



Dates for your Diary

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# Newsletter: 28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This last week of term has been very exciting - especially Monday when myself and two of teachers completed our sponsored walk. It was a long way but we really enjoyed it! The highlight was our welcome from the children and staff when we got back to school. We were met by all the children in KS1 and KS2 waving flags and posters as they lined our route. It was absolutely wonderful and made us quite emotional.

The children have worked so hard this term and we are very proud of them. We hope you all enjoy the Spring Holiday - we might even get some sunshine so we can be outside enjoying ourselves.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Probert



## Dates for your Diary

**Back to school on 16th April**

**Inset Day 15th April**

## Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

- 1st place: Year 5 : 93.9%
- 2nd place: Year 2 : 93.8%
- 3rd place: Year 1 : 93.7%

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.



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### Nursery

This week the nursery children have been busy getting ready for Easter. Children learned about Easter and Easter traditions from all over the world. The most loved ones were making chocolate nests, decorating Easter bonnets and Easter bonnet parade. It was wonderful to see the children showing off their beautifully decorated Easter bonnets. The hats all showed off the children's creativity with colour, eggs and Easter chicks on show. Of course, no Easter bonnet parade would be complete without the Easter Bunny who managed to hide chocolate eggs everywhere - much to the children's delight!



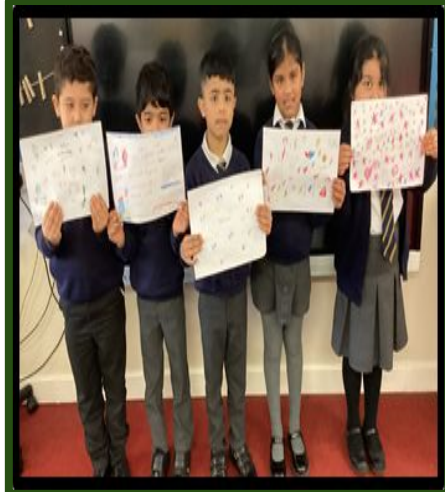
### Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning about what we put in a healthy lunch box. The children produced some fantastic work and put different food items in their own lunch box. We have been coming to the end of our farm animals related topic. This week our last story was chicken licken the children have really enjoyed reading this story. The children have been learning about 3D shapes in maths such as cubes, cuboids and have even had a go at drawing some of these shapes.



### Year 1

Year 1 have had a successful term of learning, testing and having fun. The year 1 team is so proud of the year 1's progress in behaviour and academic brilliance this term. We hope to this progress continues in the final term and they continue to make us so proud. On Monday, the Year 1's cheered on Mrs Probert, Mrs Samuel and Miss Probert who completed a Half marathon charity walk to raise money for a new environmental centre at school by making posters. As you are aware the phonics screening test will be in June, so we are sending home some booklets to help your children prepare for this. The year 1 team want to wish all of the year 1 children a happy Easter break.





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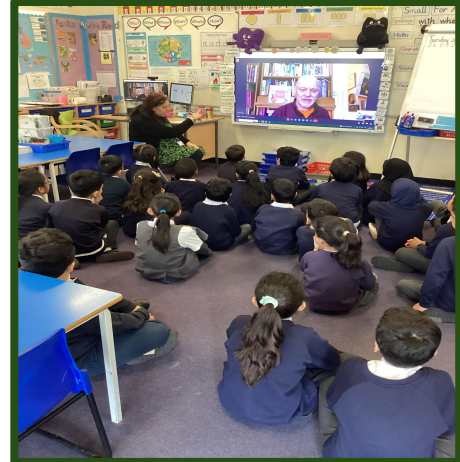
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### Year 2

In Year 2, students wrapped up their term with dedication and perseverance, showcasing their hard work across various subjects. In RE, they learnt about Judaism, immersing themselves in the exploration of its practices and beliefs. Through engaging lessons, they gained insight into the diverse ways the faith is observed. In Maths, the focus was on multiplication, where students expanded their vocabulary related to the times sign, enriching their mathematical understanding. Furthermore, their geographical exploration centered on the distinct landscapes of hot and cold countries, broadening their global awareness. We also had an online visit with the author James Mayhew, who wrote the book we read 'Katie in London.' We asked lots of questions and found out that the main character Katie was written after his sister - Katie. The children really enjoyed this experience.



### Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy final week of term. In maths, the children have been learning how to convert between millimetres, centimetres and metres, and have used this knowledge to order, add and subtract lengths. In art, the children have begun to paint their bowls that they made last week with African patterns. The highlight of this week was when the children had the opportunity to make coconut barfi as part of a cookery lesson. They really enjoyed getting to mix the ingredients together before waiting patiently overnight, whilst they cooled in the fridge, before getting to eat them.



### Year 4

Year 4 has had an exciting week wrapping up the final week of Spring Term. We began the week with RE day where we studied the festivals celebrated in Judaism and compared the faith to our own. In writing, children completed their vividly illustrated published work based on our Big Read novel 'Into the Jungle' In Science, we planned and carried out an investigation to find out the effects of different liquids on the teeth and the importance of good dental hygiene. In Geography, children reflected on their knowledge acquired during our Rainforest topic and competed a grid of what they know now. In addition to this, we completed our PSHE posters for our 'Healthy Me' topic. During the week children also avidly practised their timetables on TTR and managed to achieve the best scores so far this year! Well done Year 4!





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### Year 5

Year 5 had a good week of wrapping up the Spring Term. In Maths, we recapped how to round numbers and did lots of practice converting numbers between decimals, fractions and percentages. In Science, we summarised forces by designing a presentation, explaining what levers are, how we use them in our everyday lives and how we could use them in our school to improve the school grounds. We completed our end-of-section PSHE posters, encompassing all that we have learnt in our 'Healthy Me' topic this term. We brought our Big Read lessons for this term to a close by figuring out the meaning of words using the context of the text and children received their new book "My Friend Walter", which they cannot wait to start reading!



### Year 6

In Year 6, it's been yet another busy week filled with learning and achievements. The children spent RE day exploring the religion of Judaism, learning about significant figures, festivals, and the ancient tradition of Shabbat. Meanwhile, in music, our young musicians proudly showcased their mastery of playing chords on the ukulele, a skill they have been practising for the past few weeks. Finally, a special mention to our very own Ms. Probert, whose dedication saw her walking an impressive 12 miles to school, all in the noble cause of fundraising for our Montem biosphere.



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.

