



Dates for your Diary

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Newsletter: 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Spring holidays - I hope you all enjoyed some lovely sunshine and came back to school rested and ready to have another fantastic term.

Sadly there has already been an incident on school premises where a child riding a scooter rode into another child. Please note children are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters on school grounds. They should walk their bike or scooter and not get on it until they are outside the main gate, or get off it at the main gate before coming in.

Children who do ride their bike or scooter in the school grounds will receive a warning the first time, but after that be banned from bringing them to school, and parents who ride bikes or scooters will also, after one warning be banned from bringing them on site.

Our children's safety is our top priority, and I am confident that you will support these measures for all our children's sake.

I would also like to thank all the parents and guardians who attended Parents Afternoon. After speaking with several parents, I can confirm this was our most successful parent-teacher meeting yet. Everyone appreciated the new format.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Probert

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Bank Holiday Monday 6th May - school closed
Inset Day Friday 24th May - school closed to children
Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May inclusive

Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 2 : 95.73%
2nd place: Year 5 : 94.96%
3rd place: Year 3 : 94.79%

Congratulations 2 Sequoia for achieving 100% attendance this week! As a reward you will have non-uniform day on Friday 26th April.

Dear Parent

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Montem Academy with your donations and sponsorship for our Bio Domes. We really appreciate your support.

THANK YOU!





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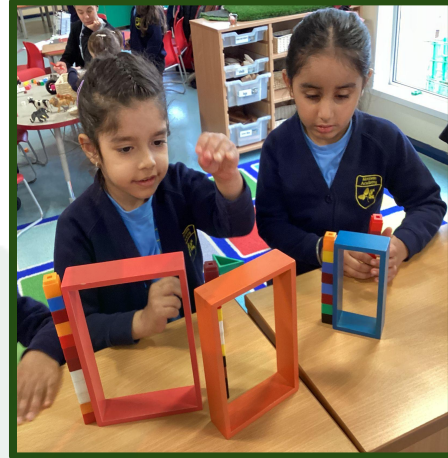
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Nursery

Nursery class have been busy learning about measuring this week. We have been using linking cubes to measure items in the classroom but found that we needed to use larger bricks to measure taller items outside. The children were encouraged to estimate the number of cubes they would need first and then measure everyday classroom objects using connecting cubes before recording their results. This was a great opportunity for the children to practise their counting and size recognition skills as well as writing numbers. Our children proudly measured their beanstalks for which they had been looking after during the school break and we could finally reveal the winners of our Tallest Beanstalk Contest. Congratulations to Younus for growing the tallest beanstalk and to Ayla whose plant started to blossom!



Reception

We have been so excited to be back in school! This week we have been working hard to count on from a given number in Maths. We have been using our previous knowledge to build on writing number sentences and revise number bonds to 10.

We have been reading Aladdin this week and have enjoyed making our very own magic carpets and lanterns. Children have been thinking of their own sentences to write about where Aladdin can magically end up!



Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children have been getting back into the flow of school routine. Starting off the week with some recap of phonics and introducing new topics in science and history. We enjoyed our history skills day on Wednesday where we explored our own history and key events in our lives as well as looking at inventions that have adapted over time. The children really enjoyed looking at old phones and how they were very different to the smartphones commonly used now. We looked at some key skills in reading such as retrieval, sequencing and true and false statements. The children have come back to school this term with a great attitude to learning and we are excited to progress through this term.





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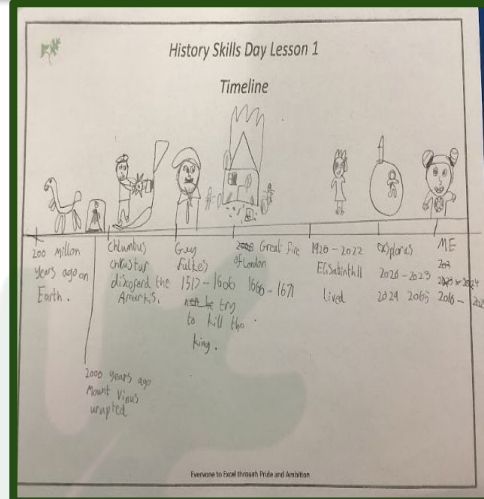
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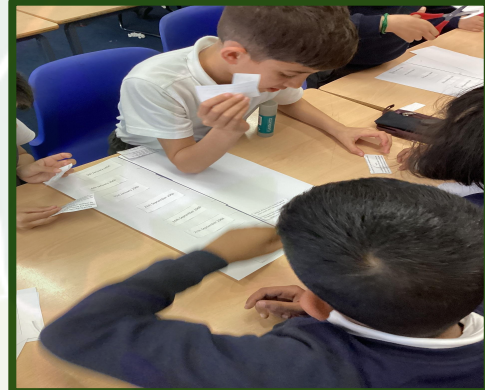
Year 2

