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MONTEM ACADEMY

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Newsletter: 17th November 2023

Dear Parent & Carers

This year, Montem Academy is focusing on the act of kindness.

Kindness is free – and can be hugely beneficial to those around you! Being kind to someone can make their whole day better. It can even change their life!

Evidence shows that helping others by being kind can also benefit our own mental health and wellbeing. For example, it can reduce stress as well as improve mood, self-esteem and happiness. There are so many ways to help others as part of our everyday lives. Good deeds needn't take much time or cost any money.

This week, the children of Montem have shown some great acts of kindness, from keeping the school grounds free from litter, saying hello to visitors, asking each other if they are having a great day and even sharing reward and prizes with each other.

Each week, Montem will be recognising pupils who have shown acts of kindness to others not for a reward or a prize but because it is the right thing to do. These pupils will feature in our weekly newsletter praising their kindness and for being wonderful members of our school community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Probert

Dates for your Diary

21st November:
Parents' Evening 3.30pm

23rd November:
Year 2 Roald Dahl Museum
Trip

30th November 2023:
Jack and the Beanstalk
Pantomime

Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 2: 96.4%
2nd place: Year 4 : 96.3%
3rd place: Year 5: 96.1%

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

Acts of Kindness:
Thank you for being
you.





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Nursery

This week we are delighted to say that we took part in World Nursery Rhyme Week. This year's nursery rhymes were, 'Jack and Jill', 'Hickory Dickory Dock', 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes', 'Row, row, row your boat' and 'The wheels on the bus'. Check out the mice we made out of playdough! Nursery Rhymes are like rocket fuel for a child's development, but why? This initiative promotes the importance of nursery rhymes and has a focus on early language and literacy skills. Experts in literacy and child development have discovered that if a child knows 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually among the best readers by the time they're 8!



Reception

This week in Reception the pupils have been learning all about the continent Asia.

We have been focusing on the book 'Eyes That Kiss in the Corners' and have been engaging in lots of writing and creative things about the book. We have been learning about the different animals found in Asia and have been making representations of famous attractions in Asia like the Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal. In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and describing them by finding out about their properties.



Year 1

Last Friday we had a 'Gum bug' workshop come to visit year 1. They learnt about their mouth, teeth and gums, how to look after them and what happens to them if they do not. They were allowed to look inside a mouth and they made teeth from play. Lots of fun for all! This week, we have been working hard practicing our song 'Moana-How far I'll go'. On Wednesday, we performed in front of Ms Probert. We need to keep practicing ready to sing in front of all of the parents. In Geography this week, we were looking at things made by nature or humans, discussing what we can see and who made it, we then had a walk around the school to find real things. In maths we have been looking at less, more or equal quantities. In phonics we continue to look at new sounds and words and in science we are looking at the properties of Metal. It has been a very busy week.





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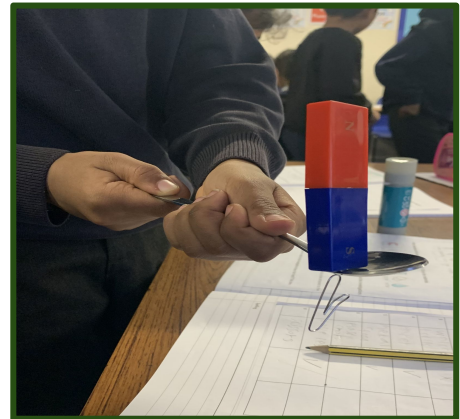
Year 2

We have had a great week in Year 2 learning our new skill, how to write a recount letter. Year 2 writers have used the links between the Big Reading book and geography to plan for their recount letter about London landmarks. Year 2 mathematicians have been adding numbers to 100 by identifying number bonds to 10. They have been adding by making 10 first using base 10 resources. In reading, Year 2 readers have been making inferences from the text using the evidence from the text and what they already know. The children have enjoyed reading 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew and spotting the different landmarks in London. We had the highest attendance last week so we had a fencing session as a treat on Monday and we enjoyed it so much.



