

Montagu Academy Newsletter

Heads Message:

I would like to welcome everyone back to school following the Christmas holiday.

I would like to thank everyone that attended the Christmas performances. It was wonderful seeing the children performing on the stage with so much joy.

We are planning to hold Phonic Workshops for the Foundation and Year 1 parents so that you can further support your child at home.

We will also be holding a SATs information workshop for our Year 6 parents. Information regarding these workshops will be shared on ClassDojo and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Best Wishes

David Longley

Star of the Half-Term:

Each class teacher has nominated their star of the half-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	Elizabeth M
RAL	Scarlett B
RMW	Isla B
1CF	Daniella O
2CH	Charlotte A
2CW	Jakob H
3CL	William H
3/4SW	Mollie-Mai E
4CH	Lacie M
5MW	Maisy O
5RS	India C
6DA	Edisa H
6KM	Jayden H
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Half-Term Attendance (Autumn 2):

At Montagu Academy we love to celebrate great attendance. Our whole school attendance for the half -term was <u>92.2%</u>. The overall attendance for each class during the last half-term was:

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FS1: 86%	RAL: 86%
RMW: 91%	1CF: 90%
2CH: 97%	2CW: 94%
3CL: 94%	3/4SW: 91%
4CH: 94%	5MW: 92%
5RS: 92%	6DA: 95%
6KM: 95%	

Huge congratulations to **2CH** for having the best whole class attendance!

Attendance & Punctuality:

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

Clubs:

We have now started adding clubs to the MCAS App so if your child would like to attend one of our FREE afterschool clubs, please log onto the App to sign them up. We do only have a limited number of places so it is first come first served.

Dates For Your Diary:

- INSET Day—Friday 10th February.
- Half-Term—Monday13th to Friday 17th February.
- School Re-Opens—Monday 20th February.
- World Book Day—Friday 2nd March.
- Year 6 Trip to Crucial Crew—Friday 10th March.
- Red Nose Day—Friday 17th March.
- Easter Holidays—Monday 3rd—Friday 14th April.
- School Re-Opens—Monday 17th April.



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:

Nursery	Elizabeth-Rae M
Reception	Jason O
1CF	Eva S
2CH	Harley P & Victoria O
2CW	Charlotte B
3CL	David M
3/4SW	Ernest S, Keegan J & Jaxson P
4CH	Davids B
5MW	Dawid R
5RS	Faith M
6DA	Lillie-May C
6KM	Chloe W & Alexis J

Attendance Challenge:

Before Christmas we celebrated all of our pupils who had achieved an attendance of 96%+ for the half-term. They each received some sweets or chocolate and those with 100% attendance were entered into a draw to win a £10 Amazon Voucher. Well done to all the winners! There will be other challenges throughout the year so keep an eye out for those.



Fundraising Events:

As a school we have done some incredible fundraising so far this year.

- Poppy Appeal—For the Poppy Appeal we raised £498.62.
- Children In Need—For Children In Need we raised £265.00.
- Macmillan—For the Macmillan Coffee Morning we raised £176.41.

Thank you for all of your donations towards these charities and for supporting our events in school.

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).



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:

3CL	Levi D
3/4SW	Teddy L
4CH	Szymon W
5MW	Lea T
5RS	Ragan T
6DA	Isabelle L
6KM	Chloe W

Pupil Voice



<u>FS1:</u> We had a lovely Christmas Craft 'stay and play' session with our parents. It was lovely to see parents come in and enjoy our nursery setting.

RAL & RMW: We enjoyed our Stick Man story and made our own stick men. We also went on lovely winter walks around the school grounds.

1CF: This half-term in REC, we have looked at 'Transport Over Time' and how transport was different in the past. We also identified different modes of transport for different purposes such as a boat for travelling on water.

<u>2CH:</u> This half-term in REC, we learnt about Samuel Peeps and his diary during the Great Fire of London.

<u>2CW:</u> This half-term in REC, we used charcoal in our Art lessons to develop tone and shade in our art work.

<u>3CL:</u> This half-term in REC, we have looked at how Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age people lived and what their homes were like.

<u>3/4SW:</u> This half-term in REC, we focused on creating sculptures in Art and Design. We focused on the artist George Segal to create our own Viking God sculptures.

<u>4CH:</u> This half-term in REC, we concluded our learning about the Vikings by discussing the different Gods and Goddesses they believed in and how some place names in our area came from the Vikings.

<u>5MW:</u> This half-term in our REC science lessons, we have looked at the male and female reproductive systems.

<u>5RS:</u> This half-term in REC, we have looked at the effect Mount Vesuvius had on Pompeii.

<u>6DA:</u> This half-term in our REC science lessons, we looked at the circulatory system, and how drugs and exercise can have an effect on the human body.

<u>6KM:</u> This half-term in REC, 6KM researched Shackleton's Journey and learnt about Antarctica. We also analysed the effect that humans are having on planet and the negative impacts we are having on Antarctica.

School Council News:

The School Council have been extremely busy organising World Book Day. We have taken part



in regular meetings to discuss what activities we complete as a school on that day. We also arranged some fun activities for Children In Need in November and raised a huge amount of money with our guess the name of the bear and guess the number of sweets competitions.

Eco-Council News:

This half-term we got together and emptied the recycling bins in our classrooms. We thought about the importance of recycling this paper and where the paper would go next.



<u>Playground</u> Leaders:

This half-term we have been adapting to the colder conditions. We have continued to provide fun games on



the playground to keep all of the children entertained and active! This is a really good way for everyone to stay warm in the colder months.