Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School 20th May 2022

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers



It has been a busy week at Montgomery Junior school, with a range of activities taking place. One of the main causes of excitement has been the arrival of 5 duck eggs, which have hatched into fluffy, little ducklings. The children have spent time learning about the ducklings and visiting them to see them develop and grow. The ducklings will be leaving us next week to enjoy life on the farm.

This week after school, the children in military club have really enjoyed learning about the different uniforms of the British army, brought in by WO Keen and his colleagues. The children saw: Working Dress, No.2's (Medals

uniform), Ghillie Suit (Sniper uniform) and were also able to see a full size parachute and backpack. As many of our parents work in or with the Parachute Regiment, this was a real treat. Next week, the children will go outside to the forest school area and have a lesson on why things focusing are seen, shape, texture, shadows, silhouette, movement, spacing etc. A big thank you to WO2 Keen and his team for organising the events.



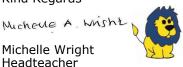


You may have seen articles in the press lately commenting on the size of school meals having to be reduced due to increased costs. Please can I reassure parents that our meals remain high quality and very generous in their portion size, as we take the responsibility of feeding the young people in our care very seriously. This was a typical example of our roast dinner served on Wednesdays.

A reminder that on Friday 27th June we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee, and both children and staff are invited to dress up in red, white and blue. The children will take part in a range of activities including plate painting. In the afternoon, there will be a picnic during which a member of staff from the Lord Lieutenant's office will come in and read the children a short story about the life of Queen Elizabeth. Unfortunately due to limited space on our playground, we are unable to invite parents to attend.

Finally, arrangements are now in place for our Poetry week taking place in the week beginning 6th June. Karl Nova will be performing on Monday 6th June in assembly. Please can you encourage your child to learn their chosen, published poem ready to perform in front of their class when they return after half term. Prizes will be awarded to all year group winners. We are looking forward to finding the MJS Poetry Champion 2022!

Kind Regards



Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **5C** who are our weekly attendance champions this week with 97.6% attendance. Well done everyone in **5C**.



What's on next week:

Summer Menu Week 3

Monday

Breakfast clubs: Monty's Extra After School Clubs:

Success@Arithmetic 3:10-4pm 1st Class@Number 3-4pm Y3 Cricket 3-4pm

Tuesday

Breakfast clubs: Monty's Extra After School Clubs: Military Club Y5/6 3:10-4:15pm Y4 Cricket 3-4pm

Wednesday

Breakfast clubs: Monty's Extra After School Clubs:

1st Class@Number 3-4pm Success@Arithmetic 3:15-4pm Y5/6 Cricket 3:10-4:15pm

Thursday

Breakfast clubs: Monty's Extra 5W Swimming Lessons After School Clubs:

Military Club Y3/4 3-4pm Success@Arithmetic 3:15-4pm 1st Class@Number 3-4pm

Friday
Jubilee Celebration
Breakfast clubs:
Monty's Extra
Football Team Training
3:10:4:30pm

Dates For Your Diary

Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June 2022 Half Term Break

> W/beginning 6th June 2022 Poetry Week

Wed 15th to Fri 17th June 2022 Year 6 Residential to Bawdsey Manor

Wednesday 6th July Y3-6 Parents Class Visit 3:15-4:30

> Friday 8th July Sports Day

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Monty's Marvels

Monty Merit Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards







Well done to Tyler-James who has recently qualified for the Great British Street Dance Championships in Watford in July. He qualified for this competing with over 40 dancers in his category and reached the final. Tyler-James did amazingly well, taking a trophy home for 5th place. Well done Tyler-James.

Ducklings in School

We took delivery of five duckling eggs this week. All of the ducklings have now hatched. Under adult supervision, the children are enjoying handling and caring for the ducklings.











More Menu Changes

Please note there are a couple of minor menu changes:

Due to our Jubilee celebrations the dessert on Monday 23rd May will now be Iced Fruit Smoothie instead of Lemon Drizzle Cake, and the dessert on Friday 27th May will be a decorated iced sponge.

Our Jubilee lunch on Friday 27th May 2022 will be Crown Fillet or Platinum Veggie Sausage and Golden Chips with Pea Jewels and Diamond Sweetcorn.

After Half Term:

Week 1—the Ice Cream Tubs will be on the Friday of Week 1 and the Shortbread on the Thursday. You can view the menu on our website.

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