



MONTSAYE PASTORAL BULLETIN

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



As we draw to the close of another week when many of you are not in school, I want us to think about how the school was when you were all here, and things were normal. The busy corridors, shouts of “Morning miss”, “Where’s your tie?”, “Why are you late?”, “Where’s your homework?”. The favourite part of my day was visiting lessons, seeing you all learning and engaging, questioning, or busily writing away. Wow how we all miss that!



This week we have been able to welcome some of our Year 10 and Year 12 students. It has been wonderful to see them and remind ourselves that we are here to support you both whilst you are in school and whilst you are at home. If you need anything, get in touch with your tutor who will help you and direct you to further support.

I would like to end today by saying how much I as your head teacher appreciate how much your teachers are doing for you during this period. As we slowly ease out of lockdown, we look forward to sharing further plans of how school will look in September. What I do know is, and I’ve heard it so many times this week, “All I want to do is teach” and “I can’t wait to come back to school as I miss it so much”. Well the simple fact is we cannot wait, we want our corridors full again and we want to see your lovely faces. We do however have to keep our resolve and patience until we have some further guidance.

Have a lovely week everyone, keep up those ERA activities and shining in your own unique ways.

Mrs Gabbi

We are always on the look out for those ERA Heroes...

Our ERA heroes are posted to Facebook and Twitter! Send any news of ERA heroes to eraheroes@montsaye.northants.sch.uk stating that you are happy for us to share your work or photos. Keep your eyes peeled for the ERA Heroes bulletin too...



<https://www.facebook.com/montsaye/>



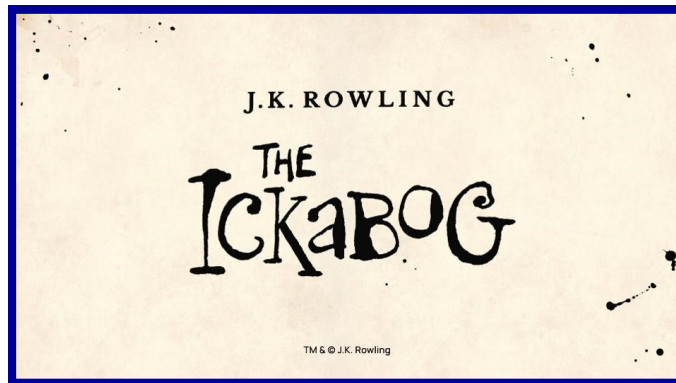
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Lockdown Reading: The Ickabog

You may have seen that J.K. Rowling (of Harry Potter fame) has released a book online, completely free.

A previously unpublished book which the acclaimed author originally created for her own children, [The Ickabog](#), is now available for all to enjoy.



A few chapters are being released at a time, up until 10th July; in the first 24 hours of its release online, the website had over 5 million views from around the world.

The book, a fairy tale, is the first children's book to be written by J.K. Rowling that is not set in the world of Harry Potter. The Ickabog will be released as a published book in November 2020.

Why not encourage your child to write a review and send it in to us, we would love to hear what they think: asloper@montsaye.northants.sch.uk.

Get involved... Montsaye Reading Hour



Staff, students and the wider community have been joining together (virtually of course), every Thursday to celebrate reading.

All you have to do to get involved is to post a picture on Twitter of you or your child reading, tagging the account, [@montsayereading](#), using [#montsayereading hour](#) or [#montsayereads](#). Pictures are retweeted between 7.00pm-8.00pm every Thursday.

This week it seemed to be all about the children and their books; with the occasional pet and member of staff thrown in for good measure...keep reading!



