



THE PARK FEDERATION

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MONTEM ACADEMY

Everyone to Excel through Pride and Ambition

Newsletter: 3rd November 2023

Dear Parent & Carers,

It has been fantastic to see all the pupils back in school and eager to continue with their learning. This term, as always, promises to be a very busy and exciting term. During our Meet the Teacher meeting, I announced that we have a vision for all children to develop artistically. I am pleased to announce that this vision is beginning to take shape.

At Montem, we now offer Years 3 and 4 weekly Ukulele lessons and pupils across Key Stage 2 with the opportunity to participate in guitar lessons. This term, Year 5 will begin learning to play the violin, whilst Year 2 will be learning to play the recorder. In addition to this; children from across Key Stage 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to participate in drumming lessons at lunchtime and to be part of the Rock Steady Band. Over the coming weeks, the school will also be providing our children with the opportunity to learn how to play the Steel Pans and parents with the opportunity to join our parent-drumming workshop. Music is not the only form of art we are promoting. Montem has its very own after school drama club and this term we will be offering a dance club. We are also providing pupils with the opportunity to participate in Art Master Classes, focusing on sketching and using paints on canvases. I am sure you will agree that your child is being provided with an array of opportunities to develop artistically and to develop an appreciation for all forms of art.

It really is going to be a very busy term.

Ms. A. Probert

Dates for your Diary

5th November (5pm):
Family Firework Night

7th November (11 - 2.30pm):
Total Vocal Choir - St Mary's Church

8th November (9 - 10:30am):
Parent Coffee Morning
(Behaviour advice from Mental Health Support Team)

Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 2 : 95.6%
2nd place: Year 4 : 95.5%
3rd place: Year 5 : 93.7%

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

CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to 6B Sequoia for achieving the highest attendance rate with an amazing 98.5% attendance. They will be rewarded on Monday with a visit from the Little Musketeers for a fencing lesson. I would like to personally thank all of our parents for bringing their children to school every day.





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Nursery

This week we have been learning about local heroes and what makes somebody a hero? The children focused on who are their heroes and what makes them so special. We thought about a hero in our everyday lives like our family and friends, who love and care for us by always being there when we need them the most. We made amazing superhero masks for them! We learnt who Guy Fawkes was and we have been reciting the poem 'Remember, Remember the 5th of November'. We have also learned about firework safety and made some beautiful, glittery firework pictures.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities such as making penguins, threading snowmen faces and exploring different antarctic animals in the tuff tray. We have been busy looking at animals that live in the Antarctic and how they live. During our work on Understanding of the World, we have been learning all about road safety and talking about the importance of following road safety rules.



Year 1

This week in year 1 the children have come back with a positive attitude to learning with all the children showing an interest in our new science and geography topics. We took part in a geography skills day on Tuesday where the children walked around the key stage 1 building and created their own maps. We also explored Google Earth, some maps and globes where the children identified where they live as well as other countries. In science the children looked at the material wood, as a part of our everyday materials topics. We learnt about where our pencils come from and how paper comes from trees to the classroom. The children also got to explore different materials and talk about their properties and what makes them similar and different.





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Year 2

This week in Year 2, children have enjoyed learning about our new geography topic, Landmarks Around the World. In reading, the children took the book, *Katie in London*, home, which they will be reading for the whole term. Children have learnt to predict the text using clues in the pictures and the title. They have also answered retrieval questions of the text using highlighters to show where they get their answers. In science, the children really enjoyed experimenting with different materials to test which is the most suitable for a child's cup.



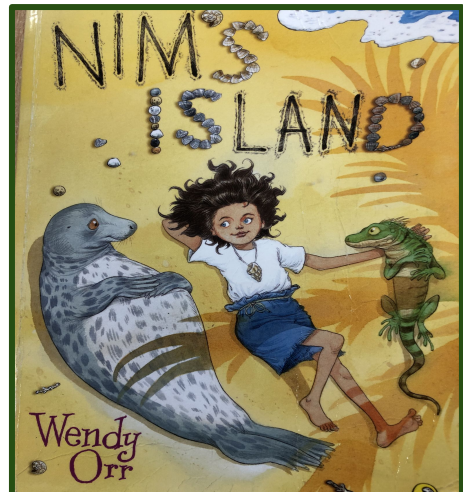
Year 3

Welcome back after the half term break! Children came back to the school with a smile and a positive attitude towards learning. In comprehension, students approached a new text: 'The Pebble in my Pocket', written by Meredith Hooper. The book is focused on prehistory. In literacy, children were reading the text 'This morning I met a whale'. They were investigating how to write a fictional narrative. In science, pupils learned about magnetic force. Pupils can locate south and north poles. Thank you, children, for all your hard work and dedication this week.



Year 4

This week in Year 4, children have enjoyed beginning our new Big Read book - *Nim's Island* written by Wendy Orr. We began with a 'Hook' lesson where the children enjoyed a 360 degree virtual tour of an island so they could use their senses to create an image. By listening to the island sounds and using any prior knowledge the children were then able to begin our learning journey towards being able to write a fabulous descriptive setting. We are also going to be creating an exotic fruit salad to allow the pupils to have a 'totally tropical' taste sensation.





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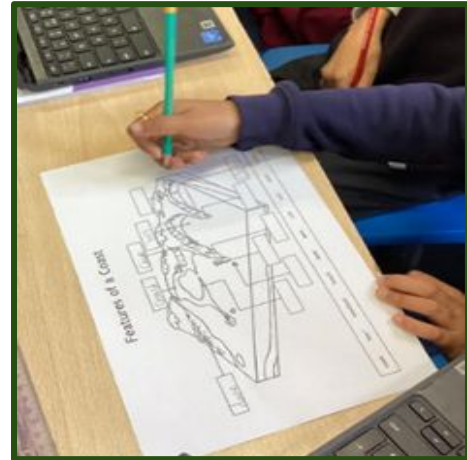
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Year 5 - Year 5 have kicked off the start of the half term with RE day. The children have been learning about Christianity and what the Stations of the Cross are. They also took part in a Geography Skills Day where they started their learning journey on coasts. The children worked on different skills that will be needed for this topic such as locating areas on a map, the features of a coast, and also drawing route maps. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and are looking forward to learning lots more about coasts.

The children have also begun their new topic in science about materials and will be learning about lots of different types of materials and what they are used for. Well done for a fantastic week!



Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children took part in a Vache Baroque workshop. The children watched an interactive, musical performance which told the story of the History of Sound. The children then had the opportunity to become 'Junior Agents' and work alongside talented musicians to create long and short sounds and create different sound waves before exploring different musical instruments such as the violin! The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and have been clearly inspired by the experience!



Inclusion - Visual Impairment and Sensory Room

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