



Dates for your Diary

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## Newsletter: 17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the 15th of May, a group of 13 parents and toddlers embarked on a 10-mile charity walk from Montem Academy to Windsor. This inspiring initiative was aimed at raising funds and awareness for Montem's new Visual Impairment Centre of Excellence.

With every mile covered, the parents felt a sense of accomplishment and pride. They knew that their efforts would make a difference

After hours of walking, the group finally returned Montem Academy, their destination and endpoint of the charity walk. Exhausted but elated, they crossed the finish line hand in hand, knowing that they had made a difference. The funds raised would go a long way in supporting the Visual Impairment Centre of Excellence and those it serves.

The parents charity walk was not just a physical challenge, but a testament to the power of community and compassion. Through their efforts, the group was able to raise awareness and funds for a worthy cause, bringing hope and support to those in need. The journey may have been long and arduous, but the rewards of making a difference in the lives of others made it all worthwhile.

Montem can not thank you enough for your support, commitment and dedication to our school, pupils, and families.

You are AMAZING.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Probert



**SATURDAY 18th MAY: Montem Mountaineers climb MOUNT SNOWDEN. The Epic journey begins.**

To donate please scan the QR code to visit our justgiving page.

### Dates for your Diary

**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 6 : 99.5%  
2nd place: Year 5 : 98.2%  
3rd place: Year 4 : 96.9%

Non-uniform day for classes with 100% attendance

3 Redwood  
6B Sequoia  
6 Cedar  
6 Redwood  
6 Sequoia



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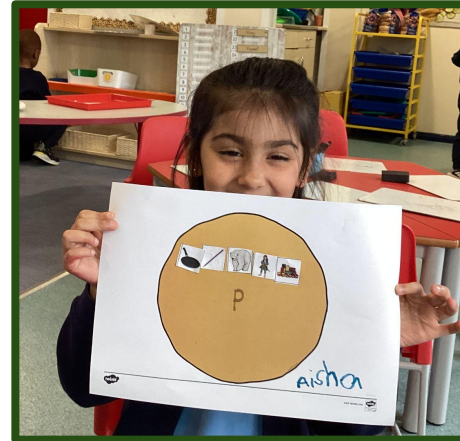
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### Nursery

This week we have been getting use to our new classes and routines and we are settling well! Our youngest friends have been practicing using scissors and joining with words and actions during our rhyme time. In phonics we have continued practicing identifying words' initial sounds and started learning about alliteration. We enjoyed sorting items by their initial sound and had lots of fun creating alliteration soups and Peculiar Pizzas where every ingredient or topping must begin with the same sound. Outdoors, we used our new Community Bricks set to create stunning castles, see-saws and obstacle courses. We learned to work together to move heavier pieces safely. Great week, Nursery!



### Reception

It's been a very busy and exciting week for us. This week we have been learning about halving and doubling in Reception. We have been using our favourite teddy bears to have a picnic and sharing out the the cutlery and food. We have really enjoyed taking part in using our doubling machine to find out how many cubes will come out of the robots tummy! In our Big Book lessons we have been reading Sleeping Beauty, we have been very excited to make dressed and crowns for ourselves and using these in our role play. We have been enjoying the weather outside and making wands to cast our own magic spells!



### Year 1

During the last week we have put the "garden oasis" into use, taking all the weeds out then dug over the ground on Monday then on Friday afternoon each class had 30 minutes to plant their section of the garden . We all have different vegetables to grow and water. The children all had the chance to take part in plant something in the ground. They were taught how to handle the plant and what should grow. Some of the beans and peas needed sticks to hold them up and others had white sticks as markers. Now we water, deweed and hopefully watch them grow. We also continued to practice our phonics ready for screening test in a few weeks. In maths we are looking at Multiplication and division . We have been reading the story "What the ladybird heard." The children are then writing the story independently for their writing assessment. Busy week year 1.





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### Year 2

Children in Year 2 really enjoyed learning athletic skills on Friday in preparation for Sport Day which is Thursday 13th June. They practised their stamina for running in the bleep test and aiming a target by throwing, in javelin. In Science, the children were thrilled to observe the results of their plants grown in darkness and light. They came to a conclusion that plants can germinate in both darkness and light but they grow healthier and stronger in the sun. Their findings this term concluded that all plants must have sunlight, water, space and nutrients from the soil in order to grow. Lastly, In History, the children learnt about schools in Victorian times and compared this with schools today. Most children were surprised to know that a class in the victorian times could have up to 100 children! Well done for having yet another fantastic week year 2!

### Grown in the light



### Grown in darkness

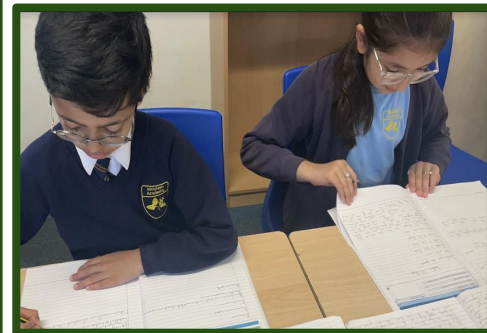
### Year 3

This half term, our Year 3 pupils have been learning about the Battle of Hastings during our Big Read lessons and in History, they have been discussing the reign of William the Conqueror. Last week, using their creativity, they made a motte and a bailey castle in Literacy. Impressed by king William's achievements, they decided to become biographers for an afternoon. Wearing their historian hats and artistic glasses, they researched about his life. Equipped with art resources and great teamwork, they designed lovely biographical posters based on his early life, his character and historic facts about his reign.



### Year 4

This half term, Year 4 has been learning all about the Tudors. In History, children created a family tree for Henry VIII showing his parents, siblings and wives and children. In addition, they drew a timeline showing all the major events in King Henry VIII's life. In Literacy, children researched Anne Boleyn's trial and execution and the life of Catherine of Aragon. They then wrote a biography of Catherine of Aragon as part of their Big Write in their History books. Throughout this week, children have also been intensely involved in their TTR practice and we are so proud of how enthusiastic they are! Well done Year 4!





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### Year 5

The Year 5's have been working really hard this week across the curriculum. In Literacy, they have completed writing their biographies about Queen Elizabeth I and have done a fantastic job. Their biographies have been informative, factual and interesting and they have learnt so much about her life. In Science the children have been learning about plant reproduction and have also been doing a great job looking after their potato plant in the classroom. It has grown really tall and we are expecting to see some baby potatoes soon! The children have also been practicing their basic drawing skills in art this week and have been learning how to form simple 2D and 3D shapes. They will then go on to use this knowledge to draw simple everyday objects in detail. They are trying really hard and are proud of their achievements. Well done for a fantastic week Year 5!



### Year 6

This week, our Year 6 students have shown incredible dedication as they completed their SATs. Their hard work and perseverance have made both themselves and their teachers extremely proud. Throughout this intense period, they have demonstrated a commendable commitment to their studies.

In addition to focusing on their exams, the students also spent time learning about ways to support their mental health. They explored various strategies to stay balanced and calm, such as spending time outdoors and engaging in their favorite hobbies. These activities helped them manage stress and maintain a positive mindset during the test week.

Well done, Year 6! Your resilience and hard work are truly inspiring.



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.

