

4th March 2022

# Montrose School

*Achieving, Caring, Aspiring*



*Don't forget to book a progress evening appointment.*

*Individual photographs are being taken on Thursday.*

## **Poetry Slam**

We had the pleasure of judging this term's poetry slam on Tuesday. Classes from years 1 to 6 performed poems that they had learned from memory. The standard was very high and it was a tough decision to decide the winners as we are sure you have seen from the performances on Class Dojo. After careful consideration of the judging criteria, year 2 and 4R were chosen as the winners. Year 2 performed, 'It Starts with a Seed' by Laura Knowles and 4R performed, 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me' by Maya Angelou. We are sure the children will enjoy reciting the poems they have learnt for many years to come.



## **World Book Day**

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday and came to school dressed in pyjamas or as our favourite book character. The children enjoyed working in mixed-age classes to complete themed activities. The older children were fantastic at supporting the younger ones and the younger children were also able to keep the older ones on their toes with their brilliant work and ideas.

***'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt.***

***'Wonder' by J.R. Palacio.***



## **GoReadathon**

We are taking part in Go Read's Readathon from the 3rd March - 31st March and will be competing against other schools to see who can do the most reading at home. Some of the prizes for the winning school are a £250 voucher to spend on books and 5 x £20 voucher for the top children/parents logging reading. We would LOVE to be in with the chance of winning these vouchers and we feel that we stand a great chance as we have so many keen readers at Montrose! This competition applies to classes in Reception through to Year 6 and reading can either be logged from parents or children. Throughout March please log as much reading as you can and Miss McTighe will keep us up to date with the league table on Class Dojo. Let's get reading!



**The Mission:**  
**log your high-quality reading**  
A little extra reading goes a long way.

## **'EnvironMARCH'**

As a school, we want to see if we can tidy our local area by picking up over 5000 pieces of litter this month. Throughout March, we would love for you all to get out and about and collect rubbish to help get our local community 'Spring ready.' Simply print off the tally sheet on Class Dojo (or ask your child's teacher for a copy) and as a family mark off the amount of litter you have collected. Bring in your tally sheets throughout the month and Mr Sargisson will count up how much rubbish we have removed from areas around our school and out in the local community. If everyone from our school picks up just 12 pieces of litter, we will hit our target easily. Come on Montrose, let's do this!

## **Reminders...**

Progress Evenings are on Tuesday 15th March from 3.30pm– 7.00pm and Thursday 17th March from 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes,

Miss Jackson and Mr Owens, Co Heads





## Nursery



We have been having fun with the number 5 and have made delicious chocolate cakes decorated with 5 mini Smarties. We also made number 5 in lots of ways on cake pictures and with Numicon shapes.



We have also painted beautiful watercolour hares using the 'wet in wet' technique.





## Reception



We had a dinosaur day and came dressed as palaeontologists and dinosaurs. We had fun making dinosaur bones with salt dough and baking dinosaur biscuits. We also got to go on a dinosaur picnic and a dinosaur hunt.



## Year 1



We enjoyed every moment of our trip to Beaumanor Hall where we got to be pirates for the day. We searched for treasure on maps, completed pirate training activities and held water in goblets to test our sea legs as we balanced on tricky obstacles. We also tackled pirate themed maths quizzes.

This week we had the tricky task of ordering the instructions and reading each step to help us make pancake batter. We created some yummy pancakes and of course got to eat them! We also created our own instruction booklets on how to make pancakes.







We used coloured pens to create an island picture using a dotted pattern.



We have also used watercolours to paint a background for a pirate ship.

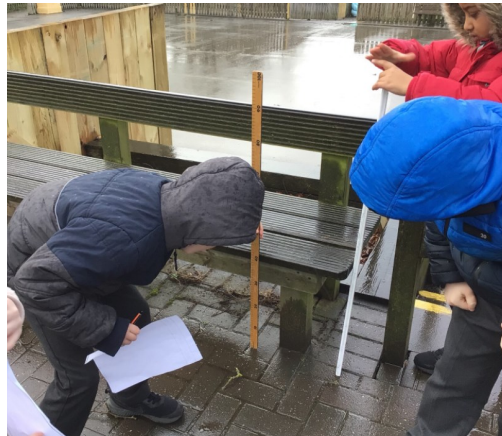
## Year 2



We had brilliant fun learning how to make pancakes and they were delicious! We used this experience to practice writing instructions in our English lessons.



