs of all siblings. You or your eldest child will have been given a card with a QR code and a photo code to use on the website. It may be a few days before the photographs are ready to be viewed. Orders can be made at [www.getphotos.co.uk](http://www.getphotos.co.uk). Photos cannot be ordered through the school office.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

## Wild World Heroes – Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Every summer Essex Libraries launch a Summer Reading Challenge, children can sign up through their local library and will receive a Wild World Heroes collector poster. The challenge begins on 10th July 2021 and runs until 31st August 2021. The children aim to read 6 library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way. Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and children who complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** are presented with a certificate and a medal. The official Challenge website, [wildworldheroes.org.uk](http://wildworldheroes.org.uk), hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer.

## ACL Community and Family Learning

ACL offer free family courses, including transition to secondary school, fussy eating, supporting grandparents, being new to step parenting, bringing up bilingual children and many more. All the sessions are delivered by ACL Community and Family Learning either face-to-face or online and are FREE group-based support for any parent/carer/guardian living in Essex caring for a child under 18. For more information and to book a course visit [www.aclessex.com](http://www.aclessex.com).

## 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 from 1:30pm to 1:55pm. Please make the necessary childcare arrangements for that day.

Year 3 - 1:30pm

Year 4 - 1:40pm

Year 5 - 1:50pm

Year 6 - 1:55pm

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