A message from your progress leader



This week it is Year 11 and Mr Roberts

Hello Year 11

You were robbed, right? Leaving school had to be rushed and a bit unsatisfying. All those experiences of working hard and revising for those final exams. The pressure and stress of sitting them. Sleepless nights worrying about which questions would turn up and whether there would be some last minute illness or crisis that ruined an exam for you. You missed all of that and there isn't anything to be done about it. Well, guess what? I feel robbed too. I missed out on seeing how well you would have dealt with all of those challenges and saying proper goodbyes after all our time together. But, the class of 2020 will always be special. Not only because you are the only year group who were prevented from proving how great you are in actual public exams, but because you *are* special. Your unique chemistry of characters and young, forming personalities; I miss you all.

There is good news! I promised you all last September that finishing your exams would lead to a fantastic summer. Pressure off and only the future to think about. We are at that point now. Exams are 'over' and that summer now stretches in front of you. Society is beginning to open back up and, although you have been denied the well-deserved foreign holidays that I know many of you had planned, I hope you will find opportunities to relax and enjoy your summer, whilst still protecting yourselves and your families in a safe manner. I hope that you are excited about your upcoming results and looking forward to starting sixth form/college/apprenticeships. I also hope that we will have a chance to say proper goodbyes at a prom in the autumn when the government says that it is safe to hold the event.

As always, we are all here for you if you need any help or guidance. Please do not hesitate to email myself, Ms Patrick, your form tutor, or any other member of staff who you feel would be able to help.

Mr Roberts

Some messages from your form tutors...



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The Montsaye way



Hello 11MCO, I do hope that you are well and coping with these unusual and difficult times. I can't believe that you are going to be starting the next exciting phase of your lives. I know I will still see some of you who are doing your A-levels at Montsaye, but for others you'll be starting college or apprenticeships...

It will be strange as I have known you for some time now and yes, I do miss you. Please feel free to e-mail anytime if you have any questions, or if you just want to let me know how you are doing. It would be lovely to hear from you. Take care and keep safe.

Ms Corr

Hello 11MGT, I trust that you are all adjusting to the 'new normal' and taking care of yourselves.

I hope that you have been making the most of this time and thinking about your future. You have some really exciting times ahead, with lots to look forward to.

At home, we are busy adjusting to life as a family of four after the safe arrival of our little boy named Hugo. It is great to have the opportunity to be able to share this news with you all! Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Thomas

Hello 11JSI, I really hope that you are all okay during these challenging times and that you are ready for whichever path you have chosen to follow in the coming years. I am sure that you will find success!

If you do need help with anything in terms of next steps etc. please don't hesitate to e-mail me and ask the question.

Knowing that I'm partial to a bit of sports/physical activity please continue, or start, being more active where possible (keeping to the social distancing rules of course). I mean, what better excuse do you need to wear those trainers and hoodies, than to go for a walk with people from home or to run around the block a few times...stay safe all!

Mr Siddons

Hello 11SLE, I hope that you are all well and managing in these very unusual times. Hopefully soon, things will be 'more normal' and I will be able to say well done to you all in person.

It's been such a strange end to your Year 11, but it's time to start thinking about what you will be moving onto next. Some of you will be returning to Montsaye in September, some of you will be going onto college, training, or apprenticeships. Whatever you will be doing in September, I want to wish you all the best.

I have only known you since the start of this academic year. You all helped to introduce me to Montsaye and helped me to settle in. In such a short space of time, I have seen you all become amazing young adults. I'm going to miss you all. Do drop me an email in September and let me know what you are up to. Take care.

Mr Lea

Dear 11LHM, how is lockdown going? Teaching my own children Year 5 English is harder than I thought it would be, so I cannot wait to be back at school, in my own classroom. I promise, I won't even moan about the old tables.

I do hope that you are keeping yourselves occupied preparing for the next step; I hope to see many of you in September when you return to the sixth form, do make sure that you come and say hello some time. I still can't quite believe that this has all happened and I keep thinking that any moment now I will wake up and realise I'm late for school. I joined

Montsaye Academy when you were all in Year 7 and I have taught most of you at some point; I wish that this story had a different ending. Be resilient, you will be able to celebrate soon and move on with the rest of your lives.

