

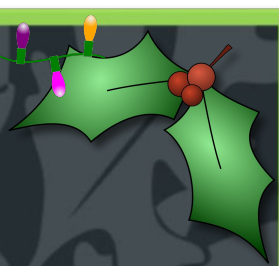


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## Newsletter: 15th December 2023

Dear Parent & Carers,

We've had a wonderful last week of term, with so much activity in school. Your children performed beautifully in our Festive Productions, I hope you had an opportunity to see not just your own child, but all the other children, in different year groups - there is so much talent in Montem Academy.

We were thrilled to raise £314 for Action Aid. Their mission statement states that they work to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication by working with people living in poverty and exclusion, their communities, people's organisations, activists, social movements and supporters.

You can visit their website at [actionaid.org.uk](https://www.actionaid.org.uk).

Father Christmas visited the classrooms in Key Stage 1 as well, and was greeted with excitement and some puzzled looking faces trying to guess if Father Christmas was related to any staff members!

Whilst children and staff are all ready for the holiday, we are looking forward to the new Spring Term and working alongside yourselves to support your children in their learning and development.

On behalf of all the staff here at Montem, we wish you a very happy Festive Holiday!

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Probert

### Dates for your Diary

January 3rd 2024: all staff and children back to school.

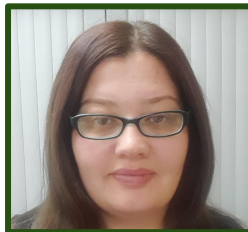
### Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 5: 94.4%  
2nd place: Year 1 : 92.1%  
3rd place: Year 6: 91%

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

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



Hafsa Haseeb



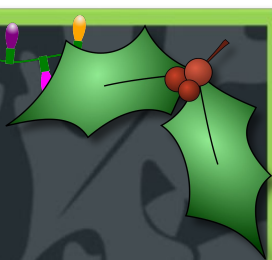


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### Nursery

We have been preparing for this week with excitement and joy. We decorated our classroom with our amazing paintings and we decorated our Christmas tree together. On the day of our first performance, we arrived dressed in festive clothes, full of festive spirit and ready to perform in front of our parents.

What a dazzling performance by nursery children! Parents were stunned as they listened to children sing and watched them acting out The Gingerbread Man story. The audience joined us in singing the final song, wishing each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! By the end of the week, the most important guest visited our classroom to distribute his presents to the children from his "Nice List." This year, all of our children received a gift!



### Reception

This week, Reception thoroughly enjoyed performing our Lion King number. The children have worked incredibly hard on learning the lyrics and actions to the song and we were proud to pull it off with an excellent atmosphere. Reception has had other Christmas celebrations this week where Santa visited, even though I am sure he is extremely busy, and we also enjoyed dancing and playing games at our Christmas party on Wednesday. We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful festive break and a Happy New Year!



### Year 1

This week, the children have been enjoying some winter activities such as making snowflakes and paper chains to decorate their classrooms. We started the week off with our performance of "How Far I'll Go" from the film Moana. The children really enjoyed dressing up in their summer/Hawaiian clothes during this cold winter month and having the opportunity to perform in front of their parents. We had our class parties on Wednesday where we watched films, danced and shared snacks in our potluck. We had a fun learning day on Thursday, where we learned about Christianity and the religious festivals that Christians celebrate. The children have had a great end to their term this week and we hope they have a restful and well-deserved break.





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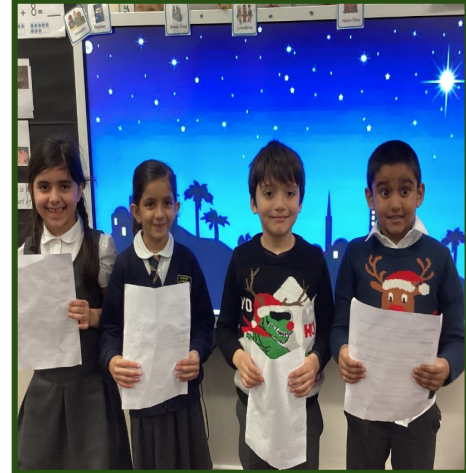


### Year 2

What a wonderful end to a wonderful term, Year 2! You performed brilliantly at the festive performance this week; all that hard work definitely paid off. It has been a real privilege to teach you all this term. You have all made great progress in all the subjects we have covered and you have shown developing maturity in the way you approach your learning.

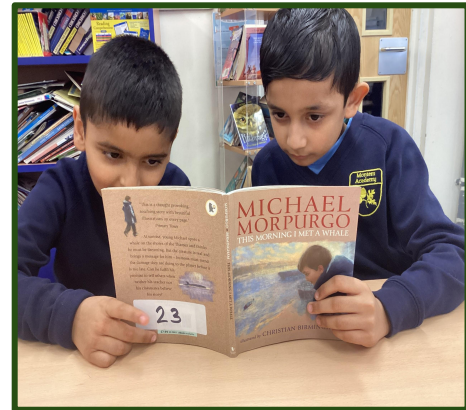
This week has been busy, but enjoyable. As well as our performance on Tuesday, we have had our Tinsel Top Day, Christmas Lunch, RE Day, and a Christmas party.

