

3rd December 2021

Montrose School

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The last two weeks of term are jam packed with events! Firstly, children in years 1 - 6 will be visiting St. Andrews Church in Aylestone to learn about the Christmas story. Then the children will get to watch Mrs Rupp's music concert where the choirs, string groups and instrumentalists will perform. We also have our KS1 and EYFS productions to look forward to in the last week of term. Years 4 - 6 will be visiting Loughborough Town Hall to watch Aladdin.

Please see below dates for the EYFS and KS1 Performances:

Monday 13th December – EYFS @ 10.00AM

Tuesday 14th December – EYFS @ 10.00AM

Tuesday 14th December – KS1 @ 4.15PM

Wednesday 15th December - KS1 @ 9.30AM

Wednesday 15th December – EYFS @ 1.45PM

Thursday 16th December – KS1 @ 1.30PM



All of our Christmas events have to be thoroughly risk assessed in order to go ahead this year. As part of our COVID risk prevention and in order to reduce the risks to our school community, we are asking you to work with us and do a lateral flow test on the day you are attending a performance. Evidence of a negative test result will need to be provided as explained on Class Dojo.

- Please wear a mask when you attend the performance (unless you are medically exempt)
- Wrap up warm, as the hall will be well ventilated (doors and windows open)
- You will be required to sanitise your hands on entrance to school and on exit.

Please be aware, if we see any increase of COVID cases in school, we will follow Public Health advice, which may include cancelling performances at short notice, something we want to avoid as the children and staff have worked very hard this term. Other precautions: the school hall and surfaces will be ventilated and cleaned between each performance.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Owens and Miss Jackson

Flu vaccines will take place on Monday 13th December. A letter is being sent out with further information.

Family Support

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

Nursery

The Nursery children have been creating the theme “Colourful Christmas’ this year. There is a beautiful forest of different coloured trees in the classroom. The children have made Rudolfs with red noses, to decorate the red tree and are going to make lots more colourful decorations too.



Reception

We went on a trip to the Curve Theatre to see ‘The Smeds and The Smoos’ as we have been talking about space and aliens in class. The children really enjoyed the show.



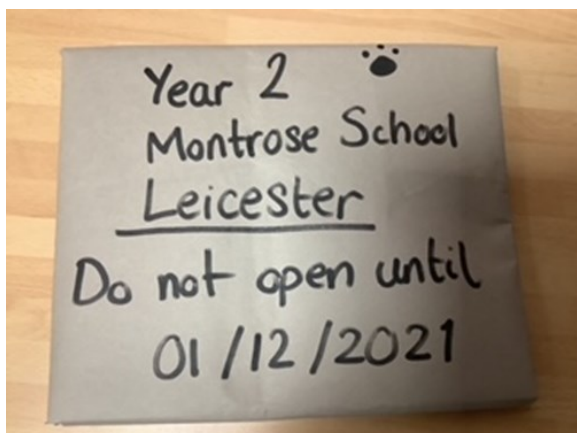
Year 1

Year 1 took part in a best book competition where we looked at 2 great books and completed activities based on the texts. We really enjoyed drawing pets and describing them using adjectives.



Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting delivery this week which was a special parcel from...the Kalahari Desert! The children were very excited to see Sunny (from Meerkat Mail) return in a special version called 'Meerkat Christmas'.



Year 3

In our music lessons, we have been practising our performing and composing. We created simple rhythms and wrote them down to create a sound board. We worked really well together in groups and showed our final pieces to our class. In RSHE we have been learning about responsibilities, rules and rights and the difference between our wants and our needs. A lot of these sessions are discussion based and we then listened to different views as a class.



Year 4

Year 4 all had fun and were fantastic in their 'Commando Joe's' challenge this week.

They started off with a video message from Levison Wood (a world renowned explorer) and then they faced various challenges in two teams, similar to situations Levison has faced. They had to forage for 'food' with various obstacles in their way, they then had to transport this and themselves across a raging river by building a bridge. This challenge got harder and harder with some of their resources getting swept away and then they had to complete the last part with no verbal communication so they didn't scare an animal away! After that, they had to use other materials to work out a way to transport the food to the villages and share it out fairly. The children were all absolutely fantastic and we were so impressed with their imaginative ideas to solve the problems, supportive team-work, great communication and their determined perseverance with tasks.