If any of you need support, or just some advice about how to occupy yourselves during this period, please email me. Good luck.

Mrs Moffett

Hello 11NE, I hope that you are all safe and well. I have been kept busy during lockdown trying to home school my children. It has been a struggle and at times, I would have happily swapped it for tutor time and asking you all to dig your blazers out of your bags! I hope that you have all kept yourselves busy and have spent time thinking and sorting out your plans for post-GCSE.

If I can do anything to help you with this; references, researching and looking through any applications you are making, please just email me. I would love to be able to support you through this process.

I look forward to being able to celebrate your successes in the near future, but in the meantime take care and stay safe, best wishes.

Mrs Edney

Hi 11MSM, I've been thinking of all of you these last few weeks and especially wondering that, if we had not been in lockdown, how many of you would be taking your last GCSE exams as this goes to publication? How many of you would be asking to borrow a protractor for your maths exams?

Many of you, I know will be preparing for or thinking of your next steps, whether that be sixth form, college, or training. Please do email me and let me know what you are doing after GCSEs. I hope that I am able to see you all and celebrate your successes soon in whatever form that may be!

I wish you all the very best for your future careers and I'm sure I will see some of you next year in the sixth form at Montsaye. Enjoy the summer holidays.

Mr Smith

Retrieval of personal property from lockers

We will shortly be putting a schedule into place for reuniting students with any of their personal property which has been stored in either lockers or classrooms.

If you are aware that there is something belonging to your child which has been left at the academy, please email Mrs Campbell: mcampbell@montsaye.northants.sch.uk before Thursday 25th June. We will then contact you regarding collection arrangements.

Get involved in Science

STEM Learning is the UK's largest provider of education and careers support in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). STEM Clubs Week takes place from 22nd to 26th June 2020; this year's theme is sustainability. Throughout the week, STEM Learning are offering free interactive challenges, case studies and webinars delivered by STEM Club Champions, [Practical Action](#), a children's author and polar researchers. There will also be talks focused on sustainability topics, delivered by [Design Club](#) and a fantastic range of STEM Ambassadors. Visit this website to download the timetable: [STEM Learning](#).



STEM Clubs Week are also running a competition based around the theme of 'Design a Sustainable City'. There are more and more people living in the world and all of these people need places to live. Why not encourage your child to design a city for lots of people to live in, but one that avoids damaging the planet as much as possible. They will need to give their city a name and will need to think about the following things in their design: clean air, clean water, sewage, energy and transport.

The entry should be submitted as a written description (max 500 words) and should include, if they have one, a photograph of the model, drawing, sculpture or computer generated model. Email all entries, including the child's name and age (6-11 or 11+) to: STEMclubs@stem.org.uk by midnight Thursday 25 June for them to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Montsaye Academy STEM Crest Award Challenge

As part of this special week, the science department are introducing a STEM Crest Award. Each Key Stage will have a different 'Practical Action' challenge and be open to all year groups. All entries will receive a certificate and those that meet the requirements will be entered for a CREST Award. Further information will be emailed to students by the science department.

Year 6 academy uniform Information...

We are sure that many of you are wondering what to do about the purchasing of academy uniform. Our uniform stockist is Karlsports who are based in Trafalgar Road, Kettering. Their retail outlet is now open but they have asked us to pass on this message to you:

“We realise that there may well be a rush to cover the backlog of uniform, especially for new starter pupils. On that basis we would appreciate it if you could let your parents know we are open and it would be helpful to both them, and us if they could pop down to the store as soon as possible to avoid a late rush. We have social distancing in operation in the store and therefore we are limited with the amount of customers we can serve at any one time”.

Please click on this link: [Montsaye Academy Uniform](#) which will take you to the academy uniform page at Karl Sports. Please feel free to give them a call if you are unsure on anything: 01536 601731.



What you need to know...

If you haven't heard of TikTok yet, and even if you have, then this new parent information article:

[How TikTok Works](#)

explores the parental controls available, and how you can help your child to stay safer on the platform.

