

18th November 2022

Montrose School

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Thank to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre on Saturday

We are getting closer to the end of a long and very busy term and hope that during the next two weeks many of you will get the chance to see our Foundation and Key Stage 1 productions. Staff are busily preparing costumes and rehearsing. It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

We say farewell to Mr Rojas at the end of this term as he is having a change in career and taking up a role in the local authority. We wish him all the best. We are delighted to welcome back Miss Graham who will take over teaching 4R.

We had a lovely visit to St Andrew's Church this morning. Thank you to Reverend Rowena Bass who helped the children understand why Christians celebrate Christmas.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday. Santa was kept busy and there were craft stalls, delicious treats, games and refreshments to enjoy. The Montrose choirs entertained us with some lovely Christmas songs. A big thank you to the PTA for organising this festive event and to Mrs Rupp and the choir for providing the entertainment.

Eco Schools

The Eco Schools Committee were busy planting fruit trees on Friday morning as part of the Orchards for Schools Project - we can't wait to watch them grow and flourish in the years to come (and hopefully give us lots of tasty apples, plums and cherries!).



Week commencing: **21 Nov 22**

Whole school: **92.9%**

National Attendance: **92.2%**

Difference: **0.7%**

Highest Year Group: **Year 3**

Attendance

We are pleased to announce that whole school attendance was above national for the week commencing 21st November 2022. Year 3 were the best attending year group again, as well as having the best year-to-date attendance. Well done Year 3!

Sporting Events

Cross Country

We sent a large group of children to Victoria Park on Thursday for the Leicester City Cross Country event. Children in years 3 and 4 had to run 1200m and those in years 5 and 6, 2000m. Some found it hard but showed resilience and were determined to complete the course. We are proud of all of the children who took part. A particular well done to Daniel Y6, Logan Y3 and Emma Y3 who came home with medals for coming in the top 3.

Fencing and Curling

Selected children enjoyed taking part in two new sports recently. New age kurling is an adapted version of *Curling* that allows the game to be played on any smooth, flat surface. Fencing was the other new sport that some Y5/6 children were lucky to experience. Thank you to the children who took part for representing school brilliantly showing teamwork, honesty, determination and respect.



Nursery

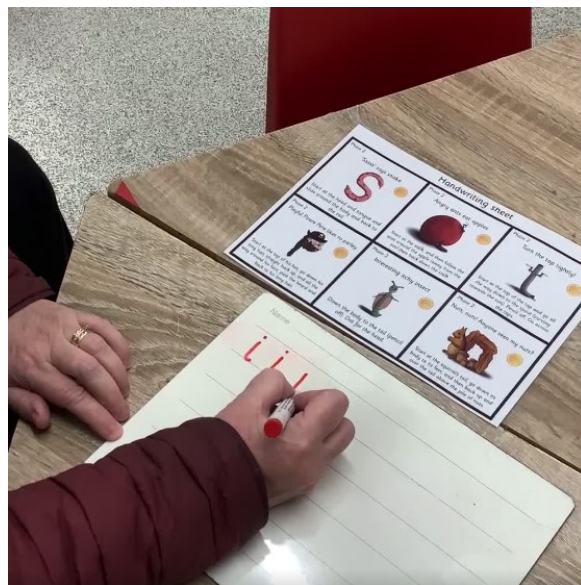
The Nursery children enjoyed a Christmas crafts morning with parent and grandparent helpers. There was lots of glitter and Christmas songs too!



Reception

Mrs Kelly has posted a helpful video on Class Dojo showing how you can help your child with forming letters.

We hope you have reserved your tickets for the Christmas production on 12th + 13th December. If not, please speak to Mrs Kelly or Mrs Sahota as soon as possible.



Year 1

We have been enjoying the book 'Cops and Robbers' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg in our English lessons so came to school dressed in cops and robbers outfits and made 'wanted' posters for the villains from the story.



Year 2



We have been very busy making slime in science and finishing our puppets in D&T.

Year 3



We have been exploring fossils as part of our rocks topic in science.

Year 4



We completed some Commando Joe missions this week.

We really enjoyed it!



Year 5

We made videos in PSHE advising on how to have the best possible night sleep and emphasising the importance of rest. As part of our DT topic, we made African instruments. We made kalimbas and djembe drums. We then decorated them in patterns. 5G also finished solving the murder mystery at Lancaster and even got to use Bunsen burners!



Year 6

With the first of December comes the opening of the advent calendars! This year, we are carrying on our Year 6 tradition of the 'reverse advent calendar' where we collect items in our Christmas box that will be donated to the local food bank in the last week of term - all donations gratefully received .

We have also completed this term's Commando Joe Mission.



Please remember to phone in everyday if your child is poorly.

Donna, our Family Support Worker, is available on 07378 285273.