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Newsletter: 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term, we hope you all enjoyed the festive break.

There are several important dates coming up, particularly the school census. This is an important date when all the information we share impacts on the funding we receive. It is therefore paramount that children are in school and on time on that date, to make sure we receive the funding the children are entitled to. To make it a little more exciting for the children we have a special menu of their favourite lunches, it will be a free non-uniform day, and all children arriving on time will receive an extra DOJO point.

Regarding lunches, please can you make an extra effort to ensure that funds are available in your ParentPay accounts, and liaise with the school office quickly if this is not the case, to avoid children missing out on their chosen lunch. If we text you to ask you to add funds, we need you to phone the school office to confirm once this has been done. Can I also remind you that you can order your children's lunches from home.

There is a lot of unnamed lost property in the school office, so from Monday 5th February to Wednesday 7th February it will be laid out in the canteen after school for you to come and collect. After half term anything left over will be donated to charity or disposed of. Please can you ensure that all your children's belongings are named so that, if found, they can be returned to them.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Probert

Dates for your Diary

School Census Day Thursday
18th January 2024 -
Non-uniform day

Term ends Thursday 8th
February 2024

Lost Property 5th - 7th
February 2024

Friday 9th February 2024 -
INSET DAY

Attendance

The Year Group with the best
attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 3: 96.2%
2nd place: Year 5: 95.8%
3rd place: Year 2: 95.7%

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

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



Tabica
Mazavache



Cademia
Alexandru



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Nursery

Our children returned to school with a big smile and settled back to our rules and routines. We learned about the New Year celebrations and remembered what we had done last year. We looked through our Tapestry Learning Journals photos feeling pride in our achievements. We also made plans for the New Year 2024 and learned to talk about the future. From Monday we started learning about emotions from happiness, to fear, to excitement, confusion, anger and boredom. We listened to stories and tried to describe emotions of the characters and our own. To prepare for the opening of our library, we discussed Book Rules and are ready to borrow our first books and treat them with respect. Great learning, Nursery!



Reception

This week in Reception we have been focusing on the theme superheroes. The children have been reading Elliot The Midnight Superhero. They have also been making their own superhero masks and superhero handcuffs. In maths we have been ordering our numbers from 1-10 and doing it backwards from 10-1. The children had great fun drawing a number line outside with chalk.



Year 1

Last week we welcomed the year 1 children back, as well as Mrs Mirza who is the new Teacher for 1 Sequoia. We have observed that the children have come back after the break with a renewed enthusiasm for learning, let's keep it up. We have enjoyed a History day about "Dinosaurs" our topic for the term. We also had a visitor talking about "Stranger Danger". In Maths we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We are also learning about Fact Families - numbers that make 5/10 and inbetween. In Science this week the children investigated 4 items to find out which ones were waterproof. Next they tried to make an umbrella with the most waterproof material from their investigation. Which the children really enjoyed well done. The new spelling sheets went out on Monday for the term. From all the teachers in year 1.





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Year 2

We are so happy in Year 2 to welcome back the children for another incredible academic term. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the parents/carers a Happy New Year. In Maths they have worked hard adding and subtracting numbers to 100 using different methods to show the working out. In Literacy, the children have been learning the three skills that they will include in their narrative text. They have been learning about commas in a list, present tense and expanded noun phrases. Year 2 readers continued to read the book 'Man on the Moon' and they are enjoying this fictional story which is about the theme of littering and aliens! The children have enjoyed reading with the teacher and sharing their favourite books with the whole class. Well done for a fantastic week Year 2!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the new term. To launch our new history topic on the Romans, the children visited the Roman Verulamium Museum. They had the opportunity to dress up as Romans, participate in a Roman Market workshop and see lots of ancient artefacts and ruins.

In science this week, the children had the opportunity to participate in an elements afternoon where they learnt about weathering and erosion and were faced with the task of finding a way to slow down the erosion process.

The children have enjoyed beginning to read our new Big Read book, 'The Journal of Iliona' and have developed their retrieval skills to answer questions.



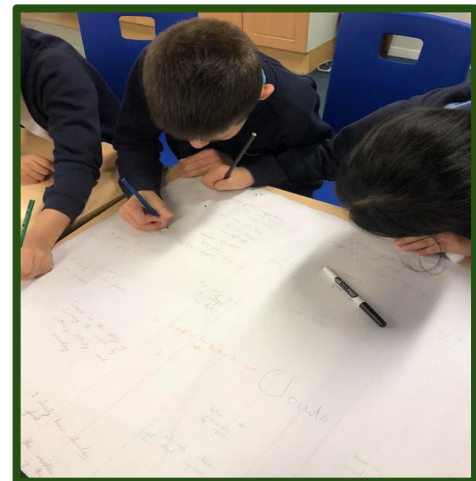
Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed the start of the new term. We have begun our new Big Read book - The Mark of the Cyclops, which links to our History topic - Ancient Greeks.

On Thursday, the children really enjoyed our Science afternoon where we linked our prior learning to States of Matter and made the connection to the elements.

The children were able to explore their knowledge of the water cycle and discovered how clouds are formed whilst investigating how to make a cloud in a jar.

In Literacy, we looked at the features of a myth and used our skills lesson to work on King Midas and the Golden Touch as our linked myth. During our History Skills Day, the children created a vertical timeline to show their time at school so far.





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Year 5

Year 5 started this week off with their History Skills day. They learnt how to identify if sources are reliable or unreliable, order events chronologically and communicate historically. This will equip them with the skills needed to complete their lessons this term all about the Aztecs. In Literacy, they started planning their narrative piece about a character who travels back in time to the time of the Aztecs. In Science, we planned an experiment to test what affects the rate of dissolving. They also enjoyed making wind turbines during Elements day on Thursday afternoon. In Mathematics, the children continued with comparing and ordering fractions, and in Big Read, we made inferences about characters' relationships and retrieved information to answer questions. In PSHE, the children thought about what they wanted their lives to look like when they grow up, and what they need to do to achieve those dreams and goals.



Year 6

For History Skills Day, pupils in Year 6, researched about reliability and interpretation of contradicting sources from the same time. They analysed oil canvas paintings of Christopher Columbus' arrival to South America and were fascinated by the grand costumes adorned in that era by the soldiers. They also looked at images of ancient Egyptians, their new unit for this term, and asked questions they would like to learn about in their learning journey. The most intriguing image was of crime and punishment in ancient Egypt! Pupils also researched on the reign of pharaohs from the eighteenth dynasty and placed some of the significant figures on their class timeline.



Inclusion - Visual Impairment and Sensory Room

LAST WEEKEND!

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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