

31 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy week draws to a close at Montsaye Academy and as usual there is lots to share with you all.

Thank you to all of you that have completed the survey so far. At present we still only have 25% of all parents/carers that have completed it and so a final plea from me please to share your views with us. It should take 15 minutes at the most and your views are very important to us.

Mr Rogers led assemblies for all year groups which focused on student pledge 1, 'We do the right thing, at the right time, for the right reason.' He told a story around two people facing the same scenario who made very different decisions that led to very different outcomes. As always, the students listened respectfully and had the opportunity to reflect on what decisions they would have made when faced with the same circumstances.

On Monday, our Year 10 drama students were off timetable for the day to carry out a workshop on Physical Theatre. Mrs Childs said they all worked very hard and learned a great deal during the workshop.

On Tuesday, Mrs Knight our excellent careers lead, organised for just under 100 students from Year 8 and 9 to visit the University of Northampton for a day full of learning and exploration. During the visit, they gained a deeper understanding of university life through talks from the Army, a campus tour, and a careers quiz that introduced them to various job roles linked to famous personalities.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with the campus tour being a particular highlight. Many remarked how inspiring it was to see what life could be like as a university student. Despite the rainy weather, our students embraced every part of the day with enthusiasm and curiosity. We are also thrilled to share that the university staff were highly impressed with our students. In their feedback, they noted, "I think they did amazingly well and I was really impressed with how they engaged in the activities, particularly the range of questions they asked the student ambassadors and the diverse career ideas they discussed in the careers session." It was a fantastic day of learning and exploration, and we hope it inspired many of our students to consider the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in higher education and beyond.

On Thursday afternoon, our amazing year 10 sports leaders led an archery event for no less than 10 of our local primary schools! They led the event brilliantly showing great confidence whilst developing their individual leadership skills. We are very proud of the leaders they are becoming so a huge well done to Imogen C, Alanna B, Eva M, Sienna F, Maddie E, Harry W, Oscar J, Jack Ch, Samuel B, Mason M, Jack G and Harry T.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs George and My Lyon led 27 students from across Year 7 – 12 on our third community clean-up event and I am very proud of each and every one of them for giving up their free time to make our community a tidier place for all.

The week ended with our second WOW Day of the year which was a lovely way to end a fantastic week. To see the children all smiling and coming down the driveway to the music was a lovely way to start the day. Music was played in the various courtyards at break and lunchtime which the children enjoyed and there were lots of golden tickets awarded with 15 lucky prize winners that left the school very happy.

There was lots of movement in the attendance leagues as the different forms all continue to complete for promotion. Mr Beet's form slipped to second in the Premiership with Mrs Briffa's form climbing to top spot.

The current league standings are below:

Premiership			Championship			League 1			League 2		
1	11ABI	97%	1	11PHM	96.20%	1	7EJG	94.50%	1	10NG	93.30%
2	7JOB	96.80%	2	9ELB	94.90%	2	9LUC	94.00%	2	10LFE	92.00%
3	7TRC	95.70%	3	9VPA	94.50%	3	7JEL	93.40%	3	8JJW	91.00%
4	10IJA	95.60%	4	7ZHD	93.40%	4	8ERO	92.90%	4	8MCO	90.60%
5	9SCO	95.10%	5	12MGT	93.30%	5	9LHM	92.00%	5	10SPU	89.60%
6	8DAS	94.90%	6	8AWH	93.10%	6	10MS	92%	6	7REL	89.30%
7	13PJS	94.50%	7	10SEC	92.90%	7	11CDA	91.80%	7	9RL	89.10%
8	13JWA	93.40%	8	7KL	92.60%	8	8GDB	90.30%	8	8EBL	86.90%
9	9SC1	92.40%	9	10AJT	90.50%	9	11MAS	90.10%	9	11FAL	86.40%
10	11SLY	89.00%									

The top praise point earners this week were:

Year Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Average
7	Riley M – 20	Viki D – 20	Jacob M – 21	7 points
8	Max R – 19	Eva M – 19	Frankie-Jay C - 24	5 points
9	Max G – 16	Lewis C – 16	Imogen C – 16	5 points
10	Archie Q – 17	Alfie S – 19	Aiden P – 19	7 points
11	Riley P – 15	Ebony M – 15	Emily M – 16	4 points

Lastly, we want to thank Elena, one of our lunchtime supervisors, who has completed a fantastic 35 years service at Montsaye, doing various roles over this time supporting the students. We are very grateful for her hard work and dedication. Elena was presented with a 35 years service award today together with some flowers.

Have a lovely weekend whatever your plans may be.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines  
Principal