



THE PARK FEDERATION

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MONTEM ACADEMY

Everyone to Excel through Pride and Ambition

Connecting our Community - 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I'm delighted to share with you our new newsletter format. I will be sending this letter out each Friday, and your children's teachers will send a half termly update on everything your children have been doing, celebrating all their successes and tremendous achievements.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you and your children for such a great start to the new academic year. Behaviour around the school has been wonderful, and our interactions with you, as you start to learn your children's new routines, has been positive.

We have noticed one new item that some of our older children have, which is causing us concern. The new Apple watch, which contains a SIM card, can be used for phone calls, messages, photos and voice recording. If your child is wearing one of these new watches, they will need to leave it in the Welfare Office just like their mobile phones.

We have been focusing on displaying lovely manners to each other; using 'please' and 'thank you', asking people 'how are you?', and when someone asks us responding appropriately and asking them in return. The children are doing very well, please support them by modelling this to them at home, and praising them when they remember.

A calendar of all upcoming school events, such as term dates, mufti days, school trips and so on, will be sent out by on Dojo very soon. I hope this will support you in planning your own holidays in line with term dates, as well as the fantastic outfits the children wear on our mufti days.

Fundraising for our Glow Walk for Mental Health UK is going very well. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, we have a large number of staff signed up for the walk, and are looking forward to it very much.

Kind regards,
Ms Probert
Principal

Eco Update

This year, we've launched a new initiative to encourage our students to become more responsible citizens and reduce litter. We've introduced a weekly litter-picking schedule, with a different year group taking on the task each week. This ensures every student gets a chance to participate. We hope this will not only make our school a cleaner place but also instill a sense of pride and responsibility in our students. We are also excited to announce that we are working towards the Eco-Schools Award again this year!



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A Message from our Attendance Officer Miss Matthews

Welcome back to a new school year! As the attendance officer at Montem Academy, I'm here to support you and your children with their school attendance. Consistent attendance is crucial for academic success, and we are committed to helping every student be present and on time.



Below are some important dates for attendance and admissions:

- Census Day (Attendance Awareness Day) is Thursday 2nd October 2025
- Applications for a secondary school place close on Friday 31st October 2025
- Applications for a reception school place close on Friday 16th January 2026

A quick attendance tip: The first few minutes of class are often the most important! Pupil's who arrive on time are more likely to understand the day's lessons and feel connected to their peers and teachers.

If you are struggling with your child's school attendance please do not hesitate to contact me at maattendance@theparkfederation.org or by calling on 01753 528050 and leaving a voicemail on option 1.

Highlight on Welfare

Hello, my name is Mrs Babar and I am the school's Welfare Assistant.

I am responsible for First Aid, and for supporting our families with Free School Meal applications. I am the person to talk to if you have medication for your child, or you want to talk about a medical condition they have. The more we know, the more we can help.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Hello parents and carers,

My name is Mrs O'Brien and I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead here at Montem. I work closely with the safeguarding team: Mrs Devine, Ms Probert, Mr Stewart, Miss Winsor, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Zahid, to support our pupils and their families and keep them safe.

Each week, I will provide you with an update or information on a particular topic, such as online safety. I will also inform you of any workshops we are holding for parents and carers.

Remember, you can always contact me, our two Child and Family Support Workers - Mrs Bishop and Miss Jones, or any member of the safeguarding team if you have any worries or would like some support. We will listen without judgement and can provide support and advice for a range of topics. We also hold a parent coffee morning every Wednesday from 9-10am in our school canteen.

Staff Shout Out

A huge shout out to all our new staff members, who have added such value to our Montem Family.