

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

22nd October 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of a busy half term, we have been delighted to see the children back in school, learning and enjoying time with their classmates. The assessments this week have shown that, whilst there are still gaps in the children's education, they are making progress and these gaps are slowly closing. The support of you, as parents in reading regularly with your child; working with them on their spellings and multiplication tables and supporting them with their homework is essential, especially after the recent partial school closures. We thank you for your continued support.

Parents' evening appointments are now open, so please book your session via our online appointment system. If you are experiencing any issues with this, then contact the school office who can make the appointment for you. The appointment system will close on Tuesday 2nd November.

As part of our PHSE curriculum, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week from 15th -19th November with the theme of 'One Kind Word'. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. On Friday 19th November, we will be inviting all of the children and staff to wear odd socks to show that we are all different and equally as valued. Please encourage your child to find their brightest socks to wear that day to show their support.

We congratulate the children who have been awarded the Headteacher award for this half term. The Headteacher award is given to those children who have made an especial effort with their learning; demonstrated an enthusiasm for school, which has impressed their teachers or shown great kindness and consideration to their classmates. Each child has been presented with a certificate and an item of Monty's Merchandise in recognition of their achievement. Please see the photos overleaf.

Our warmest congratulations go to Mr Brown (Teacher in 6B) on the safe arrival of his new baby boy this week. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Finally, on behalf of the staff, we hope that you have an enjoyable half term and spend quality time with your families. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 2nd November at the usual times.

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright

Michelle Wright
Headteacher



Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **6C** who are our weekly attendance champions again with **98.8%** attendance. Well done everyone in 6C.

What's on after half term:

Winter Menu Week 1

Monday 1st November
Non-pupil day

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
Parents Evening

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
Parents Evening

Friday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra
After School Clubs:
Y5/6 Football Squad Training
3:10pm -4:30pm

Dates For Your Diary

Anti-Bullying Week
15th - 19th November 2021
Odd Sock Day - 19th November

Thursday 25th November
Y4 trip to the Museum of Power
5PW start swimming lessons

Thursday 29th November
Y3 Trip to Layer Marney Tower

NEW WINTER MENU
See our website for details



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Monty's Marvels

This week's Monty Merit Bronze Awards.



Remembrance 2021

British Legion poppies and fundraising merchandise will be available in school from 2nd to 11th November 2021. Suggested donations for merchandise is from 20p to £1.50. Please bring in the correct change.



Headteacher Awards



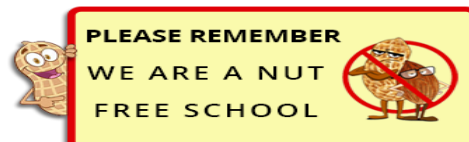
Colchester Zoo Trip

As part of our science and geography topics, Year 6 visited Colchester Zoo this week. They had a wonderful time investigating and exploring animals in the rainforest.



Other notices

- ⇒ **Secondary School Applications for September 2022** The statutory closing date for applications (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2022) is **31st October 2021**. If you have not submitted an application, you must do so by 31st October 2021. Applications can be made via their website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.
- ⇒ Please remember that children coming to breakfast club should arrive promptly at 8am, this is so that breakfast can be served. If children are late they may be refused entry.
- ⇒ Please take time to read the Online Safety Newsletter sent out today, this has some very important and useful information about online safety for children.
- ⇒ Data Collection Sheets are due in, please return these as soon as possible. It is important that you check we have the correct information about your child and their contacts.
- ⇒ 5PW will start swimming lessons Thursday 25th November 2021. Please make sure they have the appropriate kit.
- ⇒ Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd November 2021, have a restful and enjoyable half term.



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