



Dates for your Diary

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# Newsletter: 10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am thrilled to announce that this year, our ceramic artwork has been selected to be exhibited on the Royal Academy of Art's Young Artist Summer Show 2024 online exhibition. Our 'Ceramic Turtles' have been selected from over 21,500 entries, a true reflection of the outstanding artwork that is achieved at Montem Academy.

The Young Artists' Summer Show is an exciting opportunity for students aged 4-19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts. Now in its sixth year, a panel of passionate artists and art professionals select artwork from all over the country to be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

I am proud of the work that our students have accomplished, and I believe this recognition is a testament to their creativity and hard work. Our students' participation in this exhibition is an extraordinary achievement for our school and a significant milestone in our art journey.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Probert



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**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 : 98.1%  
2nd place: Year 4 : 96.5%  
3rd place: Year 5 : 96.5%

2 Sequoia and 6B Sequoia have achieved 100% attendance this week. Well Done!

## MONTEM MOUNTAINEERS

Where No Dream Is Too Big.



**We are climbing Mount Snowdon to raise funds for our new Centre of Excellence for pupils with visual impairment. Please support us.**

If you would like to donate you can do so on our Just Giving Page  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/montemacademyVI>



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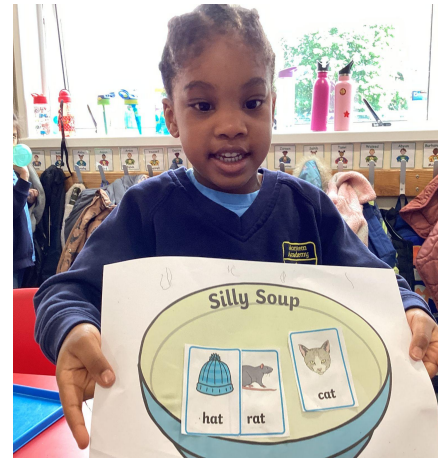
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### Nursery

This week we were learning about words that rhyme. Identifying and reciting oral rhymes offers a way for children to demonstrate their phonological awareness – which they understand that words consist of smaller units such as syllables and rhyming endings. Rhymes may be spoken, chanted or sung; reciting examples familiar to children encourages them to anticipate the words to come. To better understand the idea of rhyming we read lots of rhyming stories and we agreed that Oi, Dog is now our favourite! We chanted rhymes and sang nursery songs. We learned that rhyming words sound the same at the end and played numerous sorting and matching games.



### Reception

Reception have very much been enjoying the weather change this week and having fun in the sun! We have enjoyed mark making on the playground using chalk and enhancing our gross motor skills. In maths, we have been exploring the concept of doubling and the children now know that doubling means adding the same numbers together. We have practiced this by painting butterflies and making them symmetrical! We have also been focusing a lot this week on our PSHE lessons and what being kind means. At Montem, being kind to everyone and everything is one of our school rules and it is important that we remember how to do that. We completed an activity on what is friendly and unfriendly to our friends and the children had some good quality discussions.



### Year 1

In year 1, this week we have been looking at the royal residences in the UK: Windsor Castle, Balmoral Castle, Sandringham house and Buckingham Palace. We discussed the similarities between them and the countries they are in. The children chose their favourite castle and they know which one was Queen Elizabeth's favourite castle to live in. Children also brought in their homework based around Princess Victoria of Sweden. In Science, children planted seeds. They learnt about how plants grow and what key materials needed for them to grow effectively. This week Year 1 have started working on their garden project. Keep up the great work, Year 1s!





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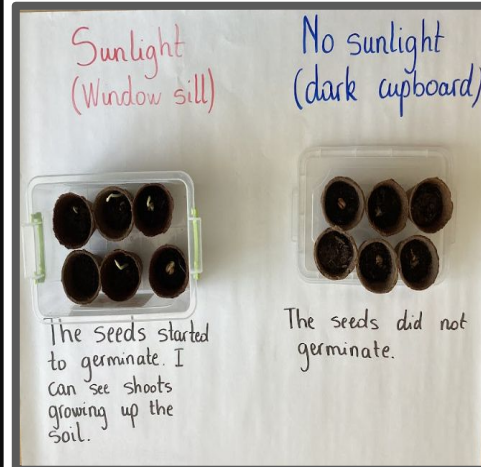
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### Year 2

Throughout this week, the children in year 2 have been patiently watching as our plants germinate. They have learnt how different environments can cause plants to grow differently and what they need to survive. The children also started to draw the different stages of germination and can't wait to finish these in the coming weeks.

