

5th November 2021

Montrose School

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Wishing our Hindu, Sikh and Jain families a very happy Diwali

Staffing Changes

This week was the first week where Mr Owens and Miss Jackson have worked as Co Head Teachers. Miss Jackson had the pleasure of leading our whole school assembly this morning and got to award many badges and certificates. Thank you to everyone who has sent their congratulations to her on this new role. Mr Owens is now working as Executive Head Teacher at Eyres Monsell Primary School for two days a week. Other staffing changes Mrs Draper taking a secondment to Eyres Monsell Primary School as Deputy Head teacher until Easter 2022. Her class will be taught by Mrs Storr and Mrs Doughty who are both experienced year 6 teachers. We wish Mrs Draper the best of luck in her new role.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day takes place on 11 November each year and on Thursday 11th, Mrs O'Brien's class will be leading a special assembly. The Office are selling poppies on behalf of the British Legion for a small donation and as in previous years there are other items on sale including: reflective poppy and Zip Pull for 50p, wristbands £1 and Snap Bands £1 alongside the original poppies.

Children in Need

The theme this year is, 'Together We Can' and Children in Need have partnered with BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing to bring some glitz and glamour to this year's appeal. On Friday 19th November, the children can wear their best Strictly outfits and feel fab-u-lous. After 18 months of pyjamas and joggers, they are hoping we are all ready for a bit of glam! If your child has PE on this day they can still wear something relating to the theme that they can also do PE comfortably in. Unfortunately there will be no stalls and this year donations can be made via Scopay. If you log in to your Scopay account via the website you can select 'Children in Need' under Miscellaneous Products. If you are using Scopay via the app, you will need to click on products and find the Children in Need option. Donating £1 per family would go a really long way if everyone were to do this, but as always, any donation amount is welcome.

We can't wait to see your fabulous outfits!



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





Miss Jackson's Sporting Update!

Football

Last week we saw both the boys and girls football team enter the 'Danone' Football Tournament at Stokes Wood Primary School. Both teams played extremely well against various school teams. Well done to the boys football team who have now reached the 'Danone' seven a side football finals which will be played at Judegmeadow Community College on Saturday 20th November.

Team Building

This week we saw a group of year 6 children attend their first ever 'Team Building' event. They met with many other schools from across the city and had a fantastic day. They took part in a variety of activities which required them to work together. Such great team work and concentration. Well done to all!



New Crossing Guide

We are pleased to welcome Sue Bell as our new Crossing Guide. Sue will be starting on Monday to make sure our children cross the road safely when coming to school.



Nursery

The Nursery children enjoyed making bats, spells and play dough party pumpkins for Halloween. We had great fun and nobody was scared!



Reception

Reception held a Autumn Scavenger hunt this week. Parents came to join us and we went down to the field to search for signs of autumn. We collected lots of leaves, conkers and pine cones. The parents then joined us for a hot chocolate and biscuit which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to the parents who joined us, it was a fantastic morning.



Year 1

Year One made some lovely pictures for Bonfire Night in our art lessons. They made beautiful fire paintings by mixing colours and used different materials to make firework pictures. Year 1 have also explored how Diwali is being celebrated.



Year 2

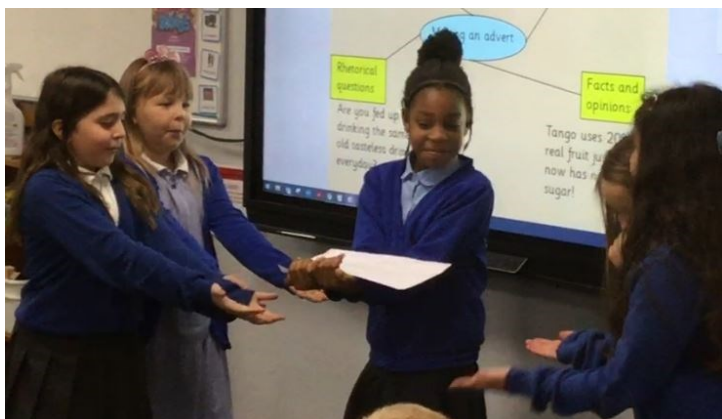
Year 2 have had a very busy and productive start to the term. In English, we have been writing autumn poems and have recently started our new class reader: Pumpkin Soup. In history we have been exploring changes to music in living memory. Children became historians by exploring the songs their parents and grandparents listened to, and the technology they used to listen to them. We have also recently started designing our own finger puppets in DT and the children have come up with some absolutely fantastic designs – we can't wait to see them when they are complete!



Year 3

As for year 3, we have been busy writing mythical stories for the last few weeks and learning about healthy eating in science. As part of our DT topic, we are learning how to make a healthy sandwich and did some food tasting. We tried a variety of breads, fillings and spreads and decided which ones we would like in our final sandwich design.





Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about persuasive texts in English this term. They enjoyed looking at some television adverts and deciding what made them successful. They then had a go at producing their own TV adverts that tried to persuade the rest of the class to buy their product/visit their attraction. There are definitely some future actors and presenters, as well as marketing directors in the class!



Year 5

Last week, year 5 studied the classic Alfred Noyse poem The Highwayman, culminating in a performance by each class. The children have continued to follow a suitably spooky theme in English as we have started to plan our own ghost stories, which will be written next week. The plans have already given us goose bumps!

Over the first four weeks of this half term, both classes are booked for two visits each to Lancaster Academy to help solve a very suspicious death in the science laboratories! Without giving too much away, seeing as 5G are going next Friday, the children's investigative skills have so far proved fantastic.

Following a very long and productive half-term, the children enjoyed a well-earned reward on Wednesday afternoon, with some children producing some beautiful artwork with Miss Littleton. Others took part in a well-contested football match supervised by Mr Pearce, with boys and girls playing alongside each other with admirable sportsmanship.



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.



Anti-Bullying week: 15th – 19th Nov 2021

This year, the theme is One Kind Word. The Anti-Bullying Alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop a tool for parents and carers to help them support their children and bring Anti-Bullying Week to life. You can find out more here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Flu Vaccinations

Unfortunately, we are not yet able to provide you with a new date yet. Organising the Flu Vaccination programme alongside the COVID -19 school vaccinations for 12-15-year-olds has presented the NHS Trust with some operational challenges. They are working hard to finalise a new, firm plan as soon as possible.

Family Support

Donna is available to support with a range of things. Arrange to see her at school or phone her on 07378 285273.



Well Done!

to all of the children who were awarded badges and certificates this week.

Our first String Group session since March 2020!

A small but enthusiastic group met today to make music together for the first time in 18 months. They all worked very hard learning a Christmas piece which we hope to perform in a special assembly in December. It was lovely to have everyone together at last!

