

25th March 2022

Montrose School

Achieving, Caring, Aspiring



Year 3/4 Production of 'Wind in the Willows' next week.

A Day for Ukraine

First News, a newspaper for children that school subscribes to, launched a Ukraine Schools Appeal in partnership with the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). To support this appeal we came dressed in yellow and blue on the 16th to join in solidarity with the children of Ukraine. Thank you for supporting this event and for donating to the appeal.



Down Syndrome Awareness

We 'rocked our odd socks' on the 15th to celebrate diversity and the differences that make us all unique and special.

Comic Relief

This year we came dressed as our everyday heroes and raised a fantastic £232.64. The children looked fantastic and represented a wide range of everyday heroes!



This month has been busy with events and we have appreciated your support as we know that putting together costumes and finding donations is often a challenge. We are lucky to have thoughtful and caring parents and pupils.





COMIC RELIEF



Environ'March

It's been so great seeing some of the children get out with their families and help us to hit our target of picking up 5000 pieces of litter. With the weather looking nice this weekend, why not get out and help us hit our target? Keep a tally of what you've collected so we can share the good work!



National Science Week

The children had a great time taking part in activities and conducting experiments. Here are some of the things we got up to:

Nursery - We planted some flowers and have been taking care of them.

Reception - We looked at foods that are good for us and created healthy food plates. We learned about the life cycle of chicks

Year 1 - We explored reflection and symmetry and made kaleidoscopes. We made little greenhouses and talked about what plants need to grow and looked at how rainbows are formed.

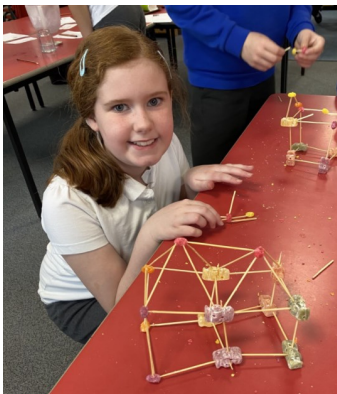
Year 2 - We conducted different experiments linked to water and made seed balls which we will plant around the school.

Year 3 - We explored mixing different liquids together, what happens when you poke a pencil through a bag of water and how to make the brightest rainbow.

Year 4 - We explored how to make a strong structure, how to create a cloud and the different melting points of chocolate.

Year 5 - We explored the very important question of which biscuit is the best for dunking in tea.

Year 6 - We carried out an investigation to see what happens to the size of a shadow when an object is moved closer towards a torch.



Montrose Awards

We had the pleasure of holding our awards ceremonies this week for children in years 1 to 6.

A huge well done to those children who received an award.



Well Done!

Sporting Events

What a busy couple of weeks we have had for taking part in different sporting events. Well done to our **netball team** who narrowly missed out in making it through to the finals. However, they did come away with the 'Spirit of the games' trophy. This means they showed the most respect to everyone whilst playing against other teams and showed true teamwork.



We had a number of year 4 children take part in '**Rugby Fest**' at QE. The children had a full day learning about rugby and taking part in lots of rugby based activities. Mr Booth and the children had an enjoyable day but were exhausted by the end of the day!

This week there have been 2 **football events** for our girls to take part in. These events have been designed to develop and inspire more girls to take up football and play in a team.

Coming Soon: year 6 hockey event, years 5/6 cycling event, years 5/6 tennis event, year 5/6 girls cricket, years 5/6 mixed cricket and years 4 – 6 athletics.

Nursery

We have been planting flowers in the nursery garden and painting daffodils.



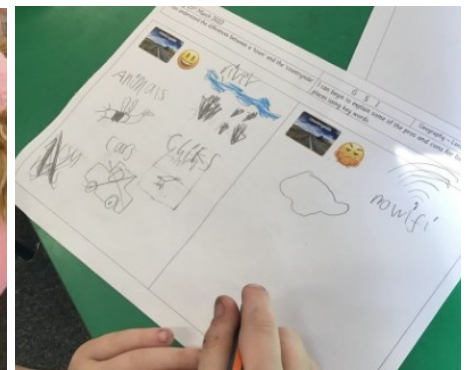
Reception

We have been making the most out of the sunshine and have been painting spring pictures and drawing patterns with the chalk. We are very excited to have taken delivery of ten eggs nine of which have hatched. If you would like to watch them at home you can follow the link below to our school YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBSkwu4JcCY>



Year 1

We followed a map of the school grounds in our geography lesson and added the things we saw on our way. We have comparing the countryside and a town and thought about the positives and negatives of living in each. We have also been reading the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are' and writing about our favourite part.



