

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

17th September 2021

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

The term is truly underway with busy classrooms and both our Breakfast Club and our After School Sports' Clubs at capacity. These clubs are funded by school and free of charge to parents; any children who applied for, but did not get a place this half term, will be put on the waiting list and invited to attend after half term.

We are delighted to be starting to enter into competitive team events once again and look forward to seeing some great results from our Football and Netball teams. Training began this week after school with very talented and enthusiastic cohorts of children. Thank you to Mr Lloyd and Mr Brown for organising these. A reminder that our non-competitive Basketball clubs on Mon - Wed will start next week.

Today a group of Montgomery Junior School children were invited to lay sunflowers as part of a special commemoration service at Colchester War Memorial. This event marked the 77th anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem, during which paratroopers of the British 1st Airborne Division landed and made their final heroic stand. Their bravery and sacrifice set the standard for today's airborne forces, in which many of our parents currently serve.

Next week, Year 5 will visit Cressing Temple as part of their History curriculum. We are keen to expand the learning experiences of our young people, but can only do so if payments for the trip are made. Thank you to all those parents who have sent in their slips and payment.

Finally, we have had numerous children who have tested positive for COVID-19 since the start of term. You have been emailed if your child's class has had a positive case. Public Health has recommended that PCR tests are taken by all of the children in the class of the positive test result. Further restrictions have been put into place at school to prevent the spread of the virus. We appreciate your cooperation in this. If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school; instead book a PCR test and wait for the result.

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright

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Headteacher



Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **5PW** who are our weekly attendance champions with an amazing **98.8%** attendance. Well done everyone in 5PW.



What's on next week:

Autumn Menu Week 1

Monday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y5 & Y6 Basketball 3:10pm-4pm

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Y5 Trip to Cressing Temple

After School Clubs:

Y3 Basketball 3pm-4pm

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y4 Basketball 3pm-4pm

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

5C Swimming Lessons

After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Netball Squad Training

3:10pm -4:30pm

Friday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Football Squad Training

3:10pm -4:30pm

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 28th September

Individual and Sibling photos

Thursday 30th September

6B Trip to Lauriston Farm

Thursday 14th October

5W Trip to Lauriston Farm

Wednesday 20th October

Y6 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th

November 2021

Parents Evenings

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Monty's Marvels

We love to celebrate the achievements of the children in our school. If your child has done something in or out of school we would love to hear about it and share a photo in this section of our newsletter. This could be achieving a swimming level, a dance award, a football award or doing something for charity. Please send your photo with a description of your child's achievement to:

admin@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk

School Meals Statements

Every week you will receive a statement about your child's dinner money account. These are sent to everyone regardless of whether your child has school meals or not, or whether you are in debit or credit on your account. We ask that school meals are paid for in advance where possible.

School Photographs

Vancols will be visiting the school on Tuesday 28th September 2021 to take individual and sibling photographs. Individual photographs will be taken during the school day. If you would like your child to have a photograph with their sibling these will be done at the beginning of the day. Your child can have photographs taken with younger siblings. A letter will be sent out so we know in advance which families to expect. Please return the slip as soon as you can. Families should arrive at school as follows; Eldest child in Year 3 - 8:30am, Eldest child in Year 4 - 8:45am, Eldest child in Year 5 - 9am, Eldest child in Year 6 - 9:15am.

Colchester War Memorial

Twelve of our pupils represented the school today at a Commemoration Service to mark the 77th anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem. The children laid sunflowers at Colchester War Memorial in memory of the bravery and sacrifice of those who fought during Operation Market Garden.

The service was attended by the local Civic dignitaries; the new Garrison Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Ed Rankin and soldiers from 16 Air Assault Brigade. We were very proud of the respectful behaviour of our children.



Tyler Smurthwaite in Year 6 wrote, 'Every year the Dutch flower children go to the graves of the soldiers who lost their lives and lay flowers in the Airborne Cemetery in Oosterbeek. We did the same today, mirroring that tradition'.



Year 7 Secondary Admissions for September 2022

Paxman Academy are holding a Virtual Open Evening on Thursday 30th September. The youtube link is available on the school website. Open mornings can be pre-booked on their website. These are available from Monday 20th September to Friday 8th October.

The Year 6 children will attend a taster day at Paxman Academy on Friday 24th September. This will be during the usual school day. Letters about this were sent out yesterday.

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