## Year 3



We braved the weather to measure objects on the playground! We enjoyed reading our favourite bedtime stories to the class on World Book Day.



## Year 4

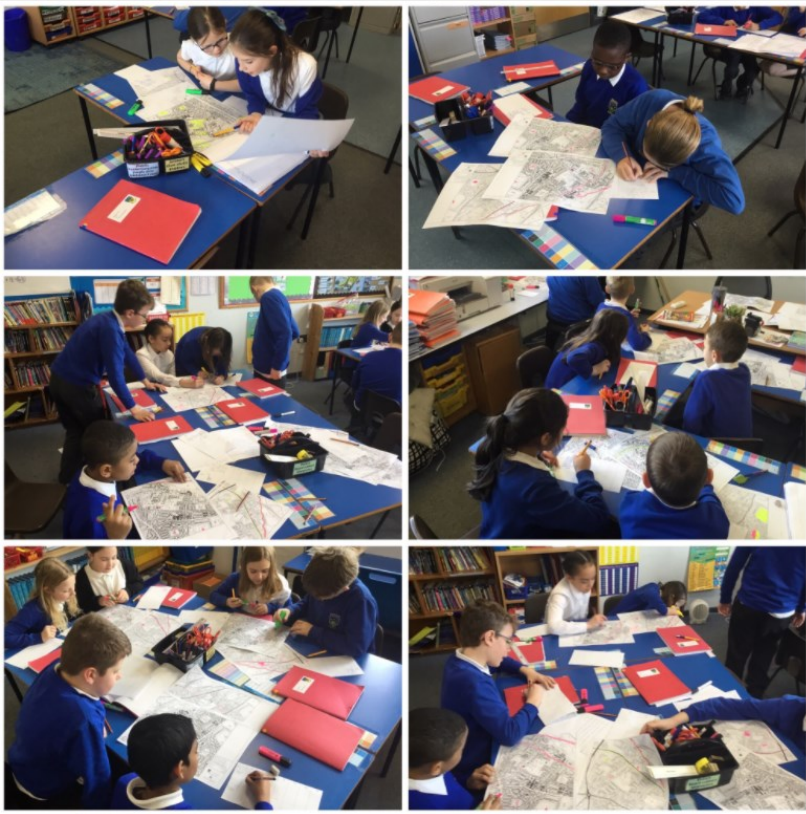
We discovered the effects of various drinks on our teeth. We used hard-boiled eggs to represent our teeth as their shell is similar to enamel and made predictions for what we thought would happen to the eggs if left for a week in 7 different liquids. We found that some shells had gone soft and slimy, some had changed in colour, others had gone bumpy and had started to dissolve and some had dissolved completely! We related this to our teeth and the importance of drinking some drinks in moderation and making sure we brush our teeth properly every day to brush away the sugar and plaque that builds up can cause damage if left.



We also did an experiment where we brushed one egg in toothpaste before leaving it in a cup of cola. We compared it to the egg that was just left in coke and found that the toothpaste had protected the tooth to some degree, stopping major colour discolouration. So definitely worth brushing your teeth with toothpaste!



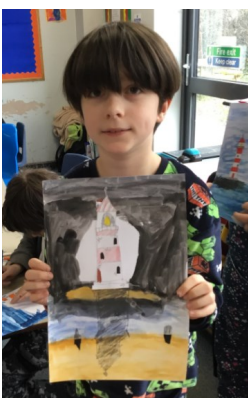
## Year 5



This term's History topic is looking at Aylestone's Local history. We began by looking at maps from the last 200 years to see what has changed.

We have also enjoyed our latest two Commando Joe missions. In the first mission, we were trying to break world records e.g. how quick can we run 100m. In the second mission, we imagined we had broken machinery in the Arctic and had to travel across the delicate ice and try not to fall. We had to work well as a team in order to complete the mission.

We also painted some pictures from our class story, 'The House of Light'.





## Year 6

We had a fantastic trip to the Warning Zone, which is a Leicester based charity dedicated to delivering life-saving messages to children aged 10-11, as they transition to secondary school. In the next year they will meet new friends, be introduced to new experiences, gain more independence and be responsible for the actions, behaviours and decisions they make, both in their day to day life and online. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and will hopefully use what they learnt to stay safe, both online and out in the real world.



This week, we have written speeches to persuade the listener which is the greatest city state in Ancient Greece - was it Athens or Sparta?! We then learnt about how to deliver a speech publicly. We practised our speeches and then some of us performed them to the rest of the class. We worked really hard, and showed real effort.

