

15th October 2021

# Montrose School

*Achieving, Caring, Aspiring*



*Thank you for attending our Progress Evenings this week*

The weeks have flown by and after a very busy start we have made it through to half - term! The children have settled in to the new academic year very well and have enjoyed school being back to normal with trips, clubs, visitors and activities enriching the curriculum. As we reach the end of this first half-term it is a good time for reflecting on their achievements so far including the many badges and certificates I have awarded in assemblies since the start of term.



## **National Poetry Day**

I would like to congratulate the children for their performances in our recent poetry slam, especially our Reception children as it was their first ever performance in assembly. Learning poetry is an important part of the curriculum and the children love having the opportunity to see the poems being performed.

## **Black History Month**

October is Black History Month which ties in really well with our school 'RESPECT' values. It is important that we recognise significant black people from history and their contributions to changing the views of society across the world. Lessons during the last two weeks have included learning about Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Walter Tull. We have also learnt about racism and why it is unacceptable.

Have a happy half - term break and see you on Monday 25th October ready for an epic 8 week term!

*A. Owens*

Mr Owens, Head teacher

Please remember that you need to phone in everyday if a child is poorly except for Covid cases where a return date has been agreed.



Our recent focus value was 'empathy' and teachers have been exploring this with their classes. Children in KS1 have been learning how to be understanding of others and how to be thoughtful. Children in KS2 have been learning how they can be fair, compassionate kind and courteous. We have been looking out for children who have demonstrated empathy within the classroom to receive a badge and a certificate in assembly. Below are some of the things the children have been doing.

In Year 1, the children looked at the word empathy and what it means, they went through the different words that could be used to describe empathy. They read the story The Rabbit, listened and discussed how empathy is shown. We discussed if they have shown an act of empathy.

Year 2 children explored what it means to show empathy (with the help of Elmo from 'Sesame Street') and learned about different ways they can show empathy to others in and out of school. It has been wonderful to see so many children in Year 2 showing empathy throughout the school day - from helping another child who's feeling sad to being sensitive to someone when they're having a difficult day.

Year 3 spoke about the words that are linked with empathy and discussed what they mean and how empathy can be show. Year 3 gave examples of how they have shown empathy towards others and how it has made them feel.

The children in Year 4 talked about empathy and discussed the differences between empathy and sympathy. The children were then asked to give examples of time where they had been empathetic and times when they have received some empathy.

Year 5 looked at the difference between empathy and sympathy. They looked at how they can be empathetic to others and also linked in to look at characters' points of views in their English lessons.

Children in Year 6 spoke about what they believe empathy is, they then watched a video about empathy and developed their understanding of empathy. The children also completed worksheets which consisted of different scenarios, and they were asked to write down how they would show empathy in that situation.

Miss McTighe





## Nursery

The Nursery children have been busy making amazing owls last week. They loved listening to the story 'Owl Babies'. Amazing art everyone - well done!!!



## Reception

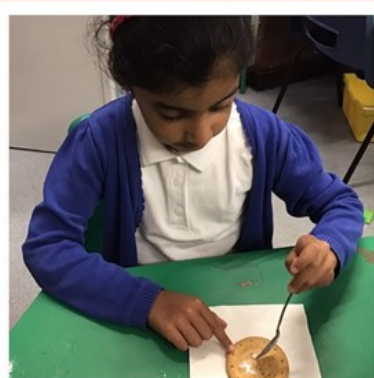
We have been reading a story called 'Kippers birthday' and talking about what we would find at a birthday party. The main thing was a cake! We spoke about following instructions to make a cake and then we had a go ourselves. The children did a fantastic job and the cakes were yummy!





## Year 1

We have had lots of fun learning about The Tiger Who Came to Tea, we prepared our own tea party making all the food and decorations. We did some great writing all about our tea party. We have also started learning about floating, sinking and different materials in science.





## Year 2

Year 2 have had a very busy couple of weeks. They have visited Woburn Safari Park; the children had a fantastic day and were able to link what they saw in the Safari Park to what they had learned in science about animals and habitats. After the visit, Year 2 spent time writing detailed recounts of their trips. We were all very impressed by the quality of their writing and how much they could remember of the day; students wrote about the 'penguins which swam like dolphins through the water', their 'train ride where we saw alpacas' and, of course, the moment when 'Mr Warley went down the big red slide and screamed'. In English we have started a new unit of work centred around the text 'The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me' and the children are currently writing their own adverts for the 'Ladder-less Window Cleaning Company'. In foundation subjects, children have learned about the difference between human and physical features in the environment, how to ask someone their name in French and, in RE, how different religions show care to others and the world around them.



## Year 3

We have been looking at the diet in the Stone Age. We investigated a Stone Age poo and looked at all the different foods we could spot! We also had our Stone Age Day. It was fantastic. We got to see lots of different weapons and even got to make our own.





