

April/May 2023

Montrose School

Achieving, Caring, Aspiring



Have a lovely half-term break. Fingers crossed for sunshine!



What a great half-term it has been at Montrose with SATs, celebrations, trips and a production to keep us busy!

Coronation Celebrations

How lucky we were that the rain held off so we could have our Coronation picnic. The children had great fun, dressing up in red, white and blue, making coronation crafts and artwork and enjoying a wonderful picnic with dancing from Mr Sargisson!

SATs

The children in Year 6 have worked incredibly hard during their SATs and we know they have all done their best to show off their learning. The children in Year 2 are also doing their SATs although not under such strict conditions. We want to say a huge thank you to the children in all the other year groups who have worked really quietly while the tests took place.

Hoodwinked

Year 3 and 4 wowed us with their fantastic production of Hoodwinked last week. The tale of Robin Hood was brought to life through some fantastic acting and singing. Well done to all of the children who took part particularly those who had solos! Thank you to the Year 3 and 4 team for their hard work in putting this production together.



Buxton Residential

This week many of our Year 3 children are enjoying a residential visit to Buxton. They will visit lots of exciting places including Sudbury Hall, Chatsworth House Farm and Playground, Poole's Cavern and Trentham Monkey Forest. A big thank you to the members of staff who are taking them on the trip.

Sun Safety

Now that the weather is getting warmer can we ask you to put sun cream on before your child comes to school and send them with a hat if it is going to be particularly hot.

PTA Events

Our summer fete is on Friday the 30th of June after school.



We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag with Merit. Very well done to the Eco Schools Committee who have worked so hard on this over the course of the year!

Tip for May

Turn off the Taps: Let's remember to turn off the taps when brushing our teeth and lathering our hands to save water. This can help reduce water wastage and conserve this precious resource.

Every single action helps because...

When lots of little people

Do lots of little things

The lots of little things

Add up to lots of big changes

A big thank you to Councillor Elaine Pantling who visited Year 2 to help them learn lots about Alice Hawkins and her contribution to the suffragette movement.

Attendance - week beginning 8/5/23

We were above national by +0.1%. Years 5 and 6 were the highest attending year groups.

Holidays and Absence during term time

Holiday absence will not be authorised during term time except in exceptional circumstances. It is very important that all families understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays, and unexplained absences are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Leicester City Council.

Absence through illness

Obviously, attendance levels are affected by illness, particularly colds and tummy bugs. We encourage all parents to send their children into school wherever possible. However, if they have been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep them off school until they have been symptom free for a minimum of 48 hours to prevent the bug spreading throughout the school community as this has a significant, adverse effect on attendance levels of both children and staff.

Medical Appointments

We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours as these appointments will affect your child's percentage attendance. We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations, are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However, if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration and then leave, this will have a positive impact on their attendance figure. Likewise, if they are able to be back into school for afternoon registration this will also have a positive impact.



Nursery

Coronation fun in the nursery. The children dressed up in their best 'Royal' outfits, crowns and tiaras.



Reception

We have been busy drawing ladybirds and been finding bugs in our outdoor area. We have also been learning about doubles and teen numbers, and how many tens and ones are in a number. We had a great time exploring colour using water colours and created spider webs using wax crayons and paint to create the web.



Year 1

The children enjoyed a visit from Zoo Lab and got the chance to see lots of amazing animals and learn interesting facts about them.



Year 2



What an amazing day we had at Warwick Castle! The children were absolutely fantastic and a real credit to the school. Our highlights were definitely the spectacular birds of prey, seeing the enormous trebuchet fire and of course the fantastic Zog playground!



Year 3

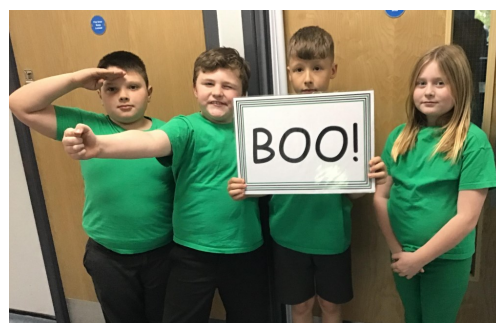
This term, we have been working hard at learning lines and singing songs for our production. We delivered a brilliant performance for our family and friends. We also have been learning about money and telling the time in maths. We are trying hard at telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. In English, we have been writing adventure stories and have had opportunities to edit and review our work with our peers before publishing them in neat.



Year 4

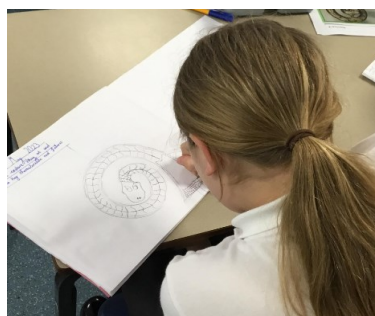
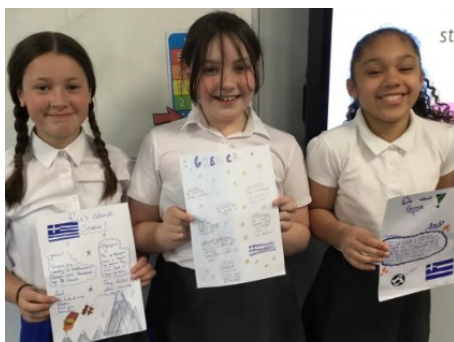
National Finalists!

Well done to all Year 4 children who worked fantastically hard answering lots of times table questions for the online competition we entered. We came 2nd in the regional round so were put through to the national final stage, where we managed to come 28th - a great achievement seeing as nearly 2000 schools entered it! A special mention to Sofia who was awarded a special certificate for coming in the top 100 pupils out of over 100,000 that entered!



Year 5

We have been learning all about Greece in Geography and have made posters all about Greece. They have tasted some Greek foods including yoghurt, feta cheese, pitta with hummus and olives. They have also completed some Viking sketching.



Year 6

Last week Year 6 got to enjoy a range of activities at Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre including abseiling, kayaking, high ropes and paddle boarding. Their week of adventure ended with a canoe trip to Abbey Park for a picnic and games.

