



Dates for your Diary

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## Newsletter: 15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

To those of our families who are observing Ramadan we wish you a time of joy, peace and blessings.



Thank you to all those families who have sent sponsorship envelopes in, it's only a few days until myself, Miss Probert and Miss Samuels complete our half marathon walk to school - we are excited and nervous all at once, and there is still time for you to support us with sponsorship if you haven't already.

I particularly wanted to say how proud and impressed I was by Krisha and Sanjani who both did a fabulous performance on Thursday at The Young Musician of the Year at Western House Academy.

Krisha sang "Do Re Mi" and Sanjani sang "Lost Boy" They performed beautifully and represented Montem so well!

It's World Oral Health Day on 20th March, please find a link to a short video for WOHD 2024 which has information about the importance of good oral health and how to keep your mouth healthy <https://www.worldoralhealthday.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/FDI%20WOHD%20MAIN%20VIDEO%201x1%20SUB%20EN.mp4>.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Probert

### Dates for your Diary

Spring Holiday - Friday 29th  
March to Friday 12th April.

Inset Days  
15th April 2024  
24th May 2024

### Attendance

The Year Group with the  
best attendance this week  
is:

1st place: Year 5: 96%  
2nd place: Year 6: 95.1%  
3rd place: Year 2: 94.7%

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  
domes to promote sustainability and celebrate the  
city of our children by growing plants from different  
climates.



We have lots of pairs of  
children's glasses in  
our lost property.

Please come to Main  
Reception and ask for  
Mrs Kershaw if you  
would like to look for  
your child's lost  
glasses.

Thank you.





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### Nursery

This week in Nursery have been learning how to take care of plants and grow them from a tiny seed; We learned about new plants and what they need to grow. We learned about plant life cycle and where the seeds come from. We learnt about plants that we can eat, and discussed the health benefits. Searching for seeds inside various fruits was great fun! Planting seeds was an active way to learn about the natural world through hands-on activities and experiences and each child was proud to take home their very own pot with planted bean. We are excited to see our seeds grow into beanstalks and check whose plant is the tallest!



### Reception

This week we have welcomed our chicks. They arrived on Monday in their eggs and we were patiently waiting for them to hatch! The children are very excited to have fluffy cuddles with them next week when they are a bit older. This follows on from our 'life cycle' topic which the children are very much enjoying. They can now explain what a life cycle means and use specific vocabulary to do so. In maths, we have been focusing on capacity. The children have enjoyed filling up different sized containers to describe whether it is full, half full or empty.



### Year 1

This week has been really busy with starting assessments for the end of Spring term. Phonic screening has started and when it is complete it will be decided which phonic group they will be in for the summer term. All children will have been Bench marked as well -this lets us know what level of reading they are on as it is not just about reading it is about understanding the events and being able to answer comprehension questions. We have also started writing "The 3 Little Pigs." story if you could help at home to practice writing the story, they will benefit as well. In maths we have started to look at the new workbook "Addition and Subtraction to 20"-this week has been about looking at Number bonds to 20. In Science we have been looking at animal habitat which was very interesting then the children had to guess where they thought a range of animals might live, very interesting





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### Year 2

This week we have really enjoyed our learning, especially in PE where we were improving our coordination of our throwing and catching skills. We had to throw the ball into the air and see how many times we could clap before catching it again. This was harder than it looked. In Literacy, our writers finished their own narrative story based on Emma Janes Aeroplane. We were able to use expanded noun phrases, adverbs and onomatopoeia to improve our writing. Some of us enjoyed writing the story so much we pretended to be the surfing wombat. In Maths, we used our knowledge of coins and notes to solve word problems. We were able to find the total amount by adding and change by subtracting using different methods. We have learnt a lot this week.



### Year 3

This week in Year 3, the children have been busy continuing to write their setting description of an African savannah. They have been carefully considering their use of vocabulary to create a vivid image in the reader's mind. The children started their new maths topic this week on length. They have enjoyed measuring different objects in mm, cm and m, and converting between the different units of measure. In science, the children have been learning about pollination and the role of pollinators. There was great excitement when we went on a walk around the school grounds to see if we could spot any pollinators in action.



### Year 4

Over the past two weeks, our year 4 children had the opportunity to visit Hampton Court in separate class groups. The visit to this landmark historical building was planned in advance of the children's upcoming unit of work in history which is based on The Tudors. The children visited King Henry VIII's state apartments, The Chapel Royal and the Tudor kitchens. Apart from being immersed in the magical past, the children enjoyed their sojourn through the famous Hampton Court maze and the magnificent gardens around the palace. The children had an amazing trip and they were all awed by the size of this majestic palace. They are looking forward to learning about the famous monarch, Henry the VIII and his six wives.





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### Year 5

This week, our Year 5 authors finished writing their non-chronological reports on rivers. The next steps will be to write all the information into a brochure and add some illustrations. In maths, we continued with our section on decimals and looked at how to change numbers from decimals to fractions and percentages, and vice versa. In Science, we have been learning all about friction, and tested how air resistance works by making different sized parachutes out of plastic bags, attaching weights to them, dropping them from a height and timing how long they took to fall to the ground. In Geography, we explored the stages of the water cycle and write an explanation of what happens during each stage. The children also enjoyed Careers Morning, where they spent some time learning about different jobs and what they entail.



### Year 6

This week, Year 6 pupils have ventured into the world of game development, crafting their very own online games using Scratch block coding. The process was a journey of exploration and learning. They began by playing various games, dissecting their mechanics, and analyzing what makes them engaging. The children then enjoyed the thrilling task of recreating their own versions. It was lovely to see their creativity in full bloom. Congratulations to our budding game developers!



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](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/MontemBiodomes?utm_term=eegW4gbZk), 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!