In literacy the children have been working hard to write a persuasive letter. They have written a letter whilst using the following skills; rhetorical questions, conjunctions and the present tense. The children have also worked really hard to make sure their writing is presentable.

Well done for all your hard work this week.



### Year 3

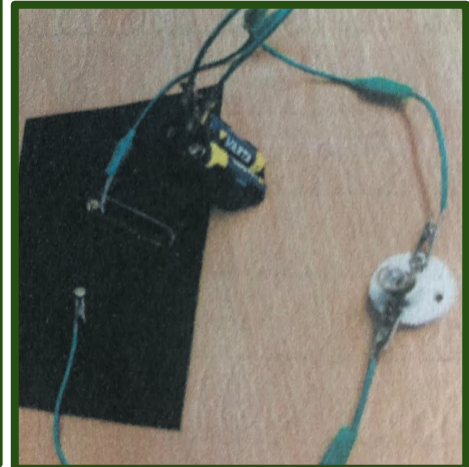
This week, Year 3 pupils have been transformed into builders and architects as part of our topic on the Norman Conquest. They have been learning about how the Normans built the first castles in England and they decided to build their own motte and bailey strongholds. Armed with various resources and great teamwork, they created some magnificent castles. The children thoroughly enjoyed their morning and are now ready to write some instructions to help other built a medieval fortress.



### Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been very busy learning about conductors and insulators in science - part of our topic on electricity. The children constructed circuits and explained how switches work within the circuit. They have also been practising for our upcoming National Times Tables test. We have also been making links with our 'Big Read' book - Treason and writing a newspaper article about the gory beheading of Anne Boleyn - Henry VIII's second wife. The children have really focused to use the skills and features needed to write a successful newspaper article, such as emotive language to help grip the reader.

Another very busy week - Well done Year 4 - we are very proud of you!





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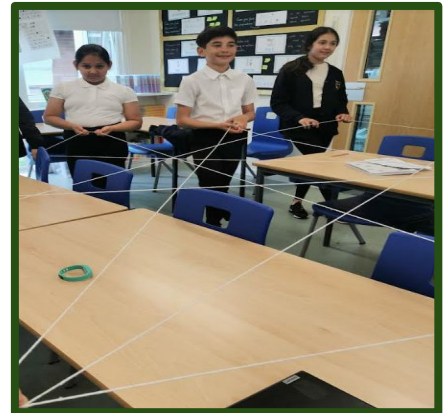
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### Year 5

Year 5 have worked very hard this week, even though it was only a 4-day week! They have continued to learn about plant reproduction in Science; they learnt about how some plants don't reproduce using seeds and pollen - they make an exact copy of themselves. The potato plant is an example of this. Look at how well they're growing! In maths, they started learning about how to use degrees to measure and draw angles. In Literacy, the children continued writing their Queen Elizabeth I biography. They have written such interesting information about her, and can't wait to get started on the art for our biography covers. The children have really enjoyed the warm weather, and really loved their time outside this week. We are all looking forward to summer!



This week, Year 6 students have been reflecting on how they are connected to one another. In PSHE lessons, the children delved into discovering commonalities among themselves. Employing a ball of string, they visually grasped the concept that despite their differences, each individual is linked in some manner. The children found joy in sharing about themselves within their small groups and forging connections with their peers. With SATs week looming, they also engaged in discussions about various strategies to effectively manage their well-being and address any anxieties they might be experiencing. Additionally, the children were able to differentiate between a growth mindset and a fixed mindset. Each child pledged to cultivate a growth mindset and to strive to do their utmost best in the upcoming week!



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.

