

Montagu Academy Newsletter

Welcome Message:

Hello and welcome to the re-launch of our newsletter. We will be having a half-termly newsletter which will include all the great things that we have been doing within the academy. The third page comes from the perspective of our pupils and they have told us all about what they have been learning and doing during the last half-term at school.

Star of the Half-Term:

Each class teacher has nominated their star of the term. This pupil has followed all of our academy expectations and been exceptional throughout the entire half-term. It is such a great achievement. The stars of the term for last half-term were:



FS1	Eve C
FS2	Peyton J
1CF	Matthew G
1MW	Stevie M
2CH	Daniel J
2KW/BC	Jenson I
3CL	Sienna S
3SB	Kian L
4CH	Sandra B
4LW	Ruby W
5HM/KA	Joby B
5RS	Mason S
6DA	Kyle W
6KM	Bobby C

Half-Term Attendance (Spring 2):

At Montagu Academy we love to celebrate great attendance. Our whole school attendance for the half-term was **93.3%**. The overall attendance for each class during the last half-term was:

FS1: 86.0%	FS2: 91.5%
1CF: 91.7%	1MW: 93.3%
2CH: 93.9%	2KW/BC: 91.5%
3CL: 92.8%	3SB: 93.2%
4CH: 93.6%	4LW: 96.9%
5HM/KA: 92.4%	5RS: 95.4%
6DA: 93.6%	6KM: 91.6%

Huge congratulations to 4LW for having the best whole class attendance!

Attendance & Punctuality:

The school gates open at **8.30am** each day and all pupils should be in their classrooms ready to learn by **8.50am**. The school gates are closed at **8.50am** and any pupils arriving after this time will need to enter via main reception and will receive a late mark in the register.

Dates For Your Diary:

- Year 6 SATs Week—Monday 9th May.
- Year 6 Paul Cookson Trip—Friday 13th May.
- Year 1 Trip to YWP — Tuesday 17th May.
- Year 5 Dallowgill Residential—Wednesday 18th May to Friday 20th May.
- Inset Day — Friday 10th June. (School closed to all pupils).
- Sports Day—Monday 4th July (Reserve Date—Monday 11th July.)
- Year 6 Celebration—Tuesday 19th July.
- Last Day of Summer Term—Wednesday 20th July.
- Inset Day—Thursday 21st July (School closed to all pupils).
- Parent Open Day—TBC.



ClassDojo

Top Dojo Achievers:

At Montagu we have a rewards system where students can earn points that they can then exchange for prizes at the Dojo Shop. The top Dojo

achiever from each class last half-term was:

FS1	Ellie P
FS2	James S
1CF	Mahasthi P
1MW	Georgina B
2CH	Lukas T
2KW/BC	Annabel J
3CL	Ava B
3SB	Lacie M
4CH	Lea T
4LW	Ruby W
5HM/KA	Edisa H
5RS	Chloe W
6DA	Joy N
6KM	Shay H, Harley S & Tyler P

Uniform Expectations:

All children are expected to wear academy uniform at all times. Uniform consists of:

- Royal blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt (with or without logo).
- White polo shirt, shirt or blouse.
- Grey or black trousers/skirt.
- Black footwear.
- In warmer weather, blue gingham checked summer dress, grey or black shorts, no open toed shoes or sandals,
- Year 6 pupils must also wear a tie as part of their uniform.
- Jewellery—one small stud in one or both ears (no other items of jewellery are permitted).

Trips:

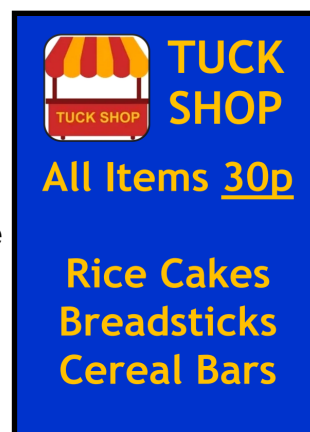
During the Spring 2 Half-Term we had 4 trips which took place.

