

12 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

My second week has flown by, and I have met so many wonderful children who have been keen to talk to me and tell me all about themselves.

The week started with transition day for Year 6 students who are joining us in September. It was a pleasure to meet them all and share all the exciting opportunities and experiences that they have, to look forward to, and to also share the pupil and staff pledges that form the bedrock of 'The New Montsaye Way.' The students enjoyed several taster sessions whilst learning about how lessons and the school day are run. Parents and carers then had the opportunity to come into school on Monday evening to hear all about what their sons and daughters had been up to along with information about the future of Montsaye.

On Tuesday, a group of students went on a trip to East Carlton Park where they enjoyed a day of exploring before sitting down together to share a picnic. All the students were keen to tell me about how much they enjoyed the trip. In addition to the East Carlton Park trip, we also had a number of students who were lucky enough to visit Wimbledon whilst another group of students travelled to Irchester Country Park to complete a range of activities.

The highlight of the week for me though was watching the students perform in their production of Oliver. It was lovely to see the students involved all flourishing in their roles on the stage. The hours of practice and rehearsals all came together as they delivered a wonderful performance for all in attendance. All the individual performances were fantastic, but I wanted to give a special mention to Olivia, Jacob, and Adele for their performances as Oliver, The Artful Dodger and Nancy, respectively – simply stunning! A big thank you to Mr Shea, Miss Purvis, Maddie, and everyone else involved in putting the show together.

On the theme of celebration, the top 3 forms in terms of the highest cumulative attendance this week were:

1st place – 7LFE – Mr Fernandes

2nd place – 8MAS – Mr Sipple

3rd place – 7AZO – Mr Lyon

Our top 3 achievement (ERA) point earners this week are:

1st place – Jack S – Year 7 – 33 points

Joint 2nd place – Megan G – Year 9 – 29 points and Thomas G – Year 9 – 29 points

Well done all!



Looking ahead to next week, we have Sports Day to look forward to which promises to be a fantastic spectacle and is always one of the most exciting days on any school calendar. We also have the Key Stage 3 drama production of 'Around the World with Class 6' which is taking place on Wednesday evening at 5pm. Tickets are on sale for £1 per adult and 50p per child.

Finally, I wanted to say thank you for the support I have received since joining Montsaye Academy. I am incredibly grateful to parents and carers for getting behind me as the school continues its journey of rapid improvement. Looking ahead to September, I will schedule several parent forums for you to give your viewpoint on a range of topics, the first of which will be around support for students with Special Educational Needs. These forums will not be to discuss individual children but will be a forum to talk about broad areas that are going well or that are causing frustration.

Have a pleasant weekend,

Yours faithfully,

Mr B Baines  
Principal