



**THE PARK FEDERATION**

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## Newsletter: 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw near to the end of term, I would like to thank all of you for working with us to support your children's education.

In particular I would like to express my appreciation to those parents whose children have excellent attendance, and arrive at school promptly. It makes such a positive difference to the children's learning.

We are looking forward to next year, and working together with you to support your children as they continue to learn and develop.

I am really excited about this year's Festive Production. Your children have worked so hard on their performances and this year's show promises to be our best yet. We will also have donation boxes available at the end of the show for those who wish to contribute to support our designated charity. All proceeds will be going to Action Aid and to provide our children with opportunities to develop their love of the Performing Arts.

I hope you enjoy your holidays, and look forward to seeing many of you at our Festive Productions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Probert

### Dates for your Diary

12th December :  
School Christmas Production  
(9.30am & 2pm **BOOK ON PARENT PAY**)

13th December:  
Christmas Jumper Day

15th December:  
2pm School closes for  
Christmas Holidays

### Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 6: 96.4%  
2nd place: Year 5: 95.6%  
3rd place: Year 3: 95.3%

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

**Acts of Kindness:**  
Thank you for  
being you.



Warda Qazi



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### Nursery

We are coming to the end of a busy term that has been jam-packed with festive fun. This week, the children have been really enjoying getting into the festive season! Christmas is such a magical time for the children and we have had lots of exciting activities to make their learning really special. We have been learning about the first Christmas through stories and songs. Our imaginative play area turned into a Christmas house and the children enjoyed decorating our massive Christmas tree. They showed great engagement in making crafts, especially their very first Christmas cards. This activity was aimed to encourage the children to think of others and experience the feeling of joy and satisfaction from creating things for their nearest and dearest. We have also been rehearsing for our Christmas show and can't wait to make you proud next week!



### Reception

This week in Reception, we have been reading Biblioburro. Children have enjoyed learning all about South America and the countries within the continent.

We have been consolidating our learning about repeating patterns. Children have used a range of resources such as large pegs, colours, shapes, cubes and blocks to make their own repeating patterns. We have enjoyed making masks and decorating them with gems.

We have been continuing to develop our fine motor skills through cutting a range of shapes and patterns.

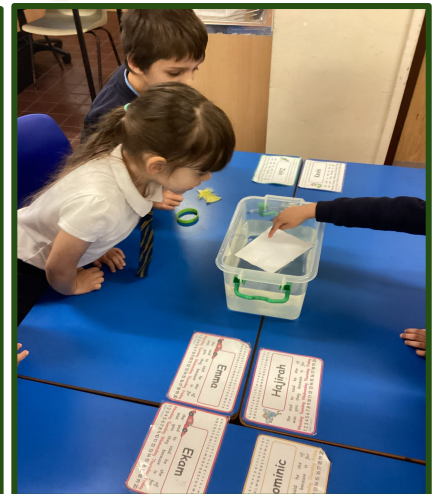
Children have been working exceptionally hard on our performance and are rearing to show everyone their amazing singing.



### Year 1

This week has been a very busy week for the children who have been practicing the song for the performance next Tuesday. They have come such a long way. Ms Probert was very proud yesterday when she heard them. We have also been benchmarking the children for their reading and assessing their phonic knowledge with a new system. In between that, the children have carried on with their daily lessons in class, such as Phonics, Maths, Geography and Science, completing experiments with floating and sinking materials.

The children are all excited about all the different events happening at school - Pyjama Day, dressing up for the performance and the performance itself. Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and the Christmas party next Wednesday. Finally, to finish the week, it's the end of term next Friday.





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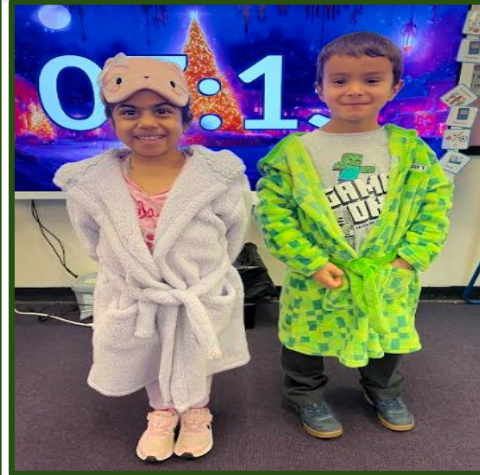
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### Year 2

Year 2 children have had a very busy week with the build up to our festive production. The pupils have been working hard to practice the song and are really enjoying themselves in the process. In Geography, we have been learning about landmarks around the world and have been locating them in different continents. The children were delighted to sing the continents song which they had already learnt in Year 1. On Friday, was pyjama day where children wore pajamas and evening gowns to raise money for the charity, Save The Children, and the schools BioDome. The children also had the opportunity to buy popcorn, glow sticks and lots of delicious cake. What a great day to end the week!



### Year 3

Year 3 have been busy rehearsing for their musical theatre production next week and we can't wait to showcase all our hard work to parents. In Geography, we have been learning about plastic pollution and the impact that it is having on marine creatures. In Science, we investigated which objects around the classroom are magnetic and considered why this was the case. We finished publishing our narratives in Literacy this week and began to create a front cover for our writing by drawing a whale and creating an ocean background. On Friday, some Year 3 children were lucky enough to participate in Bikeability. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their cycling skills.



### Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been very busy with the build up to our Musical Theatre production. The pupils are all very excited to be performing to their families next Tuesday. We have also been practising for the MTC times tables test that all Year 4 pupils need to take in Spring 2. This has been going well and the children are becoming more proficient with all of their times tables. Thursday was our RE Day and we were learning about Christianity and the important dates that Christians celebrate throughout the year.

We have enjoyed Pyjama Day and we will share some images with you soon.





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### Year 5

This week, some Year 5 pupils completed the Bikeability course. While it was cold out there, they learnt about being safe on the roads when riding their bikes and had so much fun. In Geography, we learnt about the different ways that humans are trying to slow down the effects of coastal erosion by using coastal defences. In Science, we experimented with different materials to test which one makes the best thermal insulator. In Literacy, we put together our descriptive stories that we have been working on. We published our writing, used our art pieces to create a cover, gave our piece a title and even wrote a blurb for the back cover. We were also lucky enough to have a visit from the police department, who taught us all about cyber bullying.



### Year 6

This week, Christmas came early for Year 6 pupils as they experienced the magic of pantomime by watching 'Aladdin' at the Theatre Royal, Windsor. The amazing sets and costumes, energetic dance routines, cheesy jokes and flawless performances by stars like Basil Brush, brought the enchanting story of Aladdin to life. The trip, which was part of Montem's 'Childhood Promise', captivated the children's imaginations, bringing laughter and joy to all. We know the children's performances for the festive production, next week, will be all the better as they have taken inspiration from what they saw.



**Inclusion - We need your votes for our Visual Impairment Centre 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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