It has been a great week in Year 2 with children coming back from half term break ready to learn. Year 2 writers have been learning about the features of a persuasive text. They have read and compared different persuasive letters and found that they commonly have rhetorical questions, reasons for writing and powerful adjectives. Earlier in the week, the children had a wonderful time learning about Queen Victoria on the two history days. They learnt about the British Empire and created their own timeline including everything that they learn in History from year 1. The children enquired about Queen Victoria and her impact on history with the Victorian inventions including the camera and even the flushing toilet! Well done Year 2 and keep up the good work!



Year 3

Year 3 have returned to school this week with a wonderful enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. At the start of the week, the children had RE day where they learnt about different Sikh festivals and celebrations, including Vaisakhi and Diwali. To start this half term's history topic about William I and the Normans, the children completed history skills day; they used their inference skills to consider who the owners were of different artefacts and generated questions they would like to know the answer to about William I. The highlight of the children's day was getting to act out the Norman invasion and recreate the Battle of Hastings, with children being an Anglo-Saxon, Viking or Norman.



Year 4

It has been a great week back in Year 4 with the children eager to learn. We have begun to look at newspaper reports in Literacy, which links to our History this half-term with our learning about the Tudor period and King Henry VIII. The children were quick to recall the visit to Hampton Court which was tying all the knowledge together. Children who were involved in The Arts Award worked really hard this week with Miss Barry to complete their work book, in preparation for moderation. They had been involved in a trip to Sough Museum and a Picasso Faces inspired workshop. The project taught them many things however, they all commented on how they now understood how to be free with their own creativity. Well done everyone!





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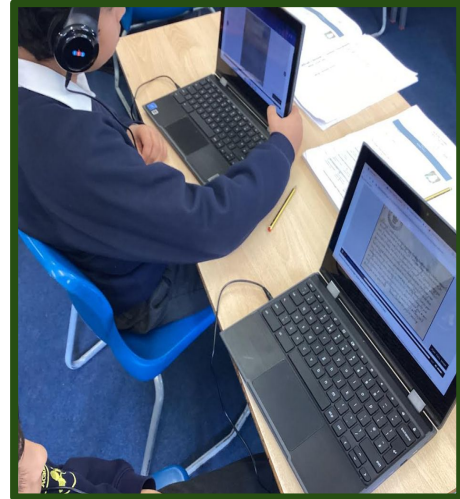
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Year 5

The children have started off the Summer term with great enthusiasm and a real passion for learning. On RE day, the children learnt about Sikhism and their beliefs. They also learnt about what different items they wear symbolise and why they are so important to them. In History, the children will be learning about Queen Elizabeth I and what she was famous for. They took part in History skills day where they were analysing the reliability of different sources and were able to explain their thinking behind this. The children are eagerly waiting to learn more about the queen and some of the changes she made to society. To end the week, they took part in their weekly violin lessons and are now starting to use the bow to play the violins. The children are definitely becoming more confident with their violin skills as the weeks go by. With such a fantastic start to the term, I am sure that the rest of the term will be full of positivity, learning and progression. Well done Year 5!



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have settled back into the school day routine, and their teachers have been extremely impressed with their positive learning attitudes. They are continuing to work hard towards their SATs, demonstrating dedication and determination in all lessons. In Maths this week, year 6 children had fun exploring line graphs and pie charts. They enjoyed working together collaboratively, figuring out how to read and understand these graphs. By teaming up, they spotted trends and proportions in different sets of data. They did activities and talked about real-life situations where these skills are useful. Line graphs showed how things changed over time, and pie charts showed parts of a whole.



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, a donation box at the main office where money can be donated.

