

Montsaye ERA Heroes

Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Connected

Rugby Champ In the Making

Callum S has been awarded a sports scholarship to Bedford School for years 12 & 13. This has been given due to his excellence in Rugby. He will be boarding at the school and studying Maths, English, Drama and Design for A level. He will play for the rugby first team at Bedford School, continue to play for Northampton Saints in their Academy and East Midlands, he also hopes to be selected to play for Scotland again this coming season. Callum was honoured to receive the Chairman's Award at Kettering Rugby Club this year for his achievements in the sport.

Just WOW! Well done, Callum. Good luck!



Big Effort, Hugely Appreciated!

So Generous!



Brandon has been doing an amazing job caring for his little brother during lockdown. Both of his parents are key workers and he has been a true ERA Hero, rising to the occasion and being a great help at home.

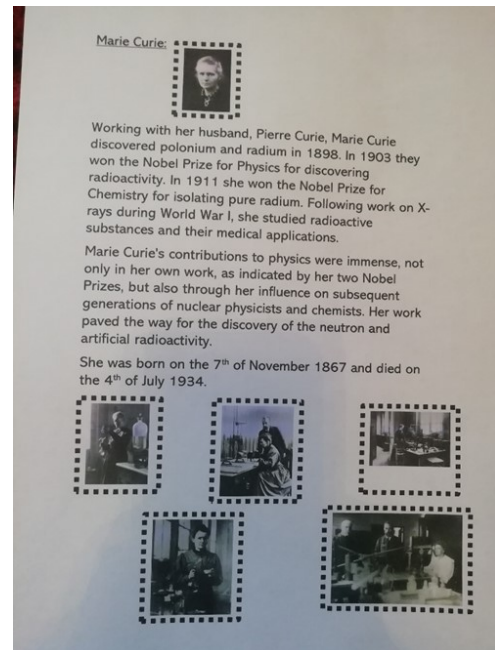
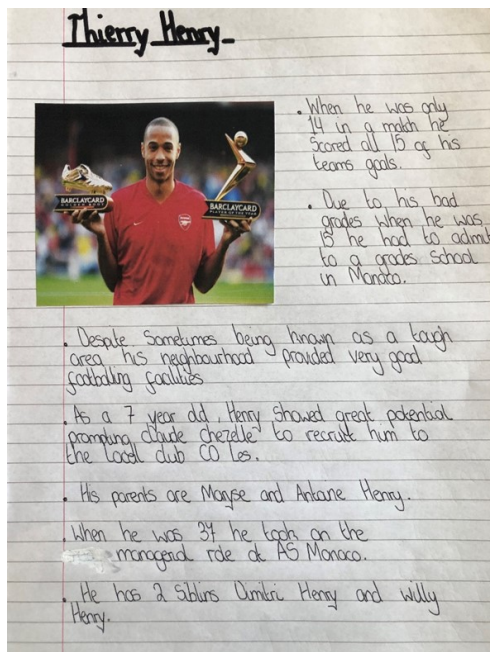
Such a star!

A **Grandmother** of one of our students has been extraordinarily generous, making a donation to the school to support with expenses incurred during COVID.

This is incredible, thank you so very much!

Maintaining Motivation in Home Learning

Below are some smashing posters by Louie G and Connie M



French Home Learning Task 4 by Kieran D

What are the different year groups called?

Nursery – Ecole maternelle (optional)

The compulsory education is divided into three stages,

Primary school – Ecole

Middle school – College

High school – Lycée

What are the different types of school called?

Nursery which is Ecole maternelle

Primary school is Ecole

Middle school is College

High school is Lycée

What happened to schools during the global pandemic?

It was announced that all French schools will close on March 12.

On 24th May some middle and primary schools returned but they had to follow strict social distancing measures.

What subjects do they learn in France?

Subjects taught in France are divided into groups:

French, history, geography and civic studies such as; mathematics, science and technology; physical education and sport, arts and crafts and music.

What is redoublement?

Redoublement means repetition and/or doubling.

In French schools it was common for students to have to repeat a year but the government said in 2014 that it should only be done on an exceptional basis if they feel the child will benefit from it.

What are the differences between French and English schools?

French schools don't wear a uniform which in most English schools it is compulsory.

In England the school day is shorter than in France

Holidays in France are longer than in England.

A school day in France starts at 8am and ends at 4pm Monday – Friday but not on Wednesday as they don't go to school.

Students go to school on Saturday but just for half a day.

Lunch is a two-hour break.

Which system do you prefer?

I prefer the English system because they don't really have a proper weekend as they have Wednesday off instead. Also, their typical school day starts at 8am and finishes at 4pm. However, I would like to not have to wear uniform and just wear anything. School holidays in France are longer but only by about a week.

These students need to be congratulated on their perseverance for their home learning. They are routinely sending in their French tasks to a high standard. Great job!

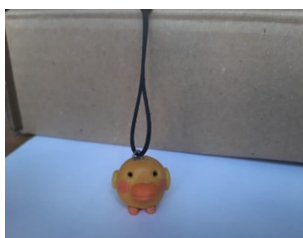
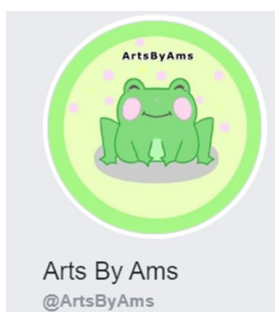
Lockdown is Cake-tastic

Jessica C has done a wonderful job, designing making and decorating this amazing cake. It is fabulous!