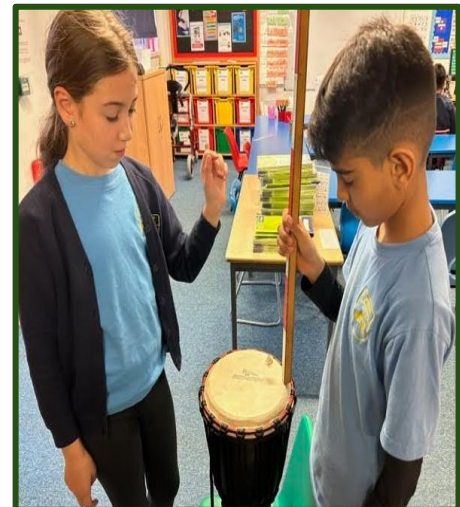
Year 3

This week, the Year 3 children have been demonstrating what amazing scientists they are. Our current topic is 'Magnets and Forces' and the children had been asked to plan an investigation to find out more about magnets. They came up with some wonderful ideas but decided to find out whether a magnet would still be attracted to a paperclip through a variety of objects. The children were fascinated to see that the magnetic attraction between the magnet and paperclip was still strong between lots of different objects. It was a fun and engaging lesson and the children can't wait to conduct some more experiments over the next few weeks.



Year 4

This week, the children in year 4 have learnt about the volume of sound. They learnt that loudness is the amount of energy in the sound and that this creates different sized vibrations. They also learnt that sound is measured in decibels and the sound of a jet taking off is about 150 dB. The children enjoyed applying their learning when planning and conducting a fair test. They used a drum and a £1 coin to investigate the impact that changing the distance has on the volume. The children recorded their results on a table and next week they will be creating a line graph to show their results.





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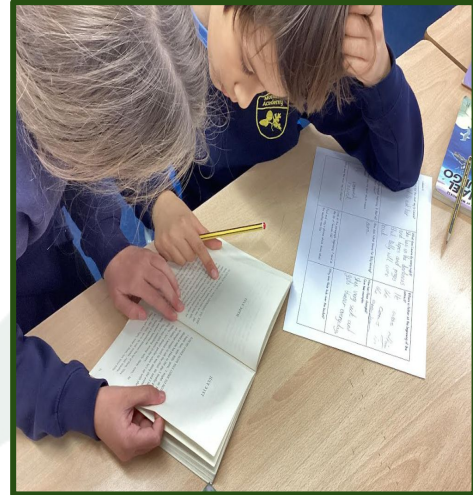
Year 5

This week, the Year 5's have been working really hard across the curriculum. The children are especially enjoying their Big Read book 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar' and are excited to find out what will happen next in the story.

In Science, the children are continuing to learn about materials and their properties. They also conducted an experiment to see which materials would be best for a blackout curtain.

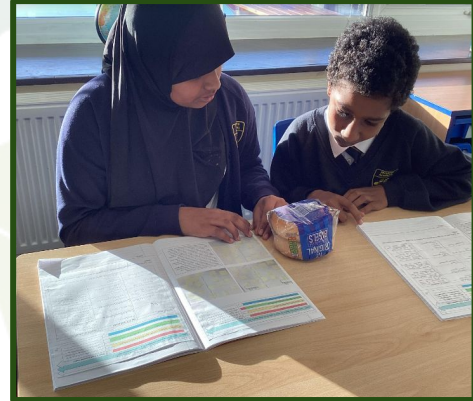
In geography, the children have been learning about coastal features and how they have been created. The children have found this fascinating and it has given them the incentive to look out for these features next time they're on the coast!

In literacy, the children have started their writing piece on a descriptive setting. They will be describing a storm on the coast and will be using suitable vocabulary to create a vivid picture in the reader's mind. Well done Year 5.



Year 6

This week in Year 6, our students delved deeper into their exploration of healthy eating. They focused on snacks, examining what makes them healthy or unhealthy. Bringing in various food packages, they analyzed nutritional content, exploring calories, vitamins, sodium levels, and sugars. This insightful discussion equipped them to make informed choices about healthy eating. They were astonished by the sugar content in the snacks they brought, highlighting the significance of understanding sugar intake for both children and adults. This engaging lesson is empowering our students to make healthier food choices.



Inclusion - We need your votes for our Visual Impairment Centre and Sensory Room

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