In RE Day, we learned all about Christianity and how Christians around the world celebrate Christmas at this time of year. We also retold the story of the Wise Men. We wish all our children and families a peaceful holiday and we are looking forward to seeing you all in January. Year 2 Team



### Year 3

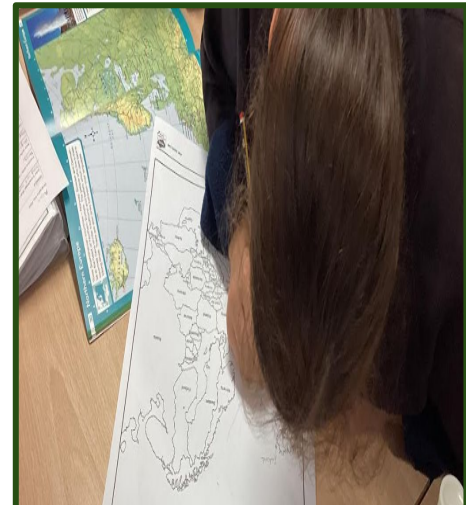
As we approach the end of term, Year 3 have been busy taking part in a range of Christmas activities. At the start of the week, the children showcased their wonderful singing as part of the school's musical theatre production. They also enjoyed their Christmas dinner and getting to wear their Christmas jumpers as well as having their class Christmas parties. This week, the children finished reading *This Morning I Met a Whale* in Big Read, and it has been wonderful to see so many children inspired to do more to protect the planet, particularly in terms of reducing plastic pollution. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school in January after their well-earned break.

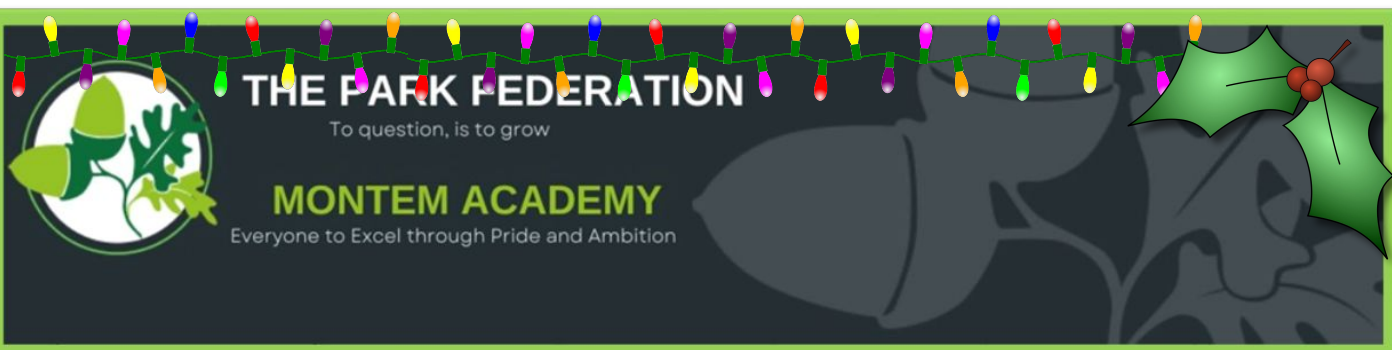


### Year 4

The children have worked exceptionally hard this term and we are so proud of all they have achieved. It has been wonderful to see them a step closer to their targets and celebrate their many successes. In addition, they put on a spectacular Christmas musical performance from 'The Sound of Music.' They sang their hearts out and were a joy to watch and listen to. It was certainly enjoyed by all. Christmas lunch, RE Day and class parties have also been enjoyed this week.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support this year; it has been much appreciated. Have a happy, safe and peaceful holiday, and we look forward to another successful term in Spring!

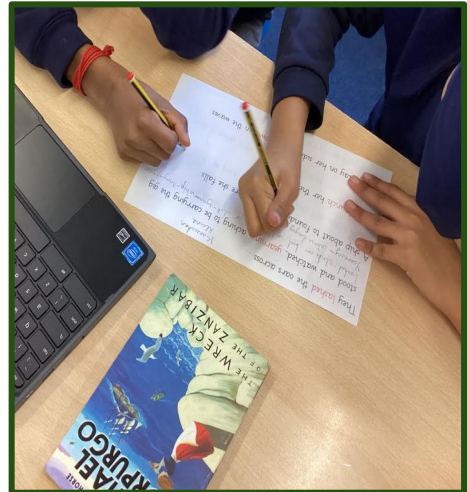




**Year 5**

As we approach the Christmas holidays, the children have been taking part in different activities. They impressed the parents with their wonderful singing at the Festive Production. I'm sure they will remember this performance for a long time. As well as this, they have completed reading *The Wreck of the Zanzibar* in Big Read - the children thoroughly enjoyed this story and have been inspired by the writing style.

The children took part in Christmas Jumper Day and also did some fun Christmas activities in the classroom for their party. The children have worked extremely hard this term and deserve a well-earned break. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas holiday with your friends and family, and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back in January.



**Year 6**

This week, the children in Year 6 proudly performed in Montem's Musical Production. They showcased their artistic talents by hand-making costume accessories and props, learned musical instruments, including the drums and steel pans and learned a choreographed routine. To add to their many artistic skills, the children learned and performed verses of the song 'We Know The Way' in Samoan and Tokelauan. Whilst performing, the children sang with pride and enthusiasm, demonstrating their passion for and love for the performing arts. The year 6 teachers are extremely proud of the children and look forward to seeing their performance skills develop even further through the year.



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

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