



Dates for your Diary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Montem Academy is constantly striving to improve the learning, opportunities and facilities for the pupils and families of Montem Academy. Over the next 18 months, we aim to build and develop our very own Biodome and Wildlife Park, to be enjoyed by the families of Montem, whilst providing an excellent learning environment to educate our children about environmental issues that are affecting on our planet and on their future.

To make this vision happen, myself, Miss Samuel and Miss Probert will be completing a half marathon walk to school- yes 13 miles in total- with the aim to fund our very own Park Project.

If you would like to sponsor us, you can either donate through our Just Giving page,

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/MontemBiodomes>

Alternatively you can send in a donation using the brown envelop your child have been given by their class teacher. Any donation however large of small will be gratefully receive, and who knows this time next year, we will have our very own Wildlife Park.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Probert

Dates for your Diary

Y5 River Jubilee Trip: 14th March

Red Nose Day: 15th March

Y4 Charleston Workshop: 21st March

END OF TERM: Thursday 28th March

Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 5: 96.9%

2nd place: Year 2: 96.1%

3rd place: Year 3: 94.9%

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

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Montem's Eco Motivators are raising money for biodomes to promote sustainability and celebrate the diversity of our children by growing plants from different climates.



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Nursery

This week, we celebrated World Book Day, it was brilliant to see the children in creative fancy dress and enjoying their favourite books. The children at Montem Nursery had a wonderful day dressing up, playing games and of course, reading. We embraced the 'sharing stories' theme of this year's World Book Day by asking the children to share their books with other children. Our children were very engaged in becoming real authors and creating their own books. They also conducted "Our Favourite Books" survey. It was a great opportunity for practising asking questions and using tally marks to record data, count and decide which of our stories was the most popular. Thank you for the effort you put into the costumes, it really helped to make the day special!



Reception

This week in Reception, we celebrated World Book Day along with the school. In doing so, we got to dress up as our favourite book characters and bring in a book to share with the class. We wrote sentences about our favourite books and made sure we focused on following the writing rules of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths, we have been learning about measuring and using rulers and non standard units of measure. In doing so, we measured objects around the classroom and outdoor area and ordered ourselves from tallest to shortest making sure we use the correct mathematical terms.



Year 1

This week, the Year 1 children made the teachers extremely proud with their continued exceptional behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. On Thursday, it was World Book Day and lots of Year 1 dressed up as their favourite book characters. We explored and learned about fairy tales, nursery rhymes. The children shared their favourite book with each other and explained why they it was their favourite book. Children got the chance to meet an Author and she read a fairy tale story to the children. In Science, the children are learning about animals. The children can identify a range of different animals. They can now identify different groups of animals. For example: some animals have four legs and other animals have two legs. During Maths this week, we learnt all about ordering and comparing numbers to 20.





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Year 2

Year 2 children had such an amazing week! In Literacy and Big Read, we have been travelling around the world with Emma Jane, visiting the famous landmarks and writing beautiful stories using the skills we've learnt in previous lessons. In Maths we continue learning to count and calculate with money by adding amounts to find the total and subtracting to find change. Geography has brought us more interesting facts about the world's continents and the different areas of the ocean and in Science, we are learning about the diversity of habitats encountered worldwide. However the highlight of the week by far has been The World Book Day. Children and adults alike have enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters. We shared books, we've listened to the author Raahat Kaduji reading the story to us "I Am Not Sleepy" online, while we drew pictures.



Year 3

Year 3 have had another incredibly busy week. In Geography, the children learnt about how different sand dunes in the desert are formed and got to use sand to create their own dunes. In Maths, we finished our topic on multiplication and division, and the children have begun to write their setting description of an African game reserve in literacy. Year 3 really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday where they got to take part in a range of reading related activities, including a live online lesson with the author, Liz Flanagan. The highlight of the week, however, was definitely swimming; the children have thoroughly enjoyed getting to develop their confidence and skills in the water throughout their lessons.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a very exciting and productive week. In Literacy, children have been enjoying reading our Big Read book 'Into The Jungle' and writing wonderful action narratives based on their reading. In Geography, we learnt about the climate of the Rainforests around the world and in Maths, we calculated the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and found the lengths of the missing sides.

The highlight of our week has been celebrating World Book Day! The children and adults enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character and met author Liz Flanagan online. Everyone loved sharing their favourite books and reading extracts to the class.





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Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy this week! On Monday, they had the privilege of seeing a fire engine here at school. Firemen gave them a talk on fire safety, told them about what it is like to be a fireman, and even showed them some of the tools that they use in an emergency situation. In Maths, we started with our new section of decimals and percentages, and in Geography, we looked at the features of a river. Year 5 pupils have been wonderful authors as they have been writing their non-chronological reports on rivers and have continued to write all about the journey of a river, wildlife found in and around rivers, and how to stay safe around rivers. We also celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, when teachers and children dressed up as their favourite book characters. The children took part in book tasting and enjoyed a live online session where children got to write and draw along with Liz Flanagan, who is a fantasy author for children and young adults.



Year 6

This week in Year 6, our students immersed themselves in lessons centred on shapes and angles, making learning an exciting and tangible experience. By practically measuring angles using protractors, they were able to grasp the concept more effectively and apply their knowledge to work out missing angles with confidence. In addition, our Year 6 students delved into the intricate world of shapes and their properties. By exploring the relationship between angles and shapes, students gained a deeper understanding of how angles influence the characteristics and classifications of different geometric figures. Through interactive practises, they discovered the unique properties of various shapes, such as triangles, quadrilaterals, and polygons.



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=eegW4gbZk, and 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!

