



# THE PARK FEDERATION

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# Newsletter: 6th October 2023

Dear Parent & Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents that attended our Meet the Teacher event this week. The class teachers have all spoken positively about the evening and thoroughly enjoyed meeting you all.

I would also like to thank those parents who have bought their children a school blazer. The children look incredibly smart and they wear them with such pride. Blazers are not compulsory but are available for children in Key Stage 2 from School Days Direct or alternatively, you can purchase a dark navy (blue) blazer from a supermarket or department store.

As the winter months draw close, it is important that your child comes to school with a warm waterproof coat.

Ms Probert

### Dates for your Diary

10th October: Mental Health Awareness Day

10th October: Year 2 Maypole Dancing

11th October: Year 1 Maypole Dancing

13th October: "Grow a Coin" Day

18th October: Year 5 Wonderdome Workshop

19th October: "Dress like an artist" Mufti Day

### Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 3 & Year 2: 96.7%

2nd place: Year 4 : 96.4%

3rd place: Year R : 95.6%

It will be a non-uniform day for classes that achieve 100% attendance

4 Redwood achieved 100%

### CONGRATULATIONS



A huge congratulations to 6B Oak for achieving the highest attendance rate for the last two weeks with an amazing 98.73% attendance. As a reward, the children will be going to Black Park next week!

I would like to personally thank all of our parents for bringing their children to school every day.

### Social Media

Montem Academy has its very own Twitter feed where we share all the amazing learning and extracurricular activities on.

Please follow us on our Twitter handle : @montemacademy

We also have a YouTube Shorts channel. Watch our first post [here!](#)





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### Nursery

We have had another fantastic week learning about our Nursery rules and routines. We have been encouraging the children to be independent within our daily routines including hanging up coats, going to the toilet, washing hands after using toilet, before snack time and tidying up. Taking care of the environment is an important part of how children develop a positive sense of self and responsibility towards their surroundings, as well as real-life skills. Our children took their responsibilities for tidying up the classroom areas assigned to them very seriously and showed their pride and satisfaction from completing the task. Well done!



### Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning all about our bodies. The children have enjoyed learning about the different body parts and having a go at labelling.

We have been learning all about patterns in Maths this week and using a range of different objects to create our own patterns. The children had lots of fun whilst learning.



### Year 1

This week, all Year 1's have had a fabulous time at Black Park, exploring their 5 senses. They discussed what they could see, touch, hear and even smell. The children made sure they were caring for the park and not bringing nature back with them as well as putting all rubbish in the bins. They had a wonderful run around on the fields and after lunch we had a quick walk to the adventure playground. The children played on the climbing frames and used the play equipment with their friends. Black Park is a wonderful place for children and there is so to learn and explore. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and one child even said "Today was the best day ever!". Well done to all Year 1 children for showing your best behaviour at the park! We were so proud of you!





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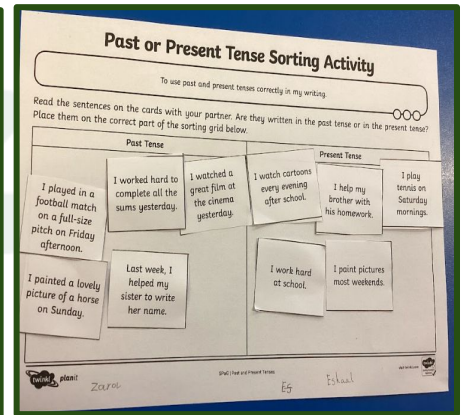
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### Year 2

In Year 2, we have been reading 'The Great Fire of London' and the children have been asking questions about the fire services and how they have changed through time. Furthermore, we have been learning about the writing skills; using past tense, expanded noun phrases and questions for subheadings. Children have been working collaboratively to identify these skills in different types of texts to help them apply this knowledge in their writing next week. In Maths, we are continuing with number and place value. Children are partitioning numbers in different ways using base 10 materials. In Science, they conducted an investigation on how to change the shape of different materials using forces such as stretch and squash. They then wrote a conclusion to explain their findings.



### Year 3

In Year 3, the children really enjoyed our History Skills Day. Our current topic is the Stone Age and the children were able to build on their knowledge by creating a timeline to show how the first early humans developed. The children were amazed to discover that we are learning about what life was like over two million years ago! We are also having fun reading 'Stone Age Boy' which is a story about how a young boy goes back in time and meets a young Stone Age girl called Om. The children are looking forward to using all this information to write their own Stone Age adventures.



### Year 4

In Year 4 the children are really enjoying learning about The Vikings for their History topic this half-term. We are reading 'The Viking Boy' as our stimulus for writing and the children have completed some great home learning as part of their Passport Project. They have been writing a letter to ask for help as in the story, Gunnar's village has just been attacked. During our History Skills Day, the children were able to plot where the Vikings came from and also compare Primary and Secondary sources of information. We look forward to finding out lots more about this dramatic time period in History.





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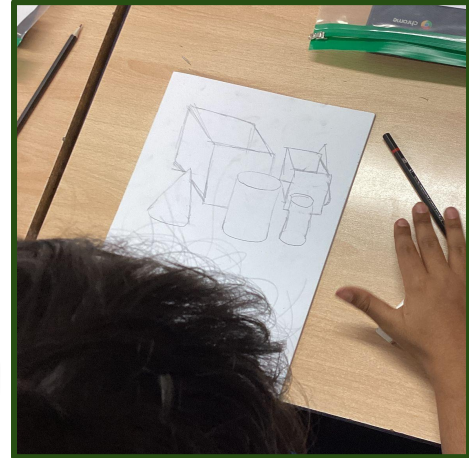
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### Year 5

This week in Year 5, we continued with our maths topic of Place Value, and learnt all about rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000! We started writing our diary entries in Literacy - we are writing from the perspective of Oliver Twist, which is the book we are currently reading. In History, we compared what things were like before and after the industrial revolution. In Science, we have been learning all about the moon, it's phases, and the reason that we have day and night. Did you know that when it is daytime in India, it is night-time in Brazil? We had a lovely time in Art, sketching different 3D shapes and practising having them overlap each other.



### Year 6

We're thrilled to share about the exciting trip our students had to the RAF Museum. As we delve into the depths of WWII in our history lessons, our visit was a perfect opportunity for our children to connect with the past. They were captivated by the array of both primary and secondary sources on display, particularly the diverse aircraft models used during the Second World War. The highlight of the trip, however, was the immersive workshop where they got a taste of wartime school life. Crafting their own identity cards and engaging in role-playing, our students truly stepped back in time, creating unforgettable memories of this enriching educational experience.



### Inclusion - We need your votes!

Montem Academy have been accepted into the Tesco Community Grants Scheme and our bid for additional sensory resources will appear in 5 local Tesco stores for customers to vote for using blue tokens. Our project will support us to continue to make learning accessible to every child. The project with the most votes will receive £1,500 so we need the help of our fantastic Montem families to help us win!

Make sure you collect your blue token after shopping and place it in the Community Grants box for Montem Academy. Encourage your friends and family to shop in Tesco so they can vote for us too! See the letter on Class Dojo for more information.

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