

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

1st October 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for ensuring the children looked their best for their individual photos on Tuesday. We hope you are pleased with the results and that the photos can be enjoyed by family and friends. Sibling photographs were postponed due to the high level of Covid-19 cases. We will let you know when we are able to organise a new date.

This week the Garrison Sergeant Major WO1(GSM), Andy Lamont, came into school to present a token of thanks to the children who attended the 77th anniversary of the battle of Arnhem memorial service, on behalf of the Commander 16 Air Assault Brigade. Each child received a Pegasus Flash, which is the emblem worn by the 1st Airborne Division at Arnhem in 1944. It continues to be worn by personnel from 16 Air Assault Brigade as a reminder of the bravery and commitment of their forebears. A short interview about the presentation was aired today on the BFBS Radio station. The BFBS app can be downloaded and a range of broadcasts enjoyed.



A new law has come into force recently regarding sweets and cakes being brought into school for distribution at the end of the day to mark a child's birthday. Natasha's Law means that all home baked goods must be labelled with all ingredients, including allergens. Any other items brought into school for distribution must be in the original packaging with the ingredients clearly displayed. As we have several children with severe nut allergies, we are now a 'nut-free' environment to avoid any anaphylactic reactions. Thank you for your support with this.

The number of COVID-19 cases continues to be high across the school. Please do not send your child into school with a high temperature, a cough or with a loss of taste/smell. If you know your child has had close contact with a positive case of CV-19, please book a PCR test for them. All positive results should be emailed to head@montgomery-jun.essex.sch.uk

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright

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Headteacher



Attendance

Coming to school every day is very important for your child. Attendance is related to achievement and research has shown that children with poor attendance find it harder to make and keep friends and have low self-esteem.

Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **4H** who are our weekly attendance champions with an amazing **98.9%** attendance. Well done everyone in 4H.

What's on next week:

Autumn Menu Week 3

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

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

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

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The Battle of Arnhem Memorial Service - Presentation of Pegasus Flash



Class 6B Trip to Lauriston Farm

On Thursday 6B visited Lauriston Farm as a reward for their superb attendance so far this term. The main focus of the visit was to identify, discuss and explain the impact of climate change. They took part in a range of tasks that would help reduce greenhouse gases and trap carbon. Throughout the day, they learnt about the different types of soil and had a chance to dig it up. They explored how poly-tunnels work and why they are effective; looked at the sea wall and worked out where the water level came to. They also looked at how animals help maintain the farm and reduce the carbon emissions.



Photo credit to Cpl Kane, British Army



Other notices

- ⇒ Individual school photographs can be purchased online at <https://www.getphotos.co.uk> using your child's photo code. The photos take 5-7 days to be released onto the website. Watch out for the cut off date for orders which will also be shown on the website.
- ⇒ School dinner accounts must not exceed £30 debit. All school meals should be paid for in advance. If you are struggling to pay for your child's school meals please contact the school office to see how we can help. If you are not yet using online payments via PAY360 please contact the office for an invitation code to be sent to you. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals you can download an application form on our website or collect one from the office.
- ⇒ For those Year 6 pupils going on the PGL residential trip, statements will be sent out by the end of next week.
- ⇒ We will be having a new dinner menu after the half term break. Watch this space!
- ⇒ Please can we ask that you drive and park responsibly when dropping your children off and picking them up. The school crossing patrol, Steve, is there to keep everyone safe. Please stop when he is in the road letting pedestrians across.

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