Thank you for bringing in your Morrisons 'Good to Grow' vouchers. We have bought the following with them:

- wooden hedgehog house
- nesting box
- bee/insect house
- hedgehog food and salad mix

Mr Sargisson

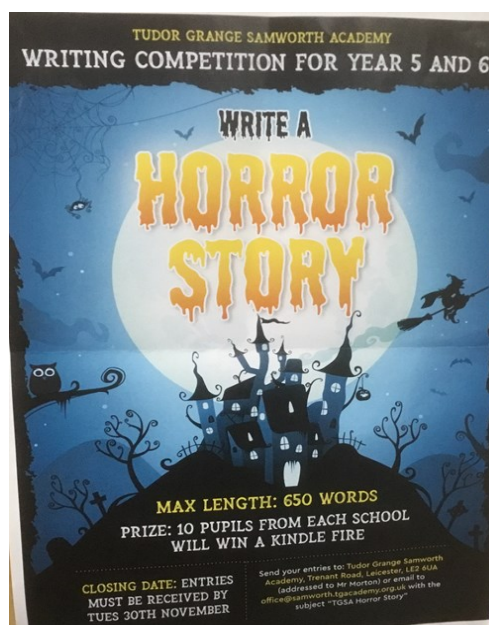
Year 5

Year 5 have been cooking this week, with the children taking home some healthy and delicious apple and sultana muffins. They developed skills such as grating, weighing and mixing. We have continued to learn about the Vikings, including the use of longships. We look forward to seeing the results of our ongoing homework project to build a replica Viking boat! In art, we are also beginning to look at Viking artwork and already the children have begun forming their own Norse-inspired designs. We also performed our own battle cry speeches in front of the whole class. Our speeches were about getting English soldiers to fight the Vicious Vikings!



Year 6

Year 6 have been busy writing some amazing horror stories to enter an exciting competition from Tudor Grange Samworth Academy. We hope our terrifying tales will win us a prize watch this space!





Children have been learning all about communication skills during assembly time for the last 2 weeks. Teachers explained that a good communicator listens, influences, gives feedback and is able to reflect. Children who have shown good communication skills were awarded with a certificate and a badge in this week's assembly.

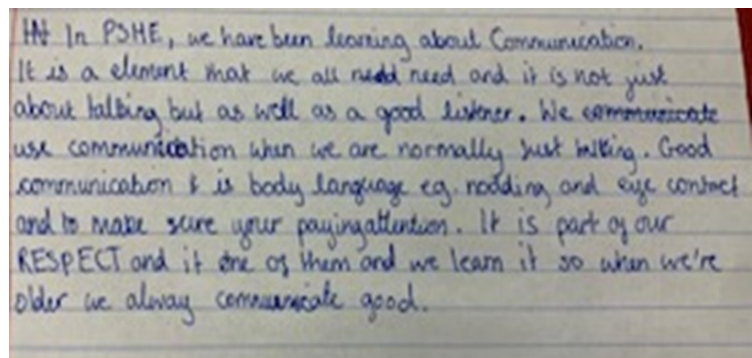
2R talked about what effective communication meant and how they need to be good listeners as well as being able to explain their own thoughts. They role-played various examples, including what they might do in an emergency situation where they needed to get help!

Year 3 looked at why communication is so important and the correct ways to communicate. They discovered the top 3 important things when verbally communicating are to give eye contact, to be very clear and to do full body listening. To show how important these things they played a game of Chinese whispers. They saw how easily our communication can break down if these important steps are not followed, it took them 3 goes!!

Year 6 showed excellent communication skills. They all wrote letters to communicate what being a good communicator is!

Well done everyone,

Congratulations to those children who have been awarded badges and certificates this week.



Well Done!





Miss Jackson's Sporting Update!

Well done to both the girls and boys football teams this term. The children have been focussing on team work and building up resilience. The Football Association are already sorting out the fixtures for next term's tournament. It is not too late to join the training sessions which are held on Monday lunchtimes and Thursday after school.

Last week Montrose had a very special mention in the match report. 'Paige of Montrose did very well scoring 3 goals ably assisted by her team mates, great teamwork girls.' Well done to Paige and the rest of her team mates.

Recently, some of our children have also taken part in an athletics competition and a team building event at Aylestone Leisure Centre. Well done to those who took part, you represented the school brilliantly.



Mental Health and Well-Being

As the pandemic continues, it's important for us to be kind, both to ourselves and to each other. #DoGoodDecember, Action for Happiness, has a Kindness Calendar for December which is free to download from: <https://www.actionforhappiness.org>

For each day in December the calendar suggests a simple kind act, which you could try.

December Kindness 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <div>5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely</div>	 <div>6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find</div>	 <div>7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today</div>	<div>1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others</div>	<div>2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are</div>	<div>3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment</div>	<div>4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about</div>
<div>12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today</div>	<div>13 See how many different people you can smile at today</div>	<div>14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one</div>	<div>15 Contact an older neighbour and brighten up their day</div>	<div>16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to</div>	<div>17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you</div>	<div>18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving</div>
<div>19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated</div>	<div>20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need</div>	<div>21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you</div>	<div>22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed</div>	<div>23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness</div>	<div>24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh</div>	<div>25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!</div>
<div>26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature</div>	<div>27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat</div>	<div>28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy</div>	<div>29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people</div>	<div>30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why</div>	<div>31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022</div>	

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