

Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

16th December 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers



A final newsletter to say a big thank you for your support, involvement in school life and positive feedback this term. The children have had a great Autumn with a wide and engaging curriculum, exciting trips and visits and a number of visitors to school. We were delighted to welcome Essex Police in to school to work with Year Six this week; the children had a busy morning learning about peer pressure when searching for a missing person. On Monday, Year Three enjoyed a virtual session with the Fire Brigade learning about home safety. On Tuesday, all of the children were thoroughly entertained by a theatre company who performed the Snow Queen for all classes. The Christmas parties and lunch also took place to ensure this term ended with some enjoyable Christmas activities.

Links have been emailed out to all parents on our mailing list for the Carol Concerts, which took place this week. These are password protected and we request that the passwords and links are only shared with close family members. DVDs are also available to purchase and the details are on the webpage.

The children have been working hard to close the gaps due to the Covid-19 pandemic and we have done our best to avoid closing any bubbles so that their education remains uninterrupted this year. As an increase in Covid cases is predicted in the New Year, we request that all children take a lateral flow test before returning to school on Wednesday 5th January. If there is close contact with a positive case before the return to school, we would like a negative PCR test before your child returns. We would appreciate your support with these measures, as, if our staff are required to self-isolate due to testing positive, we will have to switch to remote learning and close the bubbles, which we want to do our utmost to avoid. Please be aware that this has happened in many schools across Essex due to staff shortages and lack of supply cover.

If your child missed their flu vaccination, or you would like to have your Covid vaccinations or booster shot, there is a pop in clinic available on Monday 20th December at Oak Tree Centre, 252 Harwich Road, CO14 3DH. The centre is open from 10am-4pm and parking is available on site. It is a walk in centre with no appointments necessary.

Finally, please enjoy a fabulous Christmas; we hope you stay safe and well and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school in the New Year.

Kind Regards

Michelle A. Wright
Michelle Wright
Headteacher



What's on in the New Year:

Winter Menu Week 1

Monday
Bank Holiday

Tuesday
Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Thursday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra
5PW Swimming Lessons

Friday
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 13th January 2022
Football Match vs Home Farm away
Thursday 20th January 2022
Football Match vs St Johns Green @home
Thursday 27th January 2022
Netball Match vs Homefarm @ home

Mon 14th to Fri 18th February 2022—Half Term

Wed 15th to Fri 17th June 2022
Year 6 Residential to Bawdsey Manor
Statements will be sent out in the New Year.



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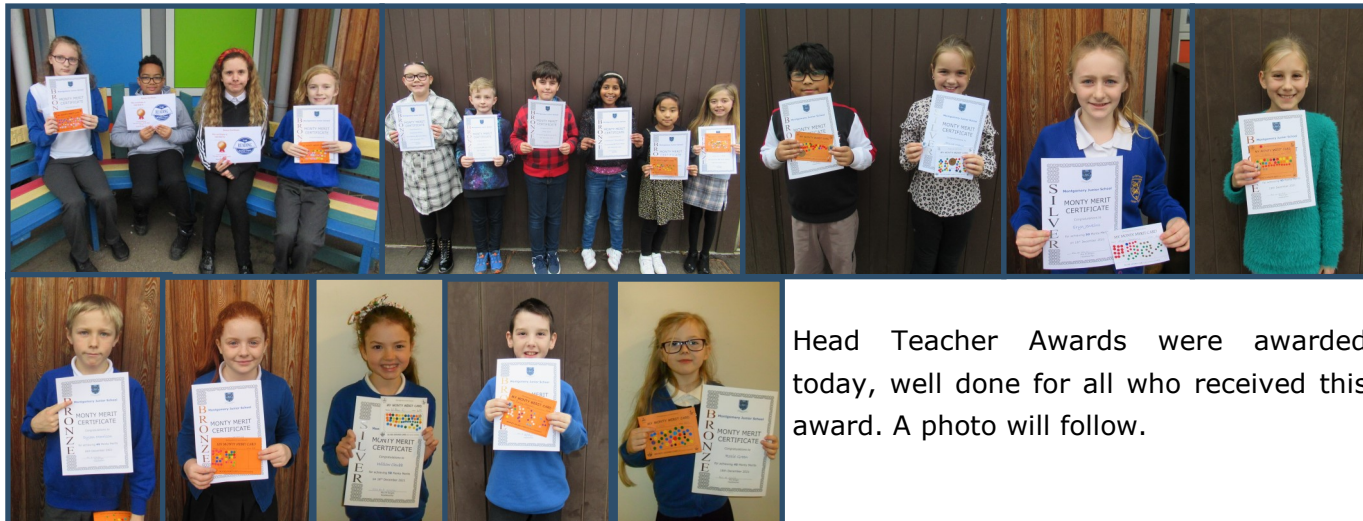
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Monty's Marvels

This week's Monty Merit Bronze & Silver Awards and Y6 Reading Road Map



Head Teacher Awards were awarded today, well done for all who received this award. A photo will follow.

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The Snow Queen

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Thank you to all your kind donations on Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £253.66 for Save the Children. We also raised an amazing £431.31 for the Poppy Appeal last month, this is a fantastic amount and we can't thank you enough for your generosity.

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our wonderful Catering staff who provided the children with an amazing Christmas lunch on Wednesday. It was amazing food and an enjoyable time as the children wore their Christmas hats they had made in class.



**Children return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.
Have a wonderful Christmas Break!**