

March 2023

# Montrose School

*Achieving, Caring, Aspiring*

*Have a lovely Easter holiday and see you in two weeks*



## World Book Day

School was transformed by a sea of costumes for World Book Day! Well done to the children, parents and staff for all the amazing costumes. You all truly did a wonderful job to celebrate the authors, characters and stories of some of our favourite reads.



## COMIC RELIEF

This year we asked children to dress up as their favourite Mr Men or Little Miss character or to come to school dressed in red. We all looked great! Thank you for your donations. So far Comic Relief has raised: **£35,310,407**. Your support will help people who are facing the toughest times of their lives and help them to break free from poverty, both here in the UK and across the world.



## Leics' Sing

Our junior choir performed at De Montfort Hall this week as part of a massed schools choir. The weeks of rehearsing really paid off as they sounded fantastic. Well done to those children who took part and thank you to Mrs Rupp and Mr Davies for all of your hard work behind the scenes.



## Gymnastics

Well done to the gymnasts who represented west Leicester at the City, County and Rutland finals. Montrose were one of only ten schools and although they did not win the girls showed resilience and bravery whilst performing their routines in front of a judging panel.

## Football

Congratulations to our Y5/6 girl's football team on winning the Aylestone Girls Division 1 League. They will now play other schools across the city in the finals and potentially be crowned the best girl's football team in the city.

## World Down Syndrome Day

Thank you to everybody who wore their favourite and funkiest socks to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. Children in every class have had an opportunity to learn and ask questions about Down Syndrome. It was lovely to see so many people helping raise awareness.

## World Autism Acceptance Week

This week we have been speaking to the children about autism. It has been a great opportunity to celebrate all the fantastic things that make us different from one another and promoting the positive parts of having different talents, skills and abilities that make us all unique.

## Dogs Trust

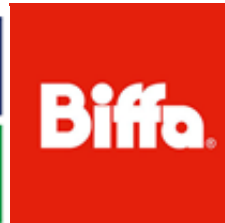
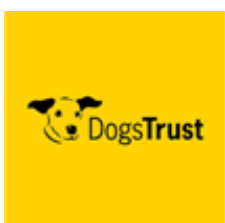
Thank you to the Dogs Trust for visiting us and giving assemblies and workshops on the themes of 'Responsible Dog Ownership' and 'How to be Safe Around Dogs'.

## Severn Trent

We were lucky to have a visit from Phil, the Education Officer at Severn Trent. He spoke to us about the importance of staying hydrated and reducing the amount of single use plastic we use. We all thoroughly enjoyed his visit and learned so much from him. 💧

## Biffa

Year 2 had a talk from Biffa about the importance of recycling and not littering. It is important we reduce, reuse and recycle more materials as small changes make a big difference to the future. Thank you Biffa for your visit. ♻️ 🚫







### PTA Events

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for the Mother's Day room and Chocolate Bingo events that have taken place this term. The PTA said they hoped you liked the gifts you were given on Mother's Day and that you enjoyed getting the chance to win some chocolate! Thank you for the many chocolate donations we received.

The recent PTA events have raised the following: Halloween Disco £464.32, Christmas fayre £549.02, January toast day £54.43, February toast day £35.23, Mothers Day Room £466.50, Family Bingo Night £265.00. A huge thank you to everyone for helping raise this money which will be used to purchase resources for school or to pay for experiences that enrich our pupils' education.



### Eco Schools

The Montrose Eco Committee are very proud to announce that Montrose School has achieved 'Plastic Clever School' status! We are so proud of the work the children have put in to reducing our single use plastics.

#### Tip for March

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Let's remember to recycle materials such as paper, plastic, and glass. Turn off the lights when leaving a room to save energy. Bring reusable bags when shopping to reduce plastic waste.



**Every single action helps because...**

**When lots of little people**

**Do lots of little things**

**The lots of little things**

**Add up to lots of big changes**







## Nursery

During March the Nursery children have had lots of fun celebrating special days. Firstly, we dressed up for 'World Book Day' and had a great day, all based around the story of Elmer the elephant. We then took part in Red Nose Day, then made special cards for Mother's Day. Finally we have been creating lovely Easter cards and crafts. What a busy and fun month!

