



Dates for your Diary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have a message from the children at Montem for you.

"Sometimes when we are coming to school, or going home from school, it's a bit scary. There are lots of cars and sometimes they drive too fast. They sometimes park too near the gates so it isn't safe for us to cross the road, or they park right near our lollipop lady so she can't see what's coming down the road. Sometimes they turn round in the road without looking what's behind them and even come right up on the pavement where we are walking.

Please ask the drivers to slow down and be more careful. We've asked Mrs Probert to get a police officer to come to school to tell the drivers how to drive more safely and to talk to the people who aren't being careful and kind"

Please think carefully about how your driving may make a difference to how safe our children feel.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Probert

Dates for your Diary

- Sports Wear on Monday - bring £1 for our Eco Project.
- Inset Day 15th April.
- Term ends at 2pm on Thursday 28th March.

Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 4 : 96%
2nd place: Year 3 : 95.6%
3rd place: Year 2 : 95.4%

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

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Nursery

This week we have been learning about spring. We went for a lovely walk around our school looking out for signs of spring. We spotted some pink and white blossom on the trees, daffodils, crocuses and daisies growing from the ground and even some minibeasts! We have also had a very EGGS-citing few days in nursery following the arrival of an incubator from 'Living Eggs'. When learning about life and growth we were able to see the life cycle for ourselves and understand the process of egg to hen. We waited for the chicks to hatch out of their shells and loved learning about how the chicks grow, breathe and eat inside the egg, how they crack the egg from inside to hatch! We are now proud to call ourselves real egg-sperts!



Reception


This week in Reception we have been learning all about Tangram shapes. Children have been busy making their own Tangram animals using a range of shapes. They have been working hard to fit shapes into a rectangle, which has been really challenging! We have been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar in our Big Book lessons. Children have enjoyed making their own caterpillars and headbands. We have been using egg cartons to make our own slithery caterpillars to take home. Finally in our PSHE lessons we have been learning about healthy and unhealthy food. The children were fantastic at distinguishing between the different foods and giving reasons why they put them in the category.



Year 1

The children in year 1 have had a week full of learning this week. The children have been practicing their story writing skills in big book where they have been retelling the story of the three little pigs. They learnt new and exciting vocabulary to use in their work and are able to remember key features used when writing fairy tales. The children have enjoyed reading the classic fairytale and reciting it to their friends and teachers. Midweek we had our termly RE day where the children learnt all about Judaism and the celebrations that they have in the year. The children especially enjoyed learning about Noah's ark and the important message that comes across from the story. The children have begun to consolidate their learning for the term and discussed the features of the local area and features of animals that they have learnt about this term.

Writing Assessment Book: End of Spring 2	Achieved:	Comment:
1. I have the correct pencil grip and seating position.		
2. I am able to form lower case letters correctly.		
3. I am able to fluently spell phonetically.		
4. I am able to use finger pointers between words.		
5. I use capital letters and full stops.		
6. I am able to read my sentence aloud.		
7. I am able to read my sentence aloud.		
8. I am able to use the prepositions under, up, and down.		



Title: the three little pigs

Once ^{upon} a ~~was~~ ^{was} a time ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ there were three little pigs. The three little pigs wanted to build a house. ~~One~~ ^{One} of the pigs ~~1~~ ¹ build a house out of straw. The other pigs build the house out of stick ~~and~~ ^{and} the other pigs build a house out of bricks. A wolf came to eat the pigs. The wolf ~~blow~~ ^{blow} the straw house. The wolf ~~blow~~ ^{blow} the stick house. The wolf ~~blow~~ ^{blow} the brick house but he couldn't. The wolf got into the chimney. The wolf got in the hot pot. The pigs cheered. The end.



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Year 2

Year 2 have worked very hard this week and their teachers are proud of their efforts in the assessments. Yr 2 Mathematicians started to learn about multiplication and division by recognising equal groups and sharing equally. Yr 2 Writers have been editing and publishing their setting description of the beautiful city of London. They have used expanded noun phrases, onomatopoeias and similes. Yr 2 Scientists have been busy looking at habitats and organisms that can be found there. They looked at how animals are adapted to suit their habitat for survival. They also made food chains of the different habitats and labelled consumers and producers. Yr 2 readers have also predicted what will happen next in the book they are focusing on, *Emma Jane's Aeroplane*. They used the clues in the text to predict a dangerous thunderstorm that will cause the plane to crash. What will Emma Jane and the animals do? Yr 2 children are so excited to continue reading the book to find out more!



Year 3

This week, the children have been working incredibly hard in their end of term tests. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating their growing knowledge and their teachers are proud of their resilience and perseverance. In geography this week, the children have been learning about what life is like for desert dwellers; they made comparisons between their lives to those who live in the desert and considered the challenges they face. This week, the children had the opportunity to go to the art studio and create a bowl out of modroc. They are looking forward to painting their bowls next week in African patterns.



Year 4

Year 4 have been working extremely hard to complete their end of term tests. Their teachers have been incredibly proud of how the children have demonstrated their growing knowledge and shown perseverance and an 'I can' attitude. In science this week, the children have been learning about what teeth and the importance of dental hygiene and how nutrients and diet plays a dramatic part in healthy teeth - also discussing how often they have visited the dentist. This week, the children had the opportunity to participate in a dance workshop, where all children learnt how to perform a very tricky Charleston. The parents joined us for the end session where they watched their child's successes at mastering this amazing dance. We were all in awe of their agility and obvious enjoyment!





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Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been busy with their end of term tests. They have worked incredibly hard and have proven their capabilities. In Literacy, the children have been publishing their non-chronological reports of rivers in the form of a leaflet and have enjoyed doing so. They also have had the opportunity to show their artistic skills by drawing a picture of a river using oil pastels. The children have done a truly brilliant job by capturing the beauty of nature through art. In Science, the children have been learning about levers and how they are used in real life. To be able to understand how levers work, the children were able to make models using Kinex and were able to construct something to show this. The children have worked really hard this week - well done!



Year 6

This week, we have celebrated the remarkable resilience displayed by our Year 6 students during test week! Despite the pressures, they approached their assessments with courage and determination, embodying the spirit of perseverance. Alongside the rigors of testing, they've embraced meditation, fostering calm amidst challenges. Their teachers couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication. Completing tests in maths, reading, and grammar, they've demonstrated their academic abilities and commitment to learning. Moreover, it's heartening to witness the culture of kindness among them, as they support each other with empathy and encouragement. Together, they exemplify the values of resilience, compassion, and unity that define our school community.



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, 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!

