

Wait till you hear our news!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have great pleasure in writing to you regarding the OFSTED report that accompanies this letter. We experienced a very intense two days, during the inspection, but at the same time it was a great opportunity to show inspectors how amazing your children are and demonstrate and evidence all the hard work and improvements that had taken place since the last inspection in 2013 where the school was judged to be 'Requiring Improvement.' During the last 3 years, Montem Academy has been on an incredible journey and you have been with us every step of the way. The academy has embraced changes with enthusiasm and a determination to provide the very best teaching and learning opportunities for all pupils without losing sight of the caring and inclusive ethos of the academy.

Ofsted judge schools on 6 key areas, these being; effectiveness of leadership and management; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare; outcomes for pupils; early years provision and then the school's overall effectiveness. The four judgments are 4 – inadequate; 3 – requires improvement; 2 – good; 1 – outstanding.

I am delighted to announce that in all six areas, Montem Academy has officially been judged to be

'Outstanding'

Leadership and management:	Outstanding
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment:	Outstanding
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Outstanding
Outcomes for pupils	Outstanding
Early Years Provision	Outstanding
Overall Effectiveness	Outstanding

I am thrilled that the inspection team has recognised the high quality of all aspects of our academy and the hard work and commitment shown by staff and parents working together for the benefit of all our pupils on a daily basis.

The inspection report highlights the many strengths of the academy and of The Park Federation.

Ofsted stated that, *'leaders continually seek excellence and that there is an absolute belief and commitment that every Montem pupil can excel.'*

The report goes on to mention that, *'Governors work determinedly to secure the best possible outcomes for pupils.'* Whilst *'Trustees from The Park federation Trust exhibit the highest levels of commitment to ensuring that Montem pupils get off to the best possible start. They know the school well and, like the principal, are relentless in their pursuit of excellence.'*

Ofsted also acknowledged that, *'staff unreservedly shares the principal's determination for every Montem pupil to achieve their best. Consequently, all teachers hold the highest expectations and a strong belief that all pupils should receive abundant opportunities to shine.'*

Inspectors identified that, *'teaching is outstanding because teachers impart their first –rate subject knowledge skilfully. As a result pupils quickly acquire knowledge, skills and understanding across reading, writing and maths, and in a wide range of subjects, to a high level. Pupils make outstanding progress during their time at Montem.'*

The report also recognises the outstanding behaviour of our pupils. *'Pupils have the highest levels of enthusiasm for learning well. Pupils exude pride in their efforts. Pupils are courteous and polite and show the highest levels of respect for each other.'*

The inspectors also praised the parents for their commitment to their children's learning, *'Parents are fully involved with their children's learning. Relationships between home and school are excellent'*

The report also states that *'the curriculum is highly engaging, equipping pupils well for life in the local community and modern Britain. The provision for pupils' social, moral, spiritual and cultural education is top notch.'*

To receive such positive recognition from Ofsted is a tremendous achievement for the staff, pupils and families of Montem. The award of an 'outstanding' judgement is not based on a two day inspection. It takes the excellent efforts of our pupils, staff, parents, and governors over many years to achieve this - and I congratulate and thank them all. We will not be complacent. We will strive to not only maintain this high standard but to build on it and improve further

This is such a memorable and remarkable time for Montem Acadmey; I hope that when you read the report, you will be as proud of our achievement as I am.

I would like to thank you all for being so supportive of our academy and community, and we look forward to celebrating our 'OUTSTANDING' news.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Probert

(Super Proud Principal).