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## Newsletter: 20th October 2023

Dear Parent & Carers,

I cannot believe that it is already the end of the term, and what a busy term it has been.

As always, the children have proven themselves a real credit to the school, their families and the wider community. Whenever our children go on trips or receive visitors, their exemplary behaviour and attitude is always remarked on. Our children are truly incredible.

This term, the children have participated in numerous workshops, clubs and extracurricular activities. If you would like to know more about, what your child has been experiencing at Montem, please sign up to our Twitter page (now known as X). If you have not already signed up, you are missing out. We currently have 200 followers and it would be incredible if the whole school community could follow us and like our posts. Our Twitter handle is @MontemAcademy.

I would like to thank all the parents for their ongoing support especially with our funding raising. This year we are aiming BIG. We hope that by this time next year we will have built our own Music and Film production studio, a Visual and Hearing Impaired specialist centre, and our Bio Domes to promote our Environment Studies and our desire for our children to learn how to protect the world; it is after all their world.

I wish you all a very happy half term break, spending quality time with your children and family.

Kind regards

Ms. A. Probert

### Parent Coffee Mornings

This week's parent coffee morning celebrated the end of the half term with a trip to Costa! Parents, accompanied by Mrs Bishop and Miss Kershaw, enjoyed hot drinks and sweet treats as they reflected on the school year so far and discussed half term plans. Thank you to Costa for being so welcoming and accommodating.

Parent coffee mornings are an excellent opportunity to connect with other parents, learn about topics such as mental health and managing finances, and have some 'you' time! If you're interested in joining our coffee mornings, they run every Wednesday from 8:50-10 am in the school canteen. Let Mrs Bishop know if you have any questions or just turn up!





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### Nursery

During our assessment week, teachers have had the opportunity to spend some quality time interacting and observing each child's unique set of abilities and talents. They have had fun making choices and have been encouraged to indicate their preferences at specific points and throughout their day. One of the highlights this week has been the excitement on children's faces as they used their self-registration cards to vote for a book. The most extraordinary thing about giving children choices is how it empowers them, and a skill that children will use for the rest of their lives.



### Reception

This week in reception we have been reading the story Elmer and doing activities linked to the story. We explored the themes in the story such embracing difference and friendships in our Jigsaw lessons plus we made Elmer representations on the art table by painting and using milk bottles to make Elmer.

We have also been working on numbers to 5, building our knowledge of counting, identifying and subitising to 5.



### Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children have been consolidating their learning and discussing what they have learned and remembered from this term. We have recapped what school was like in the 1600s when Guy Fawkes lived and what our senses are used for. The children have talked about kindness and being proud of their achievements in PSHE. We have learnt how to retrieve useful information from sources in History and labelled what we can see and what it might mean. To end the week we have dressed as famous artists and actors and embraced our creativity and imagination. The children have worked very hard during their first half term in year 1.





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### Year 2

Well done for all your hard work this week, Year 2! In English, we have been editing and publishing our non-chronological reports about The Great Fire of London. The children have learnt how to check their work for missing capital letters and full stops as well as finding spelling mistakes.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about place value, identifying which numbers are greater or smaller and putting them in order using the symbols  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$ .

We have really enjoyed the end of our History topic on The Great Fire of London - we created artwork to represent the fire and made houses out of boxes that we burnt in a recreation of the fire (See Twitter). We wish all of Year 2 and their families a restful half term.



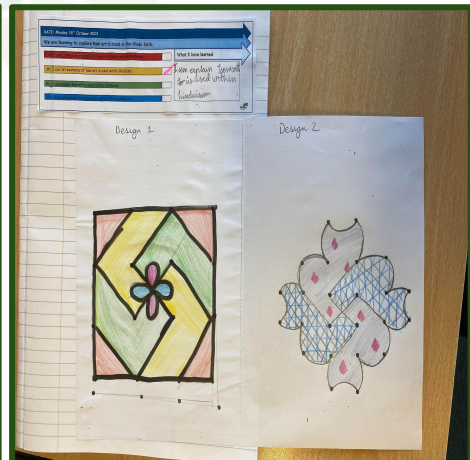
### Year 3

Autumn Term 1 has come to an end and we have been reflecting this week over the vast amount of knowledge we have developed since the beginning of September! Children have been learning about the place value, as well as developing their understanding of addition and subtraction. In History, we have concluded our learning about the Stone Age era by creating our own cave art, which was great fun! Students have also been learning about the Holi festival during their RE day. In Science, all pupils have been enjoying learning about the skeleton, joints and muscles. We hope you have a restful half-term break, we look forward to Autumn Term 2!



### Year 4

Year 4 started the week with RE day. We studied how Hindus who follow Hinduism worship and we used our drama skills to perform in our classes various forms of worship. Moreover, we looked at the Gods worshipped in Hinduism and made links to our own beliefs. Year 4 ended the topic by exploring how art is used in the Hindu faith and created vibrant rangoli which is created to celebrate festivals such as Diwali. Well done Year 4 for your engagement and enthusiasm!





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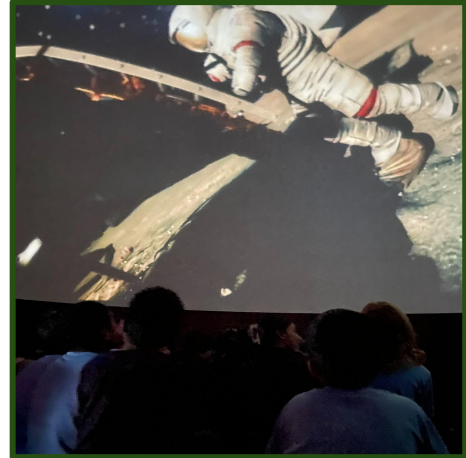
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### Year 5

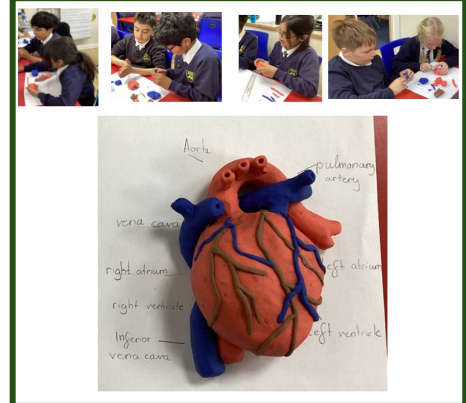
This week, Year 5 had a busy week wrapping up our topics for this half term. In History, we drew a timeline of the key events from the Victorian era, and made connections between various events. In Science, we learnt about why shadows form, and in Literacy, we published our diary entries. In maths, we continued with our topic of adding and subtracting, and working really hard at improving our arithmetic skills. On Wednesday, we got to experience the Wonderdome that visited the school. We felt like we were sitting in space, and got to see first-hand what we have been learning about this term. We also really enjoyed dressing up as artists on Thursday.



### Year 6

This week in our science lessons, the Year 6 students embarked on an exciting and hands-on exploration of the human heart. Putting their knowledge into action, they were challenged to bring their understanding to life by creating intricate 3D models using clay.

The challenge was to craft a model true to size, capturing all essential components. This hands-on approach not only deepened their understanding but also showcased their creativity. Well done Year 6!



### Inclusion - Visual Impairment and Sensory Room

Make sure you collect your blue token after shopping in Tesco. Find the Tesco Community Grant Stronger Start voting box and place your token in the box for Montem Academy. Encourage your friends and families to shop in Tesco so they can vote too!

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