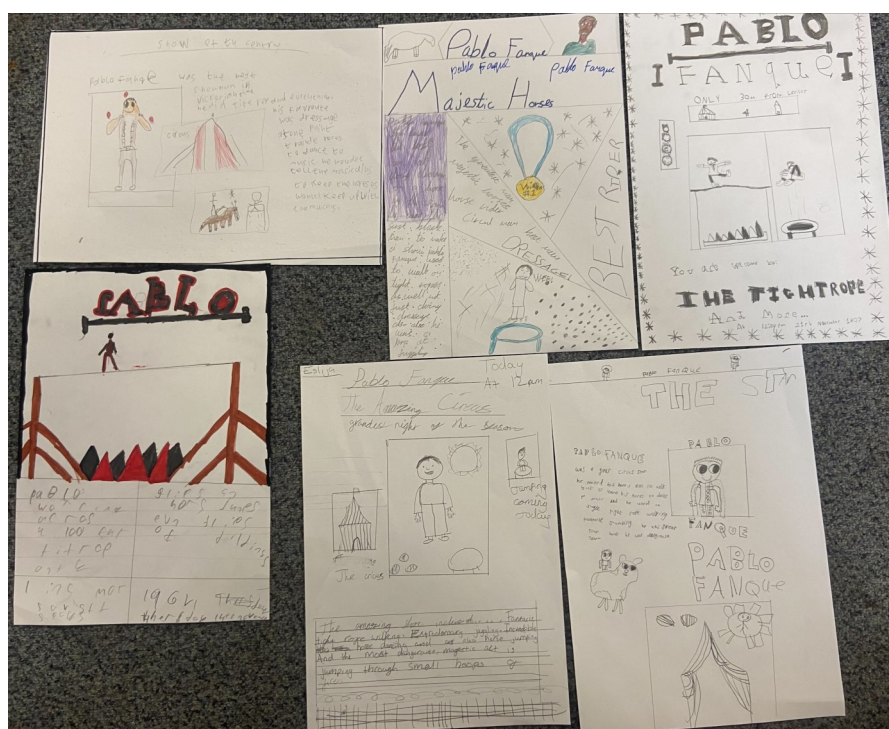
## Year 4

4GM have enjoyed finding out about lots of different inspirational people in their RE topic this term. One of these was Rosa Parks, whose refusal to give up her seat to a white passenger on a segregated bus led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Her bravery led to nationwide efforts to end racial segregation. During the lesson, the class wrote some questions they'd like to ask Rosa, the bus driver and the man on the bus, and then 'hot-seated' them. The children impressed us by showing great understanding and empathy. 4R have enjoyed using the Chrome books to research different mountains in their geography topic.



## Year 5

We made some amazing celebrity portraits in the style of Andy Warhol. We have also looked at The Windrush Generation and Pablo Fanque as part of Black History Month.





## Year 6

In history, we have been using primary and secondary sources- such as posters and radio interviews, to study the effects of World War 1 on the home front in Leicestershire. The children studied the clues and thought about how the people left at home would have been affected by the war and the contributions they would have made to the war effort.



## Poetry Slam

Last week we held a Poetry Slam where each class got to perform a poem they had been busily practicing in front of the school. The performances were outstanding making it really hard for the judges to decide on who were the winners. In the end they awarded first place to Mrs Clifton and Miss Bains's classes. Well done everyone for such an enjoyable morning and I hope you got to watch some of their performances on Class Dojo.



## LIVE MUSIC!!

Recently we had our first assembly with children playing live music since March 2020!! A brilliant occasion long awaited!

Here are some pictures of the children involved. Hopefully the first of many. All children learning instruments are invited to play in assembly, if they are brave enough!

**Well Done!**

## Timetable of Clubs

Clubs in yellow are paid clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Lunch club 1</u>	<u>Lunch club 2</u>	<u>After school</u>
Monday	Year 5 + 6 Football Squad Boys 1pm start @ field	Year 5 + 6 Football Squad Girls 1pm start @ field	Fun+ Fitness Football Year 1 - 4 Sports hall or field
Tuesday	Year 1 - 3 Skipping to music Girls + Boys 12:15pm Sports Hall	Year 4 - 6 Skipping to music Girls + Boys 1pm Sports Hall	Netball Year 4 - 6 Sports hall or Play-ground
Wednesday	Year 1 - 3 Cross Country Girls + Boys 12:15pm Field	Year 4 - 6 Cross Country Girls + Boys 1pm Field	Fun+ Fitness Multi-sports Year 1 - 4 Sports Hall
Thursday	Year 1 - 3 Multi sports 12:15pm Tennis courts	Year 1 - 3 Dance 12:15pm Sports Hall	Football Training (girls + boys) Year 5 + 6 Field
Friday	Year 1 - 3 Basketball skills Girls + Boys 12:15pm Tennis Courts		Fun+ Fitness Dodgeball Year 1 - 3 Year 4 - 6 Sports hall + Dining Hall