

21st January 2021

Montrose School

Achieving, Caring, Aspiring



Term Dates Available for 2022-23

Art Workshop

Several classes were lucky enough to be inspired by a display at Leicester Museum entitled Sanctuary wall, which looked at the lives of refugees and asylum seekers, the journeys they have to endure and the thousands of lives lost whilst attempting to reach a place of safety. The children created beautiful birds using different coloured paper, these will be displayed around the school.



COVID-19

Unfortunately, we are seeing a rise in the number of children and staff having to self-isolate due to testing positive for Coronavirus. Please ensure that you do lateral flow tests on your child for seven days if you receive a letter advising this.

February Half-Term Food Support Offer

Look out for a message next week regarding a free food offer for half-term. Please see the following [information sheet](#) and link [Spring half term food offer - Leicester City Council - Citizen Space](#) to register.

Term Dates

The school holiday dates up to July 2023 are available to view at the end of this newsletter and on our website. Can we remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised. We are seeing a downward trend in attendance and punctuality and need your support to improve this. We all have a duty to ensure our children will reach their potential and being punctual helps with this. When children are on time they feel part of the beginning of the school day and are ready and willing to learn. It is less disruptive for your child, their teacher and other pupils in the class. If you are having any problems with attendance or arriving on time, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible to resolve this.

E-Safety

With many children receiving new devices for Christmas, this is a timely reminder to monitor the settings and content on all devices that children are using at home. Children must be kept safe when using the internet and mobile technology and we encourage you to set age-appropriate parental controls and internet filters to block malicious websites. Please be aware, that social media sites including Facebook, TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat are not appropriate for primary aged pupils. Most have an age restriction of 13 due to content which can be inappropriate for younger children. For more information, please visit: Thinkuknow for advice on staying safe online. Please also read the accompanying e-safety newsletter.

And Finally...

Dogs must not be brought onto the school grounds, even if carried, nor should they be tied to or near to the school gates.

Mr Owens and Miss Jackson, Head teachers

Nursery

We have been learning about winter and shapes and the children have been finding toys in ice and seeing it melt. Their cutting skills are getting really good too. Great work everyone!



Reception

We have been brushing our teeth, talking about what things are good for our teeth and who we should visit to help us with our teeth. We have also been writing about the book character 'Zog'. We have a lovely new vet themed role play area too and are learning about people who help us.



Year 1

As part of our Science lessons, we have been looking at the changes that happen during winter time and focussing on the weather and how the length of the day gets shorter. We have been making snowflakes, drawing winter pictures, painting penguins and ordering winter pictures. We have also enjoyed making our own eBooks.



Year 2

The children completed their second "Commando Joe" mission and were tasked with building shelters after 'escaping' the Great Fire of London. It was great to see the school's values being displayed by so many students: resilience when things went wrong; empathy for others in the group; and, of course, team work.

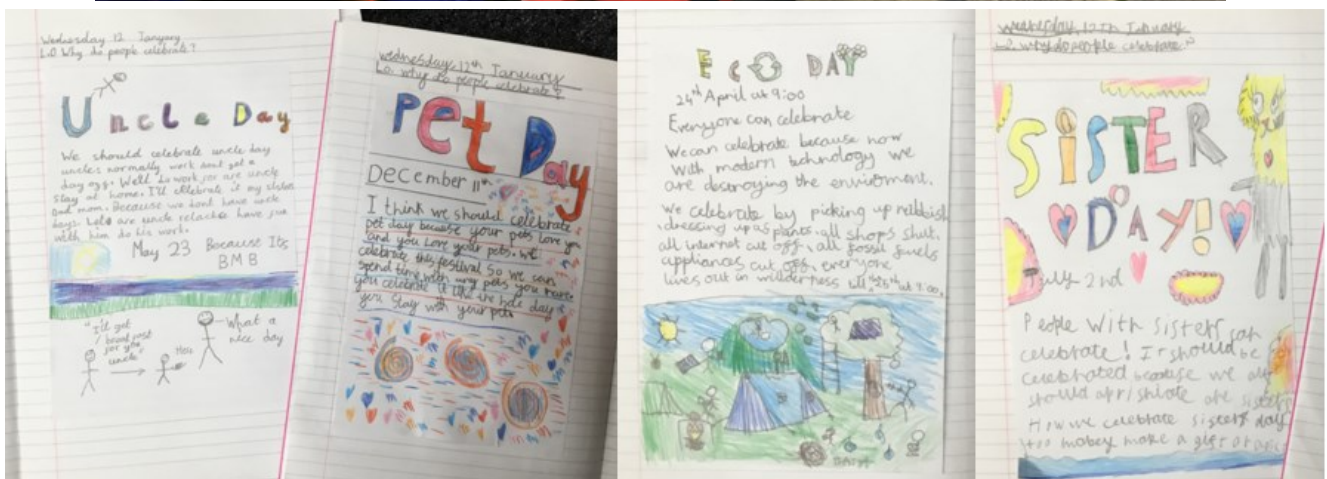


We have been using primary colours to create some beautiful artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian. We really enjoyed trying different fruits as part of our healthy eating topic in science. Many of us have discovered new flavours that we really enjoyed!