Personal finance quiz

If there is one thing students are always asking to find out more about, it's personal finance.

This series of online quizzes from the people at WizeUp is brilliant.

The first one is here:

<https://wizeup.me/finance-quiz-round-1>

and is all about apprenticeships and how much you could earn by doing one.

There is also information on their website on topics from CVs to credit cards and from mortgages to student finance:

<https://wizeup.me/>

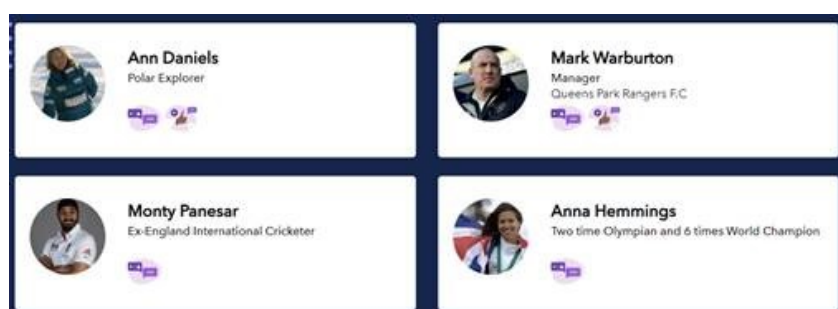


Learn Lounge

If you've been missing our ERA days and the inspirational speakers who come and see us, why not try something different? Get some inspiration for your future and listen to speakers from the worlds of entertainment, sports, business, science and more. Book in to attend live, free of charge, lectures and take part in the Q and A sessions at the end or alternatively, go back and watch recordings of talks which have already happened.

As Learn Lounge themselves say, *"With schools closed and regular lessons stalled, it can feel quite challenging to decide your next steps. But your future shouldn't have to wait for things to return to normal. Learn Lounge is part of our commitment to you that we'll leave no stone unturned to help you take control of your future'.* Click on the link to find out more:

<https://learn.springpod.co.uk/speakers/>



Wicksteed Park

You may have seen the recent sad news that in its 99th year, Wicksteed Park has gone into administration with the loss of more than 100 jobs.

More than ever before, we are aware that being able to access parkland and open space is so important to our mental health. This local amenity offers us the chance to do just this with its large green spaces and lake. Generations of families have enjoyed Wicksteed Park; many local people will have visited it in their childhood and have then taken their children and grand-children to enjoy the space. It is also a place where, over the course of many years, hundreds (and maybe even thousands) of our students have visited the park on the Montsaye annual end of term treat. We have even held a Year 11 prom at Wicksteed Park.

A fundraising appeal has been launched in a bid to save the park which has been under huge financial strain due to the coronavirus outbreak. A small group of former park employees have formed a new company in an attempt to safeguard its future and are asking for donations; a Just Giving page has been set up. Please click here for further information:

[Help to save Wicksteed Park.](#)



Kettering Food Bank

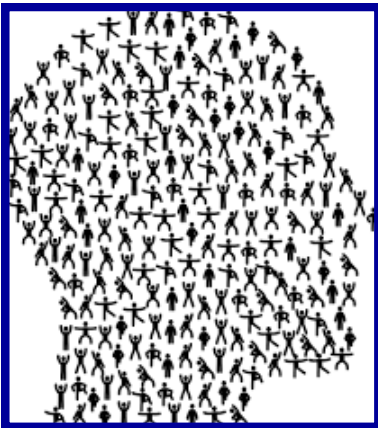


The food bank in Kettering provide an invaluable support to families both in Kettering and in the surrounding area, not only now during the time of the coronavirus pandemic but the whole year round. They are currently based in Praise Community Church, Alexandra Street in Kettering but have just announced that they are to move to a new home in August. They are relocating to the Courtyard at The Yards in Kettering town centre.

