

# Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

3rd December 2021



## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

It was great to see the children dressed up in their party clothes for our school discos last night. The glitter and sparkle, along with the Winter Wonderland activities and Christmas themed tuck, were all part of an enjoyable night with over 300 children attending. Thank you to Mrs Lloyd and the School Council for their excellent planning and hard work.

Next week, our Carol Concerts will be taking place virtually. The performances will be filmed by a professional company and a password protected link will be sent out to each family so it is available to watch from the comfort of your home. DVDs will also be available to purchase. The links will be emailed out w/b 13<sup>th</sup> December along with further details of how to purchase the DVDs.

Next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, we are inviting children and staff to wear their Christmas jumpers for a donation of £1+. Children should wear their school uniforms with a Christmas themed jumper on top. All monies will go to Save The Children to help less fortunate children. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December; all meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. Letters have gone home today with details of the menu choices.

Public Health Essex are urging all families to carry out twice weekly lateral flow testing with their children to prevent the spread of the new Omicron variant which has been detected in Essex. You can order free self-test kits online or collect them from libraries or pharmacies across Essex. Dr Mike Gogarty, Director of Public Health, has urged everyone to help keep their communities safe. "It is really important that people in Essex, and especially Brentwood, test regularly whether they have Covid-19 symptoms or not. This will help us to understand what, if any, spread of the new variant within the local community may have occurred and limit the opportunity for any further spread. It is important that everyone takes sensible precautions – get a PCR test if you have symptoms, isolate when asked, wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, ventilate rooms, get your vaccine and boosters as soon as you can. Even if you are feeling well, I would urge everyone to play their part to keep their community safe."

Stay safe  
Kind Regards

*Nichelle A. Wright*  
Michelle Wright  
Headteacher



### Menu Changes

Wednesday 8th December - Pasta Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 16th December - Fish and Chips

### Attendance Champions

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



## What's on next week:

### Winter Menu Week 3

#### Monday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After School Clubs:

Y5 & Y6 Basketball 3:10pm-4pm  
1stClass@Number 3pm-4pm

#### Tuesday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### Y4 & 6P Virtual Carol Service

##### After School Clubs:

Y3 Basketball 3pm-4pm

#### Wednesday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### Y3 & 6B Virtual Carol Service

##### After School Clubs:

Y4 Basketball 3pm-4pm  
1stClass@Number 3pm-4pm

#### Thursday

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

5PW Swimming Lessons

##### After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Netball Squad Training  
3:10pm -4:30pm  
1stClass@Number 3pm-4pm

#### Friday

##### Christmas Jumper Day

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

##### After School Clubs:

Y5/6 Football Squad Training  
3:10pm -4:30pm

## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 13th December

**Y5 & 6C Virtual Carol Service**

Tuesday 14th December

**Flu Vaccinations**

Wednesday 15th December

**Junior School Christmas Lunch**

Thursday 16th December

**Early Closure 1:45pm—Yr 3&4**

**Early Closure 1:55pm—Yr 5&6**

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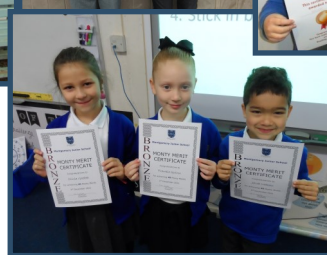
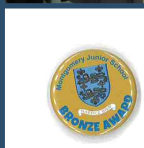
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## Monty's Marvels

This week's Monty Merit Bronze Awards.



## Book Fair

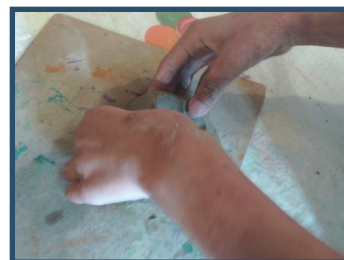
Thank you to all our families for their generosity in ordering books from our Book Fair. Over £720 of books were ordered this year, which has generated over £400 of free books for the children at Montgomery Junior School. All outstanding orders will be delivered to school by the end of next week. A big thank you to Miss Smith, who organised the Book Fair.

## Flu Vaccination

Flu Vaccinations are on Tuesday 14th December. An email went out earlier this week with details about how to give online consent for your child to have their vaccination. We do have paper copies of the consent form should you have trouble with the online process.

## Year 3 Trip to Layer Marney Tower

Year 3 enjoyed an activity packed day at Layer Marney Tower this week. They learned about the Beaker People and made their own clay pots. They practised their Bronze Age hunting skills and used teamwork to use stepping stones to cross a river. The archaeological dig was super fun and they found all sorts of interesting artefacts.



## Year 4 Trip to The Museum of Power

Year 4 went on a trip to the Museum of Power at Maldon last week. They learnt about the different ways in which electricity is made and how we use it. Time was spent creating circuits and finding out about electrical conductors. A magician showed them how motors can be turned using magnets. They met 'Marshall' which is a massive steam engine. Marshall used to pump water all the way to Southend! They also enjoyed a train ride and a visit to a model village.



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