

# Monty's Mail

News from Montgomery Junior School

10th June 2022

## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations and had a restful and fun filled half term break. As part of the Colchester Jubilee Bank Holiday, Mrs Dignum and myself were invited to represent Montgomery Junior School at the 42- gun salute in Colchester Park. Only 12 locations were chosen to fire the salute across the country, so it was a privilege to be part of this military tribute to the Queen's seventy years on the throne.



The children enjoyed their Jubilee picnic on the last day of half term and the visit from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, who was dressed in his royal outfit, including a specially forged sword. The children asked a range of questions, including 'how many corgis does the Queen have?' and 'how many horses does she own?'. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant was impressed by the good manners and excellent behaviour of the children and the genuine interest they had in learning more about the Jubilee.

It has been a busy start to the final half-term of the year with the children focused on rehearsing and performing their poems as part of our Poetry Week. On Monday, to open the event, Karl Nova put on a brilliant performance of his music and poetry, which was inspirational to see. If parents would like to order one of Karl's books, please send in the correct money in an envelope to the school office and we will order one. Details can be found on the website. The finals took place on Thursday with the winners of each class competition performing. We were so proud of the quality of the performances- the visiting judges, Mrs Leung and Mrs Smith, had a difficult decision to make. Our 2022 Montgomery Junior School Poetry Champions were: Tamjeed Rahman for LKS2 and Ryley Smith and Kane Neville for UKS2. We are going to hold a special poetry assembly next week on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 9:00am, so that the finalists can perform their poems again; parents are warmly invited to attend.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Tyler Smurthwaite and Rion Gurung represented the school at the dedication service and plaque unveiling of the Merville Barracks 'Maroon' Canopy. In support of The Queen's Green Canopy tree planting initiative, the Garrison planted '16' Purple Birch at the Merville Barracks memorial garden. The number and type of tree chosen is symbolic representing '16 Air Assault Brigade Combat Team' with leaves as close as possible to the maroon associated with the Airborne Forces past and present. The date has been chosen to align as closely as possible with the anniversary of The Battle for the Merville Gun Battery where the 9th (Essex) Parachute Battalion parachuted into Normandy on D-Day, 6th June 1944, and against overwhelming odds captured and held the battery protecting the seaborne landings taking place later that morning.

Finally, parents are invited to attend our Sports day, which will take place next Friday 24th June at 9:30am for Years 3 & 4 and 1:30pm for Years 5 & 6. Entry will be via the gate on the field and all parents will be required to sign in before entry. A sheet will be available at the gate. Please bring along sunscreen and water in case of hot weather. If the field is too wet and so unsafe, Sports' Day will be postponed until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils who will be going away on their residential next week for 3 days. We hope they enjoy their time away with their friends and teachers.

Kind regards

Michelle A. Wright

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Headteacher



### Attendance Champions

Congratulations to class **4H** who are our weekly attendance champions this week with 99.3% attendance. Well done everyone in **4H**.

## What's on next week:

### Summer Menu Week 2

#### 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

Y6 Residential to Bawdsey Manor

##### 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

Y4/5 Netball 3:10-4:30pm

#### Friday

French Day

New Y3 Parents Visit

##### Breakfast clubs:

Monty's Extra

Y5 Football one-off session 3:10-4:30

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 24th June 2022  
Sports Day

Thursday 30th June  
Y5 Trip to Duxford

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

Tuesday 19th July  
Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze

Thursday 21st July  
Last Day of Term—Early finish

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## Monty's Marvels

### Monty Merit Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards



### Deputy Lord Lieutenant & The Jubilee Picnic



### Poetry Week & Karl Nova



### Blake's fantastic Jubilee Plate

#### Monty Marvel

Well done to Harley-Ann for being awarded a Colchester United football trophy for her amazing skills during half term.

### Poetry Competition Winners



### Maroon Canopy Unveiling



### Reminders

Please be aware we are unable to accept sweets or cakes to be given out for Children's birthdays. Please do not bring them in.

We are unable to accept/administer medication to children that is not doctor prescribed.

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