In recent months, the food bank have had to spend more money than ever before on essential items for their food parcels and, with the additional cost of renting two properties during July, they need to ensure that costs are kept to a minimum. They need help with cleaning and partitioning in their new space, including installing a kitchen, toilet, furnishing and decorating. If anyone feels that they are able to help with time, expertise or materials, please contact them.

They are, of course, still open if anyone is in need of help with food parcels etc. They do have a [Facebook](#) page and a [Website](#) which is how you should contact them in the first instance, either if you are in need of help yourself or if you wish to donate.

Wellbeing: Health and Fitness



Wellbeing is connected to the state of being comfortable, happy and healthy. It is the experience of a person's life including things like education, work, friends, family, and environments.

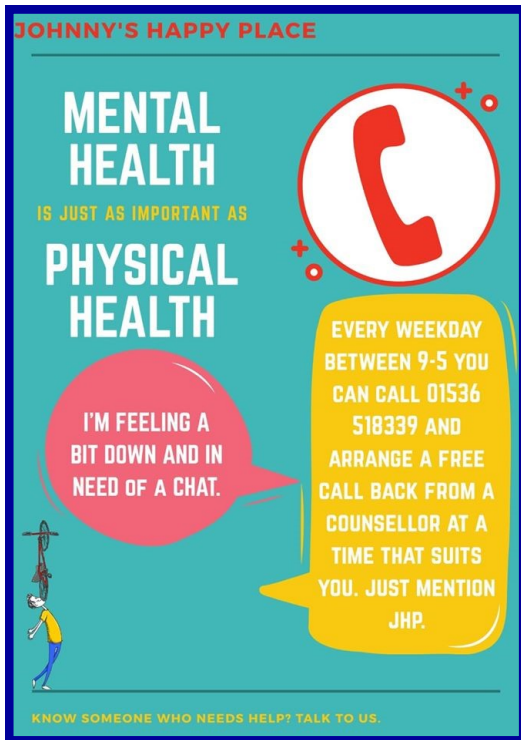
Physical exercise is an important part of our wellbeing and having a healthy lifestyle contributes to this. It has a huge potential to enhance our wellbeing. Even a short ten minute brisk walk increases our mental alertness. Regular physical activity can increase our self-esteem and can reduce stress and anxiety.

A reminder that Active Northants are offering free on-line classes for all 14 to 19 year olds. If your child is interested in Boxing, Calisthenics, Dance, Fitness or Yoga, why not encourage them to get involved? Young people can sign in and get involved with other teenagers in a socially-minded physical activity setting.

Register via www.northamptonshiresport.org/activenorthants to get access to all of these sessions live each week.



Wellbeing: Mental Health Support



Johnny's Happy Place in Rockingham Road, Kettering offer a phone counselling service. If someone you know is in need of support, get them to call the Youth Works' phone line: 01536 518339, which is open 9.00am to 5.00pm every weekday.

They will arrange a call back from a trained counsellor at a suitable time, even at the weekend if that is the most convenient.

This is a free service but make sure they mention Johnny's Happy Place when you ring.

Please pass the information onto anyone who might need it.



For lots of useful information, head over to Johnny's Happy Place website or Facebook page.

Men's Health Week



This celebration of all things male runs every year in the lead up to Fathers' Day. The 2020 theme is, unsurprisingly 'Take action on COVID'. Men are notoriously not great at focussing on their own health which is something which needs to be addressed.

The website [Men's Health Forum](#) whose mission is to 'improve the health of men and boys' has lots of useful information and advice. Why not take a look at what they have to say?



Happy Fathers' Day



Whatever shape or form the father-figure in your life takes, we would like to wish them a very happy Fathers' Day. We would also like to pay homage to those who are no longer with us and wish everyone a restful day.