Ex-students continue to Excel

Amy, an ex-student has started her own business in lockdown, she is making craft gifts appropriate for birthdays, thank you presents or just to let someone know that you are thinking about them. She has begun marketing her work through Facebook and is an example of what hard work and a passion for your hobbies can do!



Fieldwork fun!

Ben T went to Hunstanton with his sisters for the day and prepared a piece of Geography fieldwork for his 7 year old sister to complete while they were there. He used the skills he has learnt in his GCSE Geography lessons to teach his family about coastal features and processes. He even taught his little sister the important skills of creating sketch maps. We are all very impressed that he has managed to do some 'real' Geography and apply what he has learnt during his time at Montsaye!





School work and Woodwork

Josh C's parents and Miss Pelican would like to nominate him as an ERA Hero for not only keeping on top of all of his English work since lockdown began, but also for practicing his woodwork and craftsmanship skills. Josh has been busy writing and attending online lessons and has used his free time to make his Mum a beautiful wooden table for her plants. Keep up the great work Josh!

Terrific Teachers

We have been contacted with parental commendation for **Mrs Hoche** saying that she has been fantastic, really helpful and supportive. She has suggested different learning platforms for her students and supported them with them. She has held regular team meetings with her students, through which their child developed the confidence to attend other teams lessons. They report that *"Mrs Hoche knows exactly how to teach him to get the best from him and that **Miss Malins** and **all the other staff** have been all fantastic during this strange time."*



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Blogging Brilliant!

The following students have been keeping up to date with their English learning and showing commitment and dedication to their studies, preparing book reviews to share on the Montsaye Reading Challenge Blog.

Roxy A
Ellie W
Joseph D
Robert B
Mia F
Hannah B
Harvey E

Josh C
William M
Madison C
Luke J
Giacomo H
Ben O

Science Superstars

Jack M has been trying all the science challenges in his homework book and is finding out about how science is used in real situations. His hard work has been awesome.

Leon G deserves recognition for having a really good attempt at all his tasks.

The resilience of **Cameron R** and **Emma C** has been amazing, their work ethic and level of detail has been brilliant. They have grown into excellent independent learners, but we're really looking forward to seeing them in school again next week!



The Wonderkatz wowed at the Market Harborough Carnival!

The very talented students from Montsaye Academy who make up The Wonderkatz brought their brilliance to the virtual Market Harborough Carnival. If you missed it at the time, it is all still available on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnyynNBvLqY>.

lone is the solo artist at the very beginning of the recording and the whole band plays at 20 mins 58 sec. Stars in the making, ERA Heroes!



PE and Dance Online

A big shout out to all the year 9 students who attended online live sessions so far this week.

PE held two live sessions, which introduced our Year 9 students to Sports Studies and GCSE PE. Everyone is excited and looking forward to starting the course!


Well done to our Y10 GCSE PE and GCSE Dance students who have attended online lessons this week. It has been great working with them and we look forward to next week's sessions.

Students in School...

It was really lovely to have some students in school recently. The social distancing was adhered to and students were sensible, using the hand sanitization stations well and following the one-way systems. All ERA Heroes! Looking forward to seeing you again soon!

...and Students Working Effectively at Home

The iron can be extracted from the iron ore by heating the iron ore at 2000°C heat and with carbon that will make iron with carbon dioxide and the equation for this is:

$$\text{iron oxide/iron ore} + \text{Carbon monoxide} \rightarrow \text{Iron} + \text{Carbon dioxide}$$
$$(\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3) \quad (3 \text{ CO}) \quad (2 \text{ Fe}) \quad (3 \text{ CO}_2)$$


Mr Chandler very much enjoyed reading **Curtis J's** work on the Iron biology task 3.

Miss Pickering is Impressed!

Miss Pickering has made lots of ERA Heroes nominations:



Demi-Ella S: Some superb History and EP work, using feedback to improve her answer the following week and writing an incredible answer to an exam question on Anglo-Saxons.

Fen J: I am super impressed with Fen as he has been working every day 9-3 following his school timetable. He is incredibly self-motivated and in addition to doing all of his usual school work he has completed an extra past paper for business. He has also continued with his martial arts at home and is coping really well with lockdown.



Sian A: For sharing her opinion about the purpose of prisons during a Teams live lesson using her microphone, referring to the different methods used in Norway and America.

All Y10 Students: Both those who have come into school, and those who haven't, they have all continued to show resilience in their home learning, asking for support where needed and attending live Teams lessons regularly.

Mrs Petchey and Miss Malins: Mrs Petchey has been creating some incredible transition resources and getting in touch with our feeder schools, Miss Malins has been super busy sorting out Y9 options and holding virtual assemblies! But more importantly they have both been ERA Heroes via WhatsApp and social distanced meet-ups; always enthusiastic, motivated and supportive... continuing to support colleagues virtually!



Do you know an ERA Hero in your family or community?

Maybe you'd like to nominate a member of staff, friend, family member or someone you know locally who is going the extra mile and making you smile!

Please let us know so that we can celebrate our HEROES.

Don't forget to include their permission and send us details, and photos if possible, to ERAHeroes@montsaye.northants.sch.uk.



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