



July 12th 2024

Key Stage 2 SATs results

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who received their SATs results this week. I will upload the results to the website with the details in due course but in every subject our Year 6 scored **considerably above** national averages and **every pupil** reached the expected level in Reading, Writing and Maths. Many of our children achieved the greater depth standard too, considerably surpassing national averages. This is a superb achievement and testament to the children's hard work and learning behaviours. Very well done to them all. Thank you to all of the Team Monty staff who have worked with the children during their time here, and in particular Mrs Channell and Mrs Miller for their work this year.

I am equally pleased that, whilst we try to prepare our Year 6 children as best we can to feel confident for their SATs, we still have a broad and balanced curriculum and some exciting events most weeks – see below for some examples from this week.

Heavy Beat Brass Band

On Tuesday we were visited by the Heavy Beat Brass Band who are an English brass band based on New Orleans traditions and music. They entertained us for over an hour with their music, discussing different instruments and musical terms. It was lovely to see the children and staff enjoying themselves, clapping and moving to the music!

We have a number of brass players in Year 4 and 5 who I hope were inspired to continue playing and hopefully some other children were too. Thank you to Dr Blezard for securing some funding to enable the visit to happen.

Brightwoods

We had two contrasting visits to Brightwood this week. The Year 6 visit on Monday was dry and reasonably warm but the Year 3 visit on Tuesday was cold and wet. Both groups had a great time and there were many activities under cover.

Whorlton Bridge Art Project

On Friday afternoon last week, we met with Chris McHutchinson, Senior Project Manager from Volker Laser, to present him with the Art boards each class has been working on for our Whorlton Bridge Project. In each class the children depicted Teesdale scenes with boards showing moorland scenes right down to the final Whorlton Bridge board, which was a collaborative effort from children across the school. They look absolutely stunning and in the summer holidays you will be able to see them in situ near Whorlton Bridge as they will be on the side of the site team's workshop. Well done Team Monty!

ParentPay Arears

As we approach the end of term, please ensure that your ParentPay balances are paid. We will lift the 2.30pm booking time cut off on ParentPay so rather than ringing after this time, please book online. This way debts cannot accrue. Thank you.

Nursery new starters

It was lovely to meet our new Nursery families who will start at Montalbo in the Autumn term. I know both our Nursery and Reception teams are looking forward to the extra space the two rooms will have allowing more opportunities for our youngest pupils to learn in.

After School Care

On Tuesday and Wednesday care will only be available to 4.15pm as staff are involved in Monty does the Movies. Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause.

End of Year Reports

Tuesday was a really busy day with assessment information for many classes being tabulated and Mrs Collin, Mrs Teasdale, Miss Richardson and Mrs Channell formatting reports.

Recruitment

Over the last couple of weeks we have been recruiting. I will let you know more about some new faces joining the school in September once all of our recruitment checks have taken place.

Monty Does the Movies

The performances for Monty does the Movies are next week. The children taking part should arrive at the Witham at 5.30pm in the costume for their first dance – this will be sent home on Monday after a dress rehearsal. We look forward to seeing you then.

Moving Up Day

Today the children had the chance to move to their next class and meet the new teaching teams. I had chance to visit each class and the children made such a positive impression. Well done everyone!

Copper Trail

FOMS have suggested a fundraising idea which will be fun to do involving copper coins. If you are able to, please send in any copper coins you can collect and are happy to donate on Monday July 22nd and we will create an enormous copper trail around school.

FOMS Summer Raffle

All children will have received 2 books of raffle tickets for the FOMS annual Summer raffle. Please return the completed stubs and money received into the school office as soon as possible or return any unwanted tickets. Thank you.

School Music Concert

We would like to welcome the parents/carers of children who learn Piano with Rosie, Brass with Mr Bradshaw and Woodwind with Mrs Unwin to come into school on Tuesday 16th July at 2pm to watch our school music concert.

England Final!

Despite England making the Euros final on Sunday, children are required to be in school on Monday morning for the normal 8.45am start. This is important as we have various visits and rehearsals planned.

Attendance

Please find below this week's attendance and the year to date attendance.

Class	Attendance (%)
Reception	96.2
Year 1	94.9
Year 2	94.7
Year 3	86.2
Year 4	96.7
Year 5	99.2
Year 6	93.6
Whole School	94.5%

Dates for the Diary

July 15th

Monty Does the Movies rehearsal for Y3-6

July 15th

Year 1 to Brightwoods

July 16th

Music assembly for parents of pupils of children receiving tuition 2pm

July 16th and 17th

Monty Does the Movies at the Witham for Y3-6 (drop children off from 5.30pm, performance starts 6pm)

July 23rd

Leavers' Assembly 9am and last day of term 9am

July 24th

Summer holidays begin

September 5th

Children return to school

Mr. C Minikin

Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

