

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

16th July 2021

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the last full week of term, we are reflecting on the previous year and the many challenges faced. Despite living through the first global pandemic of its kind, the children of Montgomery Junior School have shown remarkable resilience and adaptability, despite finding the situation confusing and distressing at times. We are so proud of the way they have responded and behaved this year; they are a credit to you as parents and to the school.

As part of our '#MJS-best-term-ever' the Year 3, 4 & 5 children worked with Art Solutions on Monday and Tuesday to create giant, 3D portraits of some famous book characters. The results are really impressive (see photos overleaf). Next week, the remaining classes will do the same. The final pieces will be hung in the hall ready for our return in September.

On Thursday afternoon, the school celebrated our French Day with sampling of different French foods and learning more about the culture and life in France. The children came to school dressed in the colours of the French flag: red, white and blue. Thank you to Mrs Clohosy for organising the event.

Our Military Club children enjoyed their final session of the year on a bouncy castle, which was specially inflated for their clubs. Their hot, smiley faces were evidence of the fun they had.

To say goodbye to our Year 6 children a Pizza Party was held at school on Thursday evening, followed by a trip to the beach on Friday. We will miss this amazing cohort of children and have enjoyed having them with us for all or part of their Junior School years.

Thank you to all parents for your support with the recent, sharp rise in Covid cases locally and the subsequent closure of one of our class bubbles. We are continuing to observe our coronavirus protocols until the end of term to minimise any further closure of bubbles. If your child has any symptoms of coronavirus in the upcoming days, please ensure they self-isolate and get a test. If your child tests positive up until the end of Friday 23rd July, please email me directly on head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk so that we can notify Public Health and inform the parents of your child's bubble. Self-isolation for under 18's and double-vaccinated adults continues until Monday 16th August, despite other restrictions being removed on 19th July.

We are anticipating that most of the Covid restrictions will be lifted by 2nd September 2021 when the children return to school. At the moment we are aiming for Years 3 & 4 to start at 8:40am and finish at 3:05pm, and Years 5 & 6 will start at 8:50am and finish at 3:15pm. I will be writing with further details once guidance has been issued.

We have a very close team of staff at Montgomery Junior School and it is always sad to see anybody leave; this year we will see Mr Griffiths move to work in a secondary school role and Mrs Mouat moving to sunnier climes. We wish them both every success in their new ventures; they will be sorely missed.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and governors of Montgomery Junior School, may I wish you a very happy and healthy summer holiday. Good luck to our Year 6 leavers as they start their new schools.

Kind Regards

Michelle Wright
Headteacher

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**What's on next week:
Summer Menu Week 2**

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday

Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:
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Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra
Early finish times:

Year 3 - 1:30pm

Year 4 - 1:40pm

Year 5 - 1:50pm

Year 6 - 1:55pm

Thursday

Summer Holidays

Friday

Summer Holidays

Dates For Your Diary

Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 1st September 2021

First day back for all pupils

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Year 3 & 4 Start time - 8:40am

Finish time - 3:05pm

Year 5 & 6 Start time - 8:50am

Finish time - 3:15pm

Important

Medication in School

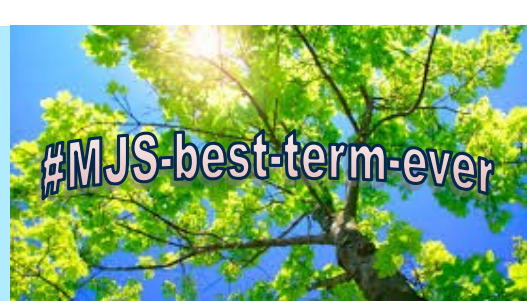
If your child has any medication in school, including asthma pumps or epipens, please collect these on Wednesday 21st July when your child finishes school. These must be collected by an adult. All medication must be taken home. Thank you.

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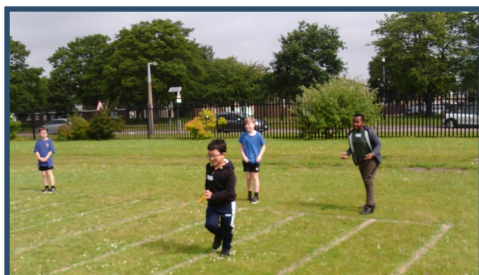
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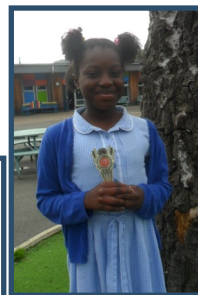
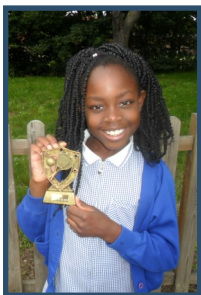


Sports Day Photos



Monty's Marvels

Congratulations to Mindy in class 4RS for being awarded Player of the Week in Tennis, and congratulations to Christine in class 4RS for passing her Under 8 Dance Test. Well done girls.



Art Solutions

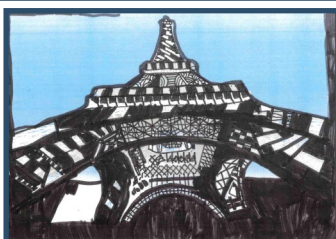


Creating 3D portraits of famous book characters.



French Day

On Thursday the children dressed in red, white and blue for French day. They enjoyed food tasting and learning about life in France as well as having a go at some art work based on a French artist. What a stunning piece of artwork from Jacob in 5W.



Military Club

Our Tuesday and Thursday Military Club celebrated the end of term with a bouncy castle this week. The children had a lovely time.



Kingsland Holiday Lunches

Kingsland Church are offering free packed lunches for children and young people, no questions asked. These will be available from Monday 2nd August to Friday 27th August 2021 between 12pm-4pm. Collect your child's free lunch at Kingsland Church Colchester, 86 London Road, Lexden, CO3 9DW, behind the first doors in the foyer. (This will be unmanned, so families may go and help themselves).

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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