
February 2023

Montrose School

Achieving, Caring, Aspiring



Thank you for your donations to the Turkey-Syria earthquake appeal.

As we begin the second half of spring term, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the range of events that have taken place since the start of 2023. We have further events planned so please keep an eye on Class Dojo for information about future events.

Poetry Slam

On Thursday 16th February, we held our second whole school poetry slam of the year! All classes - from Reception to Year 6 - joined in and learnt a poem off-by-heart, which they then performed to the school and our judges. The theme this time was 'Funny poems' so we all left having had lots of laughs! Our panel of judges – Mr Owens, Miss Jackson and Donna – deliberated carefully and announced the winners this time as 6C for KS2 (*What Teachers Wear in Bed*) and 2BR for KS1 (*Saw My Teacher on a Saturday*). Well done to everyone for your fabulous performances!

Number Day

What a brilliant Number Day we had! The children looked amazing in their costumes and had a great time completing exciting number based activities. They even managed to go onto TT Rockstars and take part in a school competition too.

Safer Internet Day

The theme this year is **“Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online”**. The internet plays a huge part in the lives of young people today, with many playing online games, posting on social media, and using video sharing platforms. It can be used positively, helping young people learn new skills, express themselves creatively and strengthen social bonds. However, the use of many popular online platforms has also been linked to low self-esteem and anxiety. They also come with a set of safeguarding risks, from the pressure to participate in dangerous challenges to cyberbullying. It is very important to provide our young people with a safe space where they can share their thoughts, feelings, and experiences about life online to promote wellbeing and to better understand any safeguarding risks.

Mental Health Awareness Week

To mark this, the Montrose School Council have made and performed a song and video to help remind everyone at our school how we can look after ourselves. The message shared was that it is perfectly normal to feel unhappy sometimes and often the best way to make ourselves feel better is to share how we're feeling with someone we trust!

Happy Founders Day

Children and staff who are part of the Scout and Guiding movements wore their uniforms to school in remembrance of Lord Baden Powell who, through his vision, continues to equip young people with life and leadership skills to improve their communities and create a better world.

Term Dates

These 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 all have a duty to ensure our children will reach their potential and being punctual helps with this. 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.

Sport

Well done to the gymnasts who represented school at an event where they competed against 14 other schools. They did extremely well: Year 1 and 2 team - 1st place, Year 3 and 4 team - 4th place, Year 5 and 6 team - 6th place, mixed team - 3rd place. Two gymnasts also received second and third place overall! They had a fantastic day and it just shows what we can achieve when we put our minds to something and work hard.



Indian Dancing Workshop

Selected classes took part in an Indian dance workshop. They got taught some Bollywood style moves before putting them together into a dance. They took part with great enthusiasm, which was lovely to see.



Choir Event

We had a lovely day on Friday, joining together with four other schools to work on a short musical - "Mystery at Magpie Manor". We spent the day learning the songs (some we had learnt beforehand, some were new) together with dance moves. A performance was then given to the parents at the end of the day.



Cut Your Carbon Week

February 6th to February 10th was a national week of action designed to raise awareness about the changes we can make to reduce our carbon footprint and to inspire people to take action to reduce their carbon footprint. To celebrate, we invited children to produce a piece of art which encourages people to cut their carbon footprint. They produced some really impressive and beautiful posters. Isabelle S from 2W produced a really colourful poster encouraging people to switch off appliances to save electricity!





Nursery

Having fun with numbers in the nursery!

Reception

We have enjoyed Forest School this term.



Year 1

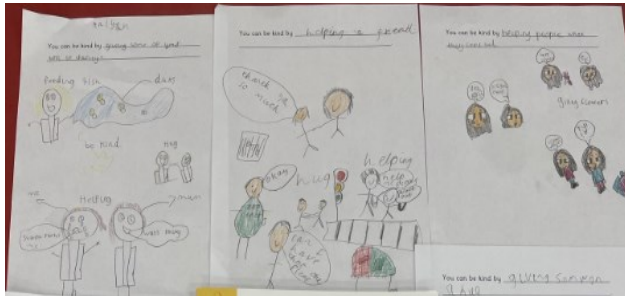


We have been learning about Pirates in preparation for our trip in March.



Year 2

For Children's Mental Health week we read inspirational quotes from famous people about kindness, followed by this lovely story - "Kind" by Alex Scheffler. We came up with a huge list of different acts of kindness and made these wonderful posters.



Year 3

We made sculptures in the style of Alberto Giacometti.



Year 4

We have been getting creative in Art by designing and creating Anglo-Saxon brooches.



Year 5

We made and painted clay plaques inspired by the artwork of Ancient Benin. Their works depicted animals found in West Africa, or Obas (kings) of the Ancient Kingdom of Benin. We also did some African TingaTinga art which is on display around the school. We love how colourful it is.



Year 6

We had a great at the Warning Zone learning about safety and dangers both in the home and outside. Thank you to Montrose PTA who paid for the entry tickets so that we could all enjoy this valuable educational and fun day.

**Warning
ZONE...**
LIFE SKILLS CENTRE





Attendance Headlines - week ending 10/2/23

- We were slightly below national by - 0.4%. Our overall attendance increased by 1.4% compared to the previous week.
- Year 6 were the highest attending year group that week at 99%.
- Biggest improvement – year 2 (93 to 96%).

If your child is too ill to attend school then you must call the school office on each day that they are absent.

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



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**.

PTA dates for your diary. Further details will be sent out closer to each event.

- Mon 13th/Tues 14th March - Mother's Day Room. A variety of gifts will be on sale for children to buy.
- Friday 24th March - Chocolate Bingo Event.
- Friday 30th June - Summer Fete.

Leicester City Council

Local authority school holidays 2023/2024



	August 2023						September 2023						October 2023					
M		7	14	22	28			4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30
T	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	
T	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27	
S	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28	
S	6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29	

Autumn Term 1st half

	November 2023						December 2023						January 2024				
M		6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
T		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
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S	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	

Autumn Term 2nd half

Spring Term 1st half

	February 2024						March 2024						April 2024				
M		5	12	19	26			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
T		6	13	20	27			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
W		7	14	21	28			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
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Spring Term 2nd half

	May 2024						June 2024						July 2024				
M		6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
T		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
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Summer Term 1st half

Summer Term 2nd half

	Pupil days		Weekends
	School Holidays		Public Holidays
	INSET days – school closed to pupils		

Total 190 Pupil days

Please note: On inset days, pupils are not required to attend school

As each school sets its own teacher days, please use the dates above or dates on the school website NOT the dates on Leicester City Council website.



ChatHealth

**Text a public health nurse
(school nurse) for confidential
advice and support**

 **07520 615 381**

or start a chat at:

chathealth.nhs.uk



**Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust**



Leicester
City Council



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NHS Trust**

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support service for autistic
people and their
parents/carers**

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 **07312 277 097**

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Autism
Team**


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**Understanding
your autism**

Healthy relationships

**Finding
support**

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and much more