Wellbeing: Keep occupied, be kind




JOYFUL JUNE (EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES) 2020




MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Decide to look for what's good, even on the difficult days	2 Re-frame a worry and try to find a positive way to respond	3 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	4 Show your appreciation to those who are helping others	5 Smile and be friendly, even while you're social distancing	6 Notice the upsides during the lockdown, however small	7 Find a joyful way of being physically active (indoors or out)
8 Write a letter to thank someone for what they did	9 Find the joy in music today: sing, play, dance or listen	10 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it	11 Say positive things in your conversations with others today	12 Make a plan with friends to do something fun together	13 Appreciate the joy of nature and the beauty in the world around	14 Do three things to bring joy to other people today
15 Rediscover a fun childhood activity that you can enjoy today	16 Ask a loved one what they feel grateful for at the moment	17 Be kind to you. Treat yourself the way you would treat a friend	18 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	19 Create a list of favourite memories you feel grateful for	20 Make time to do something playful today, just for the fun of it	21 Enjoy trying a new recipe or cooking your favourite food
22 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you	23 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	24 Thank a friend for the joy they bring into your life	25 Eat food that makes you feel good and really savour it	26 See the upside in a difficult situation you learnt from	27 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	28 Create a playlist of your favourite songs and enjoy them
29 Take time to do something that makes you happy today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to them)	 <p>"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day" ~ Alice Morse Earle</p>				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS





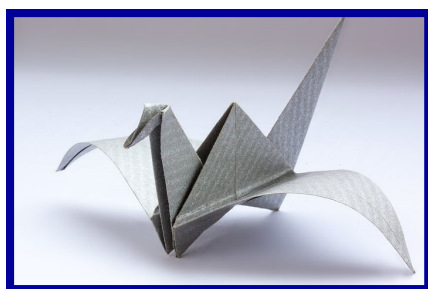




www.actionforhappiness.org

30 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together
 Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Art and craft Ideas: Origami



Origami is the art of paper folding; the object is to transform a flat square of paper into a finished sculpture through folding techniques.

Don't have any paper? Origami projects can be produced using a wide variety of papers; newspaper, old books, wrapping paper, wallpaper, old magazines.

There are lots of tips and ideas, together with instructional videos, to be found on the internet from the simplest origami bird to more intricate designs.

Why not have a go and see what you can come up with? You could follow a theme... animals, flowers etc. Take pictures of your masterpieces and send them in to us.



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All other staff	Initial + surname + @montsaye.northants.sch.uk Or follow this link to find all teachers and other staff listed.

My situation	Who to contact
I am struggling with my home learning	Use all the resources available/suggested, ask a friend or parent/carer. If you're still stuck, email your class teacher . Include the head of department as well in case your
I can't log on to the home learning	Email your Progress leader You can also leave a message by phoning the school 01536 418844
I can't access work electronically	If you have no computer access or perhaps unreliable wifi, you may need paper copies. If so, email our admin team at admin@montsaye.northants.sch.uk . Include
I have done some work or an activity I am proud of and I'd like to share it	If you have done some work or an activity you are proud of, and you would like to share it, send a photo to ERA heroes . This could be school work or a new skill / community work. In your email please indicate that you are happy for the work to be shared with the school community on our ERA heroes newsletter and / or social media.
I am worried about my safety or that of someone else.	If you have a concern about yourself or another student, you can email any of the pastoral mentors. They are still around to help you even if you aren't in school. They can also point you in the right direction for support, or advice.

How to log on

**SAM
learning**

www.samlearning.com Our school centre ID: NN1MC
Username = date of birth followed by initials, in the format DDMMYYII **Password**: if you haven't yet logged in, this is the same as your username.

**Maths
watch**

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/> If Boris Johnson was born on 19th June 1964 and attended Montsaye academy, then the mathswatch logon details would be:

Logon: BoriJohn@montsaye **Password**: 19/06/1964

**Times
Tables
Rock Stars**

<https://ttrockstars.com/home> Select Montsaye by typing NN146BB Your TTRS logon details would be:
Logon: BoriJohn **Password**: 19/06/1964

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