



July 11th 2025

Monty Does Guilty Pleasures

What an amazing time we had on Tuesday and Wednesday evening as we were entertained superbly by our Key Stage 2 children in Monty Does Guilty Pleasures. The performances were full of fun, laughter and a great deal of talent. There was so much to enjoy, from the amazing dances by each class, to the comedy game show sketches and finale. I was incredibly proud of every single child on the stage – each year they truly shine. Our Year 5/6 children spoke with clarity, confidence and comic timing, linking the journey through the virtual world brilliantly. All of the children looked fabulous in their different costumes and they did so well with transitions and quick costume changes. Well done Key Stage 2!

The Monty Does series have created some amazing opportunities for our children to speak and perform in front of large audiences. In a recent assembly, we worked out that children have 15 performances of different plays and assemblies at school or at the Witham if they joined in Nursery, before they leave Montalbo. This will provide our children with so much experience for their future, as well as creating brilliant memories for us all.

A huge thank you to all of Team Monty! We have such a strong bond and I am sure you can see that by the number of staff attending in different parts of The Witham to ensure everything ran as smoothly as possible. Special thanks must go to Mrs Channell and Mrs Miller. I send the script to them first and after the initial, 'That's the most bonkers Monty Does script yet..,' comment worked tremendously hard to make it all work! Thank you to Mrs Bowron, Mrs Daniels and Mrs Wood for their help with props and costumes. We have limited space in the wings to the side of the stage and some of the sketches take a lot of working out! Thank you also to all of the teachers for their work on the dances – they were incredible.

End of Year Assessments

One of the things that I am most proud of about our school is the balance between the amazing events we host, the opportunities we have in different areas of the curriculum and the continued, incredible academic success we enjoy. Once again this year, our end of year results are brilliant. In every assessment our children perform considerably better than national averages. In primary schools, these are Reception children's Good Level of Development judgements, Year 1 Phonics Screening, Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 6 SATs. This is testament to the skilled teaching teams and our hard-working children. Well done Team Monty!

Move Up Day

Today was most of our Year 6 cohort's second transition day to secondary school. I hope that they went well and the children feel well-prepared to start their new schools in September.

In school, Move Up Day went very well with the majority of the school working with their new teaching teams. Miss Gilmore, our new Year 3 teacher, met her class earlier in the week and she was very impressed with our children.

Sponsored Water Walk

A while ago Mrs Smith sent out some information and a sponsorship form regarding the next idea to raise funds for the Ghana project we are involved with. On Wednesday July 16th your child will complete a water walk carrying a set amount of water around the school grounds to add to a 'community well' (the large storage tank in the garden). This will not only raise funds towards the

project but will also help our children understand what the children of Ghana face as an everyday task. We would be pleased if you could return the sponsorship form and any donations by Tuesday July 15th. Thank you.

Nursery End of Term Party

Instead of a school trip for our nursery children, a party has planned for Monday July 14th. See Weduc post for more information.

Year 2 Orienteering

Year 2 had a great day orienteering on Wednesday, finding clues around Staindrop Academy grounds. They also took part in team-building and problem-solving activities which they really enjoyed.

Roundhouse Work

We are very grateful to our friends at Volker Laser for their work on the Roundhouse floor and paths. Once the gravel is walked on a few times and pushed further into some grid mesh underneath, it should make the Roundhouse a much better, less dusty and more usable space.

Holiday Activity Club

Details were shared on Weduc about a Holiday Activity Club for Key Stage 2 children, ran by the Wilderness Company. Please check Weduc and the noticeboard near the main entrance for details.

Leavers' Assembly

Families of our Year 6 children are invited to our Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term, July 18th at 9am. I look forward to seeing you then.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are below. **Well done Year 4!**

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	95.7
Year 1	97.5
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	94.3
Year 4	99.3
Year 5	96.8
Year 6	96.3
Whole School	96.7%

Dates for the Diary

July 14 th	Nursery party (am)
July 16 th	Water Walk
July 18 th	Leavers' Assembly 9am
July 21 st – September 1 st	Summer Holiday
September 2 nd	Teacher training Day
September 3 rd	Children start/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.