## Reception

This half term Reception have been 'Eggcellent Explorers'. We started off the term by finding two dinosaur eggs in our garden; we looked after them until they hatched. It was so exciting! We had lots of fun dressing up and celebrating world book day with various different activities like book hunts. Most recently we had some very exciting visitors to our base, we were wondering what was going to hatch out of the eggs. We waited and waited and eventually 9 chicks hatched! We have been helping to take care of them, making sure we are very careful when holding them.





## Year 1



This month has been great for Year 1. The month started with us being pirates for the day at Beaumanor Hall. We practised using our sea legs, played pirate games, visited the pirate cavern and solved perplexing pirate problems! The children all qualified as pirates and wrote a super recount the following day when back at school!



During the last few weeks we have started to explore the changes in spring in science. We took lots of pictures with the iPads outside of the changes we could see and have started to think about adjectives to describe spring ready for us to write some poems.



## Year 2

We have had a very busy month in year 2. In English, we finished our work on the story "Black Dog" by writing a recount where the very big, black, scary dog chased the little girl "Small" through our very own playground! We have also enjoyed learning about riddles and are working on writing our own animal riddles. In maths, we have learnt all about measures including mass and capacity and, just as it's getting colder again, we are learning how to read temperature using a thermometer. As the term comes to an end, we have finished our PSHE work on road safety and medicines and are looking forward to the Easter break.





