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# Newsletter: 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

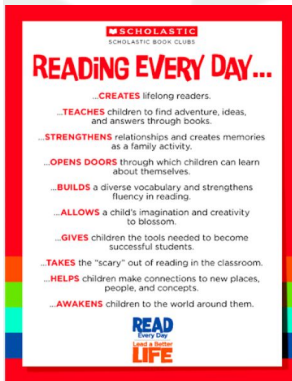
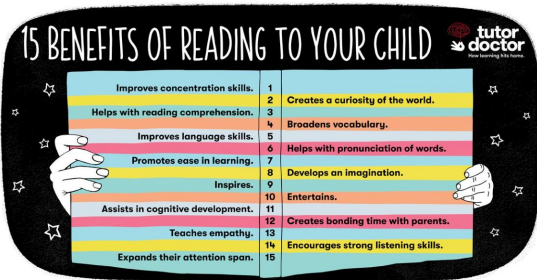
Thank you to all the children, and their parents and carers, who were in school for our special attendance recognition day. We hope the children enjoyed their treats.

You may have seen in the press recently articles about the importance of reading to and with children. Celebrated children's authors have written to the government calling for major investment into promoting reading.

As a parent one of the most important things you can do is read to your child, even a few minutes each day is proven to make a huge difference to their learning and development.

Here is a link to the Book Trust to give you lots of ideas about reading with your child.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>



Yours sincerely  
Mrs Probert

### Dates for your Diary

- Book Fair 24th - 29th January
- Year 4 Greek Vase Workshop on 5th February
- Year 5 Aztec Cookery on 6th February
- Year 3 Mosaic Workshop on 7th February
- World Book Day 7th March
- Red Nose Day 15th March

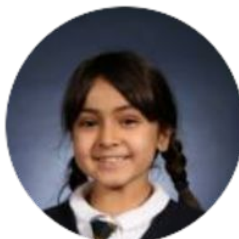
### Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

- 1st place: Year 6: 96.5%
- 2nd place: Year 3: 96.4%
- 3rd place: Year 4: 95.8%

It will be a non-uniform day for classes that achieve 100% attendance

**Acts of Kindness:**  
Thank you for being you.





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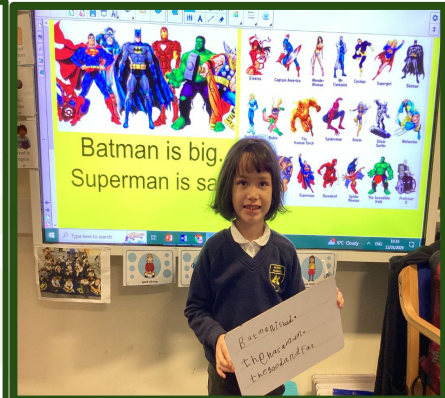
### Nursery

This week Montem Academy Nursery children have spent time thinking about how to have a healthy body and healthy mind. We learned about The Very Hungry Caterpillar and discussed the reason the caterpillar felt unwell. We counted fruits and changed the story so the caterpillar could avoid tummy ache. We then named and tasted all of the fruits from Handa's Surprise story and decided which our favourite was. The children spoke with their peers about which foods are healthy for our bodies and which foods we should have in moderation. There were lots of interesting discussions had by all with the children now starting to give reasons for their thoughts and ideas. Well done to all of the children.



### Reception

This week in reception, we have been learning all about real life superheroes, specifically Firefighters. We have been learning all about what Firefighters do and the types of equipment they use to keep us safe. We have also been writing about our favourite superheroes and describing what they look like. We have also had fun dressing up as superhero characters and using wow words in the role play area. In maths we have been learning about ordering numbers, finding one more and one less than a given number. We have been using 10 frames and number lines to help our learning.



