

Friday 6th December



We are gradually getting closer to the end of a long and very busy term and hope that during the next two weeks many of you will get the chance to see our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 productions. Staff are busily preparing costumes and rehearsing songs, dances and speaking parts with the children. It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

Sport

Montrose entered the Year 5/6 dodgeball competition at Aylestone Leisure Centre last week. We had a lot to prove this year so we sent two teams. Unfortunately we were unable to retain the title 'Rutland and Leicestershire Dodgeball Champions' that we won last year, but both teams played really well and fun was had by all.

On Wednesday, we sent a squad of 34 children to Knighton Park for the second Leicester City Cross Country event. The year 3 and 4 children had to run 1200m. All of our children completed the course and also beat their position from last time. A fantastic effort! Year 5 and 6 also ran but had to run even further at a distance of 1500m. Some found it hard but showed resilience and were determined to complete the course. Again they also beat their positions from last time. I am so proud of their determination and hard work. Encourage them to keep attending cross country every week on Wednesday. I have promised them it will get easier! Newcomers welcome, all you need are trainers to change into as it takes place on the field.

A huge well done to everyone who took part, Miss Jackson.

Singing Day at Avenue Primary

Some of the Year 6 children went to take part in a mass singing day at Avenue school. There were 6 schools in total. We learnt songs from the musical 'Aladdin Trouble' and performed to friends and family in the afternoon. Everyone had a great day and the choir sounded amazing.

Thank you for representing the school so well, Mrs Draper.



Lunchtime Activities & After School Clubs

Monday

Y3/4 Football Training

Y1-5 Football

Y1-6 Street dance

Y2-3 Art Club

Tuesday

Y2-4 Girls' Multisport

Y4-6 Art

Y4-6 Minecraft

Y4-6 Netball

Wednesday

Y2-4 Boys' Multisport

Y3-6 Cross Country

Y3-6 Basketball

R-Y2 Multi-skills

Thursday

Y5-6 Street dance

Y5/6 Football Training

Y5-6 Football Training

Friday

Y5-6 Girls Football

Y1-6 Dodge Ball

Y2-3 Minecraft

Flu immunisations take place on Monday 9th December.

Any worries?

Our Family Support Worker, Donna McAteer, is available to support with a range of issues. Contact her at school or on 07378 285273.

Cross Country Photos



Year 4

Last week Y4 learnt how to keep their teeth healthy, what plaque is (a sticky, colourless film of bacteria and sugars that constantly forms on our teeth) and what causes cavities. As part of the lesson, the children had a disclosing chew tablet to show where plaque had formed on their teeth. They then had to use their toothbrushes to brush their teeth thoroughly to remove all the plaque! Hopefully today's lesson will encourage them all to remember to brush their teeth thoroughly twice a day from now on!

Christmas Fayre

It was lovely to see so many families at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. A big thank you for the hamper donations and to the Montrose Friends PTA for putting on another great event helping raise additional funds for those extras at school. Thank you also to Mrs Rupp, Mrs Draper and the choir for entertaining us with the songs they are performing in Birmingham in January.



Mr Rojas' Class

The children enjoyed taking part in a science afternoon last week at The Lancaster Academy.

Art Day

On Wednesday we had a **whole school** art day where the children from Y1 to 6 were put in mixed aged group classes to take part in different art activities. The children certainly inspired each other with their creativity!





Reception Craft Day

The children had a fun day with their families joining them to make winter themed decorations.



Tree Planting Event

As part of our Eco-Schools award, Miss Gillett and Sally (Woodland Trust) took 65 children picked from each class to the Montrose Open Space to plant trees. Armed with spades and wellies they planted some 150 - 200 trees to create a new hedgerow. Lots of different types of trees were planted including Silver Birch, Oak, Wild Cherry, Rowan and Dog Rose. The trees were donated free by the Woodland Trust.



St. Andrews Church

On Thursday 12th December Years 1-6 will be visiting the church for a Christmas Service. The children will walk to the church in the morning and return to school in time for lunch. On Thursday and Friday they may wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper in order to support 'Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day'. Donations will be greatly received as we MAKE THE WORLD BETTER WITH A SWEATER! A letter has been sent out this week with more information about the themed days we have planned for the last week of term e.g. tinsel Tuesday!



Help your child with **reading**

I spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Be seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

Get out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Go online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels... anything that is close to hand!

Reading Champions

Well done to the following children who have been nominated as the reading champion for their class this month. They will get to chose a book to be bought for their classroom library.

1BM - Travis	1M - David
2M - Callum	2R - Alfie
3B - Lauren	3G - Alan
4S - Jacob	4GM - Liam
5R - Mia	5D - Kevin
6O - Imogen	6D - Emma





A huge well done to the children who have been
awarded certificates over the last few weeks.

Mr Owens



Diary Dates

Monday 9th December

Flu Immunisations

Reception Class and Y6 to Granby Primary School

KS1 Production at 4.15pm

Tuesday 10th December

KS1 Production at 3.30pm

Wednesday 11th December

KS1 Production at 9.30am and at 2.00pm

Thursday 12th December

Church Visit Y1 - 6

Year 3 and 4 Party

Friday 13th December

Year 5 and 6 Party

Monday 16th December

Y1 and 2 Party

Tuesday 17th December

Foundation Stage Show 10.00am

Wednesday 18th December

Foundation Stage Show 10.00am

Thursday 19th December

Foundation Stage Show 10.00am

Friday 20th December

Last day of Term

Tuesday 7th January

Spring Term Starts

Tuesday 16th January

Basketball Event at New College - selected pupils

Tuesday 28th January

Year 1 trip to Beaumanor Hall

Tuesday 7th January

Spring Term Starts

Thursday 30th January

School Photographs

Friday 31st January

Jack and the Beanstalk Production

Friday 7th February

Number Day

Year 4

Last week, Year 4 went to the Southfield's Library to watch a performance of the Iron Man by a drama company called 'Graeae' who place deaf and disabled actors centre stage to showcase their amazing talents. The children all loved the show and asked some amazing questions to the actors in a question and answer session afterwards. Mr Sargisson



Please...

We have had a number of children off recently with sickness/ diarrhoea so thought it was a good time to remind you of the procedure to follow if your child is ill. In order to reduce the spread of the illness you should:

- Phone the office to notify them of absence daily.
- Make sure children stay off school for 48 hours following their last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.
- Remind your child that they should wash their hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, particularly after using the toilet.

Can I also remind you that children MUST NOT stay on the playground after school unsupervised.