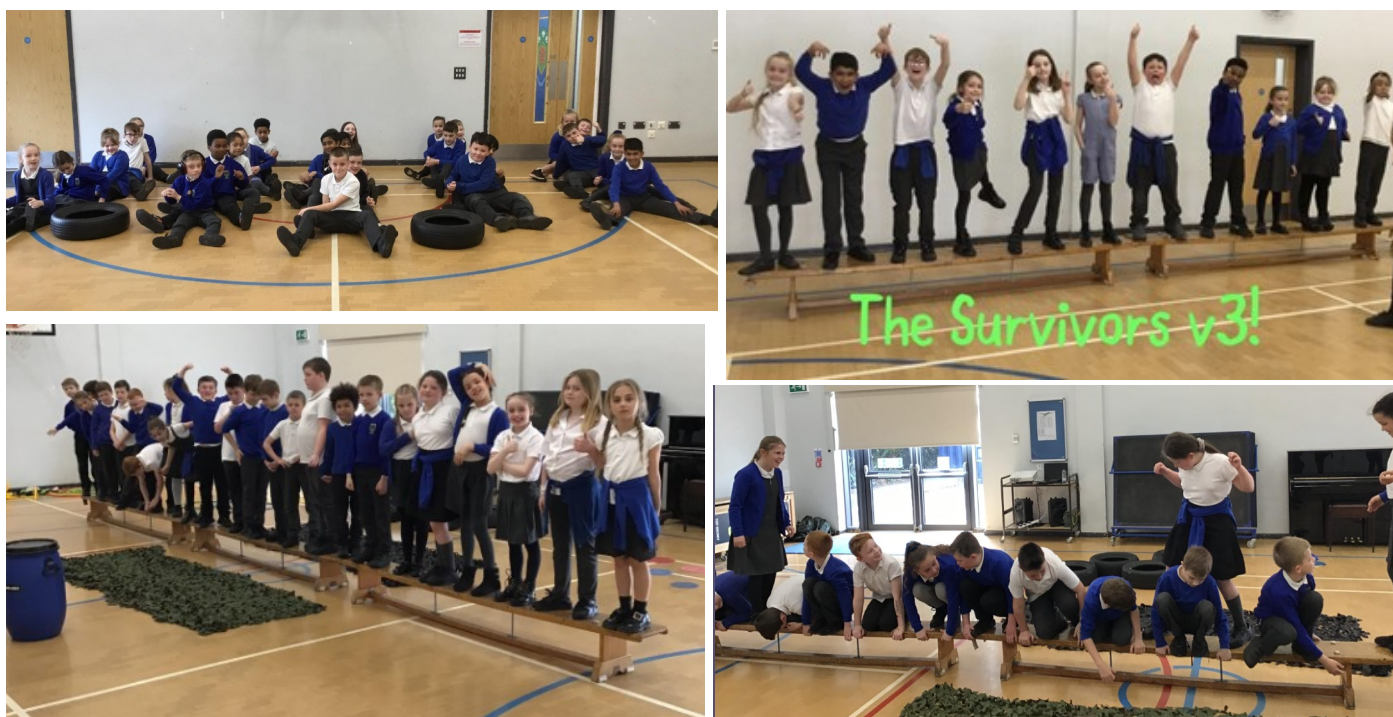
## Year 3

We have had pests come and vandalise our classroom and we have been writing newspaper reports about this. We are writing persuasive letters to Mr Owens to encourage him to bring his dog in to scare the pests away! In maths, we've been learning about length, mass and capacity. We've learned a lot about forces and magnets in Science and have also managed to squeeze in some singing practice in preparation for our production next term.



## Year 4

The children carried out the next Commando Joe mission! This time it was based around a Norse explorer called Leif Erikson. The first task involved sticking together as a team in longboats and trying to navigate icebergs and sharks in the sea, whilst also avoiding the large waves (many got swept away and had to start again! Great perseverance shown!). Then they encountered a cyclone where visibility was poor (eye masks were worn!) and had to use their excellent communication skills to guide their teammate to safety. After that, they had to try and stay on the path in the dense forest (wild animals got them if they strayed off the path!) whilst listening to King Olaf's instructions carefully for the order they needed to be in. They finished by reflecting on which of their classmates they spotted who worked well and demonstrated the Commando Joe R.E.S.P.E.C.T values; it was lovely to hear a large variety of children's names put forward. Well done all!





## Year 5

We have been learning about the Vikings and had a Viking day where we got to dress up. There were some terrific costumes, lots of educational games and activities and even an opportunity to play an old Viking board game. Mr Pearce also smashed a melon with an axe, which went everywhere! We also got to learn about Viking food and try some oat biscuits with jam and fruit!

In music, we learned about acapella singing from Xhosa-speaking people of Southern Africa, and had a go along with playing the chords for the song on glockenspiels.



## Year 6

We visited De Montfort University in Leicester to take part in an Inspire Day. We took part in some activities, got to talk to current DMU students and had a tour of the university. This was a great opportunity for the children to see what a university is like.

The children have also taken part in an Enterprise Week at school, polishing up their business skills to raise money towards the cost of the bus journey. They worked so well in teams and showed fantastic entrepreneurial skills. Even after Mr Owens' startup fee has been returned, and they have still made a profit!







### **Attendance Headlines - week ending 17/3/23**

- We were above national by 0.1%. Our overall attendance is unfortunately on a downward trend from 95.4% at the start of this half-term to 93.6%.
- Years 4 and 5 were the highest attending year groups that week at 96%.

If your child is too ill to attend school then you must call the school office on each day that they are absent. Please do not send messages regarding absence to teachers via Class Dojo.

### **School Council Parliament Trip**

The School Council had an amazing day at the Palace of Westminster! We had a tour of the House of Lords and sat in the public gallery of the House of Commons (even managing to spot some famous faces!). We then had a Workshop where we learnt all about how laws are made where we debated a new law and voted on it.



### **Reading Therapy Dog**

We are very lucky to have Sarah visit us with her trained therapy dog, Anya, who is an absolute delight. Anya listens attentively when children read to her and she is well-loved. Thank you Sarah for volunteering yours and Anya's time to help the children at Montrose.



### **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 nearer the time

- Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th June - Father's Day Room
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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### Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half

### Spring Term 1<sup>st</sup> 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
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### Spring Term 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> half

### Summer Term 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**NHS**

Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust



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support service for autistic  
people and their  
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Autism  
Team**

**NHS**  
Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust

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**Emotional wellbeing**

**Understanding  
your autism**

**Healthy relationships**

**Finding  
support**

**Healthy lifestyle**

**and much more**