Year 2

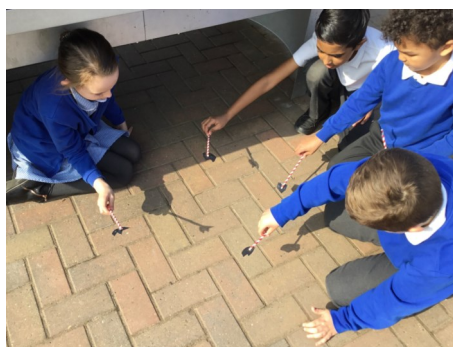
We wrote sentences from our class reader 'Journey' and explored unit and non-unit fractions in maths. In science, we observed the results of our experiment to see what seeds needed to germinate. You might like to ask children why the seeds in A (water and light) and B (water, no light) germinated but the seeds in C (no water, no light) and D (no water, light) didn't? They may even be able to explain why the seedlings in A look healthier and greener than the seedlings in B.



In maths we have continued our fractions topic, exploring $\frac{3}{4}$ of numbers and shapes. We have also been using watercolours to paint our pictures of the queen's crown for the Jubilee exhibition.

Year 3

We have been exploring how shadows are made. We made some puppets to tell traditional tales using our knowledge of shadows.



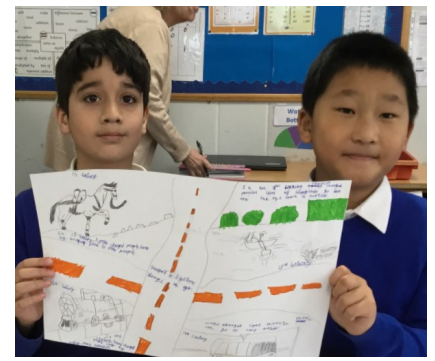
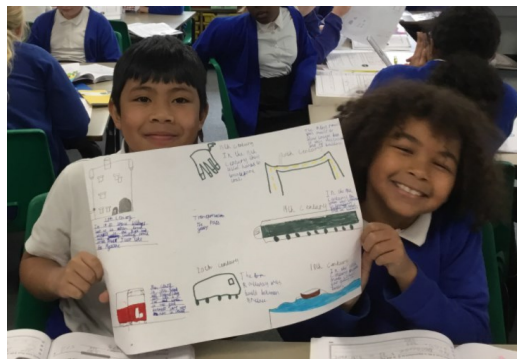
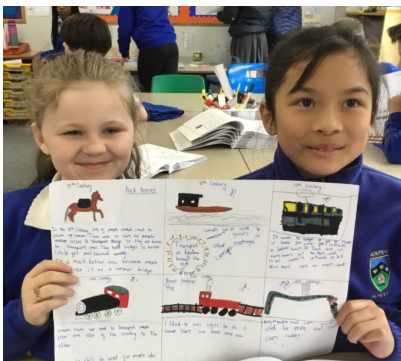
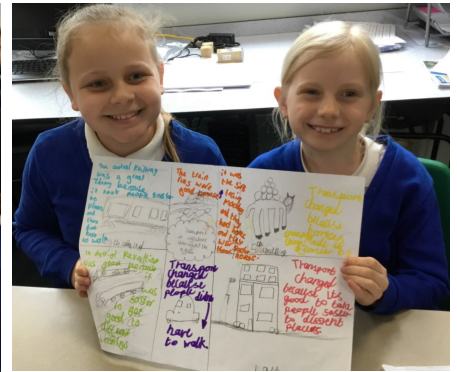
Year 4

We enjoyed taking part in a Saxon workshop today and learned how the Normans won the Battle of Hastings. We also learned how to hold a burial for a Saxon king and how archaeologists piece together the information they find in the ground. Check out our superb costumes!



Year 5

We investigated which liquids were most effective for preventing the oxidation of apples. Submerging the flesh of an apple in liquids with a lot of vitamin C can stop them turning brown. We were very impressed with their teamwork and considerations for making the test fair. We have also produced some great posters demonstrating our knowledge of local transport in Aylestone. We have been learning about the history of the local area, with the children investigating how transport has contributed to changes in Aylestone through the centuries.



Year 6

During our science lesson, in the dark, the children carried out an investigation on shadows to see what happens to the size of a shadow when an object is moved closer towards a torch. We then created our own species based on a specific habitat. Also, you might want to ask your child what an egg has to do with mountains?