Year 3

We have been inspired by Giacometti and have designed our own foil sculptures capturing a movement. We have started a new science topic about forces and magnets and investigated how a toy car would travel on different surfaces and what friction is. In RE we discussed what we celebrate, how we celebrate and why this may be. Then we designed a new celebration or festival that we thought was worth celebrating once a year and explained why and how we should celebrate it. We came up with some excellent ideas!



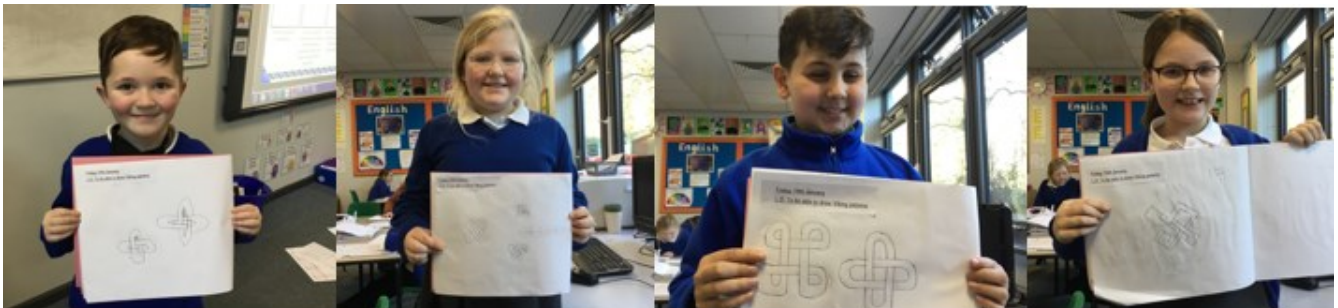
Year 4

The children are thoroughly enjoying learning the recorder and are growing in confidence each week. They have also enjoyed using new drawing techniques with a variety of different pencils.



Year 5

Since coming back after Christmas, we have been learning about personal health and well-being in PSHE and even completed some class yoga! We have started our new music topic, where the children will learn to create their own loops using special software. They enjoyed appraising the 90's club floor-filler 'Sandstorm' by Darude on Friday! In geography, we have been learning about rivers of the UK and the world, with the classes examining atlases to locate rivers from the Amazon to the Yangtze.



We have also started our new Science topic - Materials and their Properties. So far, we have tested if materials will dissolve and other properties such as buoyancy, transparency and conductivity.

Year 6

This week the children have worked extremely hard on their new maths topic. A huge well done! You have all shown great effort and resilience.





Montrose Character Values

This term, the children will be focusing on a new set of character values, using what they have learnt from RESPECT. This week they have been thinking about the term “caring” and what it means to be caring.

1S had a big discussion about who cares for them and they thought about the people or things they cared for and about. The children all took turns to offer tips and advice on how to look after animals and then they discussed how they could care for their friends.

Year 2 have been learning all about the importance of showing care. They discussed the importance of showing care to themselves, others and the world around them. It was fantastic to hear the children's plans to show even more care in and out of school: from helping at dinner times to picking up coats in the cloakroom, picking up litter to something as simple as giving someone a smile. They also read the book 'Kind' and learned about even more ways they could show kindness and care to themselves and others.

3C talked about who they care about. They discussed how they showed care to those people. They realised a lot of people in the class have family members who work for the NHS, and they remembered how they clapped for them to thank them for the care they provided in a tough time! To show their appreciation for those who care for them they made thankyou cards and wrote a lovely message inside.

Well done for raising £146.44 for
the Royal British Legion.

Family Support

Donna, our Family Support Worker,
is available to support with a range
of things. You can arrange to see
her via the school office or you can
phone her directly on
07378 285273.



Leicester City Council Local authority school holidays 2022/2023



Term No 1: 34 days (6 weeks 4 days)	
Schools Open	Tuesday 30 August 2022
Schools Close	Friday 14 October 2022
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 October 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022

Term No 2: 40 days (8 weeks)	
Schools Open	Monday 24 October 2022
Schools Close	Friday 16 December 2022
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Monday 19 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

Term No 3: 34 days (6 weeks 4 days)	
Schools Open	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Schools Close	Friday 17 February 2023
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023

Term No 4: 25 days (5 weeks)	
Schools Open	Monday 27 February 2023
Schools Close	Friday 31 March 2023
Easter Holidays	Monday 3 April 2023 to Friday 14 April 2023

Term No 5: 29 days (5 weeks 4 days)	
Schools Open	Monday 17 April 2023
May Bank Holiday (schools closed)	Monday 1 May 2023
Schools Close	Friday 26 May 2023
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

Term No 6: 28 days (6 weeks)	
Schools Open	Monday 5 June 2023
Schools Close	Friday 14 July 2023
Summer Holiday begins	Monday 17 July 2023

190 Pupil Days

Bank Holidays: 29 August 2022
26 and 27 December 2022
2 January 2023
7 and 10 April 2023
1 May 2023
29 May 2023

Inset Days: Thursday 25th August and Friday 26th August 2022 (Pupils do not attend on inset days).