### Year 1

This week the year 1s have done lots of group activities to work on their communication and speaking and listening skills. This started with PSHE where the children shared their dreams and goals and played a game of silent treasure where they had to achieve the goal of getting the tin of gems around the circle as quietly as possible without rattling the tin. Midweek we explored different materials where some children brought in their clothes from home to discuss what they were made of and when the best time is to wear these clothes. We played a game of pass the parcel where the children had to name a property of the material when the music stopped. As it has been too cold to stay outside we have incorporated a lot of active movement into our day and had many dance breaks in the afternoon to keep energy up in the classes.





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### Year 2

It has yet been another busy week in Year 2. The children started their week off by having Fire safety workshop from our special visitors, the local firemen. The children learnt a brief history of the fire service which linked to our previous topic, the Great Fire of London, and they also learnt about how the fire service keeps us safe. Later on the week, Year 2 writers, started to draft their stories based on our topic, Man on the Moon. They continued the story using their own characters, and created their own problem using the 5 stages of a story. Year 2 Historians learnt about the great explorer, Christopher Columbus, and they used information that they already knew about him to create a timeline of important events. We have really enjoyed this busy week and are looking forward to the next one.



### Year 3

Year 3 have had another busy week, full of lots of learning. This week, the children have began writing their diary entries from the perspective of a Roman slave, making sure that they include the skills they have been learning about.

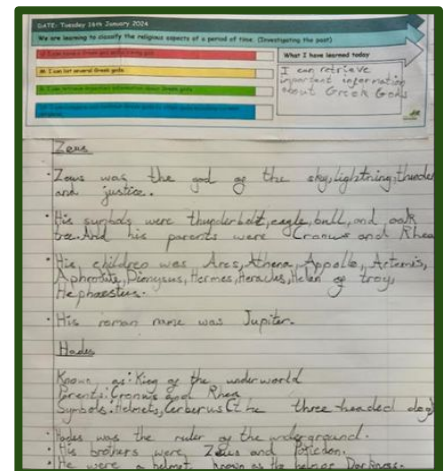
In science, the children carried out an experiment to see which rocks are hard and soft and which are permeable. They then were able to make links with this investigation to the most appropriate use for different rocks in everyday life.

The children have been working hard to learn their three and four times tables this week in maths and are getting progressively quicker at recalling these facts.



### Year 4

This week, the children have been learning about ancient Greek Gods. They have conducted research on the 12 Gods in ancient Greek mythology and they then presented their work as a fact-file in their history lesson. The children enjoyed learning about the God and their powers, including Apollo who was the ancient Greek god of many things, including the sun, music, poetry, art, dance, archery, and healing. In English the children are learning to write a myth and they will be using their learning about the Gods to include in their writing. The children are also learning about ancient Greek heroes in their Big Read book - Mark and the Cyclops by Saviour Pirotta.





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### Year 5

This week, the Year 5's have been working extremely hard. They have started writing their narrative in Literacy about time travelling to the Aztec period.

They are being imaginative with their writing and are including the skills we have been learning about: dialogue, subordinate clauses and descriptive vocabulary.

As well as this, the children conducted an experiment about how long salt takes to dissolve in different water temperatures. The children found out how temperature can affect the rate of dissolving.

Well done for all your hard work this week.



### Year 6

In Year 6 Literacy this week, children began writing their narratives. They crafted imaginative stories featuring fascinating characters and exciting plots, all centred on the intriguing theme of Ancient Egypt and the discovery of a tomb. With newfound knowledge of pyramids and pharaohs, students integrated historical elements into their imaginative tales. The atmosphere in our classrooms has been lively as students eagerly shared their creative stories. We look forward to an enriching read as we delve into the captivating adventures penned by our students.



Montem's Eco Motivators are raising money for a new environmental centre at our school! Our vision is to build a cluster of biodomes to promote healthy living, sustainability and celebrate the diversity of our school by growing plants and foods from different climates. We have a Just Giving Page where donations can be made [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/MontemBiodomes?utm\\_term=eegW4qbZk](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/MontemBiodomes?utm_term=eegW4qbZk), a donation box at the main office where money can be donated.

Miss Samuel and Mrs Probert will also be doing a sponsored walk to school from their houses. That's walking over 10 miles to get to school!