- Year 5 Literacy Event at Mexborough Business Centre.
- Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew.
- Year 4 Tree-Planting Event at The Laurel Academy.
- Year 4 Literacy Workshop at Mexborough Business Centre.

All the pupils had a great time on each of these trips and it was so great that more out of school events are now taking place. Further details about each trip can be found on our website on the 'Trips' page.

Tuck Shop:

At breaktime each day, pupils in Year 3-6 are able to purchase a snack from the tuck shop. They place their order in the morning and then receive it at breaktime. All items are 30p so please send this with your child if they would like something from the tuck shop.



TTRS Top Achievers:

At Montagu we use Times Tables Rock Stars to enable to pupils to develop their times tables ability. The top TTRS achiever from each class last half-term was:

2CH	Daniel J
2KW/BC	Miley B
3CL	Ava B
3SB	Szymon W
4CH	Louise H
4LW	Noah M
5HM/KA	Alex H
5RS	Alexis J
6DA	Amelia J
6KM	Cameron U

Pupil Voice



FS1: We have been reading about growing plants and grew our own beans from seeds.

FS2: We have been learning about pets and saw photos of everyone's pets. We learnt how to look after pets.

1CF: We have been learning about length in mathematics and how we measure length using a ruler.

1MW: We have used what we know about the past and used this knowledge to learn about the dinosaurs and what the world was like when the dinosaurs were around.

2CH: We have been learning about Victorians during our REC lessons and how poor Victorian children were sent to workhouses, they worked all day and didn't get paid any money.

2KW/BC: We have been learning about the Victoria era and the differences between rich and poor children during Victorian times.

3CL: We have been learning about the Victorian era and about coal mines during Victorian times. We have learnt where coal mines were located around the UK and in our local area.

3SB: We have been learning about ordnance survey symbols and what is in our local area based on the different symbols shown on the map.

4CH: We have learned about the Mayans using what we already know about the Ancient Egyptians.

4LW: We have learned about the Mayan Pyramids and that only special people can go to the top of them.

5HM/KA: We have been politicians and we have looked at what democracy is and how we show democracy within school.

5RS: We have been learning about decimals and finding the equivalent fractions.

6DA: We have been working extremely hard revising in preparation for our SATS.

6KM: We have been learning how to write character description stories about 'The man with no name'.

School Council News:

This half-term we have been focusing on our environment. We have completed surveys based on our classroom environment and evaluated the outside. We conducted a meeting to discuss how, as a team, we could make the outside of the school look tidier. Therefore, we completed posters which highlight how to keep the school clean and took part in litter picking. Now, we are working closely with the Eco-Councillors to keep the school clean and rubbish free. In the Summer half-term we are going to focus on reading and how to develop children's reading for pleasure.



Eco-Council News:

The eco-council is a newly formed team and we are working hard on establishing ourselves within the academy. Last half-term we spent our time focusing on how we could begin to save electricity. We set up classroom energy monitors and after taking a vote decided we would change our classroom energy monitors weekly. We also had a great meeting with Mrs Pearson to share lots of our exciting future plans! This half-term our plan is to continue to focus on energy and begin to work on how we can reduce litter.



Mini-Managers:

Last half-term we were excited to get the children in KS1 to eat more healthy fruit and vegetables. We asked about making changes to our school dinners, the vegetable choices and the salad bar. We met with the chef and helped to write the new menus for this half-term. Our challenge to everyone is: **Eat the hot vegetables or something from the salad bar and you will get a sticker!**
Stickers = Dojos!



Playground Leaders:

As playground leaders we use our breaktime to make sure people are being responsible and safe. On the playground there are different areas for different equipment that 4 playground leaders run. We do this because if one person isn't there the other playground leaders can still make sure children are being safe at breaktime. Playground leaders are made up of Year 5 & 6 children who have volunteered. Pupils think that this makes breaktime more fun as it is exciting to have playground leaders play different games with other children and make sure everyone is having fun!