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## Newsletter: 13th October 2023

Dear Parent & Carers,

Kind regards

Ms. A. Probert

### Dates for your Diary

2nd/3rd October: Year 5 Vache Baroque

3rd October: Green Shoots

4th/5th: Year 1 Black Park Trip

4th October: Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Competition

6th October: Year 6 RAF Trip

10th October: Mental Health Awareness Day

### CONGRATULATIONS



A huge congratulations to \_\_\_\_\_ for achieving the highest attendance rate with an amazing % attendance. They were rewarded with a fantastic visit to a Circus Workshop.

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

### Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 4: 97.2%

2nd place: Reception : 96.8%

3rd place: Year 5: 95.3%

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

### ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

We have noticed an increase in parents arriving late to collect their children from school at the end of the school day. Please note that the school day finishes at 3:30pm. If you are late to collect your child more than 3 times, you will receive a £10 fine. If you know you are going to be late, please call the school and inform us. If this is a recurring issue, there are plenty of after school clubs that we can book your child onto. Please speak to a member of the attendance team if you have any questions.



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### Nursery

The aim of this week's topic was for the children to have a better understanding of their own road safety and ways that they can keep safe. We have been thinking about how to be safe when crossing the road and to Stop, Look and Listen. We know the safest places to cross is by using a zebra or pedestrian crossing. We also spoke about the importance of holding hands with an adult when near or crossing a road. As part of Road Safety Week, as well as being 'Road safety detectives', we also had great fun using role play resources, playing "Stop" and "Go" games and singing a 'Safer journey anthem' – Nursery class you made us proud this week!



### Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading Rainbow Fish. This story has helped children learn about the importance of friendship and sharing. The children have really enjoyed reading this story. In maths we have been learning counting and the children have done very well with their counting to 10. It has been another exciting week as we have been learning about our senses and this week the sense of taste. The children have tasted healthy foods such as carrots and cucumbers. The children are continuing to make progress in phonics learning the sounds v, y, w, z and x.



### Year 1

This week has been another busy week for the children. We started our Robin Emmons Garden Oasis Project this week. Each class planted 2 different types of seeds now we need to keep them warm and watered. Let's see what grows and then we will plant what we have to grow in our bigger garden area outside Mrs Southwick. This is a year long project growing new fruit and vegetables in the spring and in the summer. They also had lots of fun on Wednesday learning Maypole dancing. They completed their first writing assessment of The Gingerbread Man and they all tried their best. In Maths they are learning to write the number name as well as the number to 10. We have had R.E looking at Hinduism and how similar they are to different religions. One week to go!





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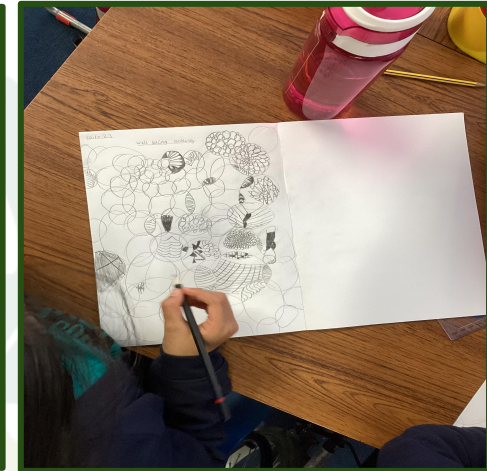
### Year 2

This week has been so busy for the children in Year 2. Literacy started with writing an interesting non-chronological report about The Great Fire of London, using the 3 skills taught in previous lessons. It is amazing to see the links they are making with Gillian Clements' book and the technical vocabulary they use in their writing. Literacy is linked with our Reading and the children enjoyed finding true and false statements from this event. Maths is all about number lines: placing and estimating numbers using intervals of 1 and 10, between and closer to the given number. However, the most enjoyable event this week was Maypole dancing where children practised their routines during the day and performed it in front of the parents in the afternoon. Thank you to all the parents who came.



### Year 3

On Tuesday this week, Year 3 considered the importance of mental health and wellbeing as part of Mental Health Awareness Day and completed an art focused wellbeing activity. This linked into our PSHE lesson for this week on positive affirmations where the children wrote their own positive messages to themselves. The children have also been busy writing their own Stone Age narratives based upon our Big Read book, Stone Age Boy. They have carefully considered what life would have been like in the Stone Age period and have used this to make their narratives as realistic as possible.



### Year 4

Year 4 have been busy showing their art skills by recreating their own book cover for the 'Viking Boy'. They have enjoyed experimenting different art techniques like shading to finalise which techniques they wanted for their final piece. To add to this, they have looked in detail at the history of mode of transport from the Viking era and compared it to modern day transportation. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the history lesson as they were able to make links to what they learnt on History Day, which took place a few weeks ago. Watch out for Class Dojo page where we will be posting the children's version of the front covers of Viking Boy.



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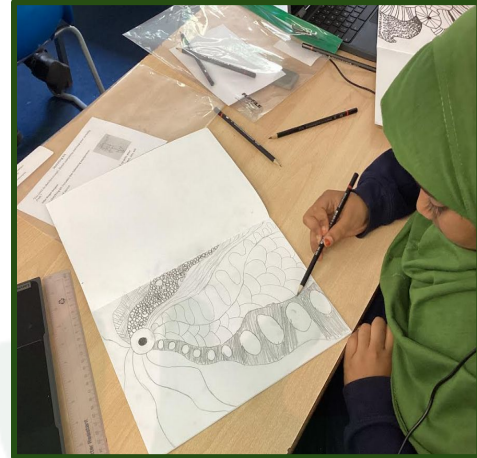
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### Year 5

This week, the children have explored what mental health is and techniques on how to look after their well-being. They wore green today to show awareness and took part in some calming, mindful activities in the afternoon.

As well as this, the children have completed their diary entries from the point of view of Oliver Twist. They have done a great job by getting into the characters shoes and portraying accurate thoughts and feelings. In History, the children have been discussing the Industrial Revolution and how this has impacted the world we live in now. The children are definitely grateful for all the Victorians have done!



### Year 6

This half term, the Year 6 have been writing a descriptive piece based on the Novel, The Chronicles of Narnia focusing on the different ways to build atmosphere! Bringing in their history knowledge of World War 2, the children have enjoyed exploring and discussing the different settings and atmospheres their character encounters whilst she is evacuated in the countryside. It has been fantastic to see the children be so creative with their writing and enjoy sharing and developing their ideas.

### 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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