

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

24th September 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

It is a pleasure to see life returning to normal for the children in school, including the Year 5 visit to Cressing Temple this week. Their enthusiasm and excitement started with the journey on the coach, which made us realise how many experiences they have missed out on in the last 18 months. Our trips will continue with the Year 6 trip to Colchester Zoo on Wednesday 20th October and the Year 4 trip to the Museum of Power on Thursday 25th November. The Year 3 staff are planning their year group trip for the second half of the Autumn term once the children have settled in - more details to follow.

The children in 5C started their swimming lessons this week and many enjoyed the opportunity to improve their skills. Each class in Year 5 and Year 6 will have lessons this term providing the pool remains operational.

Today, the Year 6 children visited Paxman Academy for a taster of life in a secondary school. They spent the day sampling different lessons and learning more about what to expect next September. We feel this is valuable preparation for moving up to secondary school.

As you know, we have a high number of Covid cases in school at the moment amongst both staff and pupils. We are doing our best to avoid closing bubbles, as we understand the importance of continued education for the children, but it is imperative that the current outbreak is controlled. We have re-implemented our bubble systems for inside the school and the children now only mix outside on the playground. Please support us by not sending your child in with symptoms of COVID-19 and by regularly doing Lateral Flow tests to avoid asymptomatic transmission. When you receive a text from school regarding cases in the classes, please book a PCR test for your child so we can try to prevent any further closures. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Finally, thank you for your support during the evacuation on Thursday. The Army EOD team and police attended to investigate a suspicious device next to our fence. Thankfully, the object was not dangerous, but had been dumped by fly tippers. If you noticed any unusual activity on the grass next to the former Costcutter, please let me know.

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright
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Headteacher



Attendance Champions



Congratulations to class **3R** who are our weekly attendance champions with an amazing **100%** attendance. Well done everyone in 3R.

What's on next week:

Autumn Menu Week 2

Monday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y5 & Y6 Basketball 3:10pm-4pm

Success@Arithmetic 3:15-4pm

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Individual photos

After School Clubs:

Y3 Basketball 3pm-4pm

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y4 Basketball 3pm-4pm

Success@Arithmetic 3:15-4pm

1stClass@Number 3pm-4pm

Thursday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

6B Trip to Lauriston Farm

5C Swimming Lessons

After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Netball Squad Training

3:10pm -4:30pm

Success@Arithmetic 3:15-4pm

1stClass@Number 3pm-4pm

Friday

Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Football Squad Training

3:10pm -4:30pm

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 14th October

5W Trip to Lauriston Farm

Wednesday 20th October

Y6 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th
November 2021

Parents Evenings

Thursday 25th November

Y4 trip to the Museum of Power

Trip letters will be sent out soon.

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School Photographs

Vancols will be visiting the school on Tuesday 28th September 2021 to take individual photographs, these will be taken during the usual school day. Due to our high number of covid cases we have had to cancel our sibling photographs to avoid the situation getting worse. We apologise for any disappointment at this time but will look to reschedule sibling photographs to be taken later on in the school year.

Year 5 Trip to Cressing Temple

The children enjoyed a highly educational day at Cressing Temple on Tuesday. They became Anglo-Saxons for the day and found out what everyday life was like in Britain hundreds of years ago. They had the opportunity to learn pottery and archery skills and sat on a village council to pass judgement. Much fun was had examining real Anglo-Saxon artefacts and dressing up as a warrior!



Kids Around Magazine

The September Issue of Kids Around Magazine is out! They have family advice, education, after school clubs and lots of events to keep you and your family busy, fit and healthy. View it now using this link: [Back to School Issue - Magazine - Page 9 \(paperturn-view.com\)](https://www.paperturn-view.com) or search Kids around magazine.

Raring2go Magazine

Raring2go have been busy researching things to do to keep the children busy for the Autumn season, with ideas such as preparing the garden for the Autumn, caring for Hedgehogs and having fun with some great outdoor activities. Here is the link for the Autumn edition of their magazine: <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/colchester/autumn/> or search Raring2go magazine in google.

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