



Key Finds from Questionnaire focusing on impact of Monty's Messengers.

Monty's Messenger was a program established by the MNT pre-volcano, to engage school children and develop their love for Montserrat's environment, including the Montserrat oriole with its nickname "Monty". It was also an exciting way for children to explore local forests and wetlands, learn more about Montserrat's nature and culture and embrace their responsibility to it.

MNT introduced Monty's Messengers to a new generation; giving them the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including (but not limited to):

- Learning about Montserrat's history and culture;
- Creating posters, leaflets, flyers and fact sheets;
- Learning about different habitats including: dry and wet forests;
- Improving observation and analytical skills;
- Observing and protecting the environment;
- Learning how to use a map and compass;
- Carrying out wildlife surveys;
- Journaling about nature;
- Learning about ecosystems.

MNT launched a Monty's Messengers Logo Design competition in February 2022 for children between the ages of 5 – 11. The winning logo, pictured above combined several of the winning designs.

More information about what sort of activities the Monty's Messengers were involved in see here: <https://www.ukotcf.org.uk/key-projects/adoptahomeforwildlife-main/building-capacity-on-montserrat/environmental-education/>

In September 2024 a survey of school children was conducted asking them if they had attended any Monty' Messengers events during the project. Consent from parents was sought. Those consenting took part in the survey.

We received 50 responses. Of these 15 said they had attended Monty's Messengers.

We have not compared these results with those that did not attend, however we may still do this. We report here on the answers given by the children who did attend Monty's.

When asked how they feel when you are playing or spending time outside they said:

- Relaxed
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- Happy
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When asked if their feeling had changed since taking part they said:

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| No    | I'm mostly always around nature  |
| Yes   | I don't get angry that fast know more  |
| Yes   | My attitude has changed i listen in class and i don't bully anymore  |
| Yes   | My feelings has change because my friends has push ne to go outside and outside has lots of fun things to do |
| Yes   | My feeling for outside has change because you have a fun time with friends and family                        |
| No    | N/A  |
| Yes   | See my friend, play and learn about environment  |
| No    | No I do not because in last few years I feel is happiness and peace outdoors                                 |
| No    | Because I feel like people will bother me  |
| Maybe | My feelings about outside has change because i now like outside and inside.                                  |
| Yes   | It has changed in terms of playing.  |
| Yes   | Because sometimes Marie makes me vex and i don't feel like laughing with her.                                |
| Maybe | No i can not   |
| No    |  |
| Yes   | My feelings has change because i have not been to the national trust in a few years.                         |

When asked about their favourite memory from being outdoors in the last few years they said:

I went on a hike with my mom and my brother. It was fun.

My favorite moment in nature is when me and my friend were playing football

I went to the dry waterfall with miss varare,my god sister and my sister. It was fun

Hike- I have been on a hike with Monty's messengers before multiple times. we went with Sandrae and we were in groups. The groups hike from salem to another hike trail and we went to the salem field

I've went to the beach with my father and sister

I plant a tree walk to the shop and i walk to places without taking a bus or ride

Last time I saw many animals in a yard

Well my favourite moment is when I walk in nature. I feel relaxed. I look at the plants and discuss them with my mom and I take pictures of them

I did not go anywhere

I went to the beach, hiked and went to the dry waterfall hike.

It was with my mom, we hiked.

Carnival makes me happy with my mamie

Having fun

My favorite moment in nature was watching the oriole and i was with my friends on a hiking field trip.

The thing that was my favorite moment was when we hike to the dry water falls with my cousin.

When asked if they had done anything for nature they said:

1. I made a bird feeder. 2.I've made a nest for birds. 3. i've made a compost with a group of friends.

One thing i done for the environment is in grade four i volunteered to pick up litter. I bring out garbage and i do not litter

I plant a tree walk to the shop and i walk to places without taking a bus or ride

Watering the plants, feeding wild animals and clean up trash

I've helped by picking up trash from the road and school and my yard

Water planting, no deforestation and picking up garbage

I plant mango tree

Yes I can. Well pick up garbage, talking to the trees and plants you know. Just make them feel happy so that they can grown

No I never go anywhere

I've cleaned beaches and walked to my father's shop.

I've picked up trash, help cleaning and looking out.

Planting.

The three things i have done environmentally are planting at the national trust and planting at school and home.

Thank you to all the Monty's Messengers, their parents/guardian and all the volunteers for taking part in this and making it happen.

We hope you enjoyed all the activities and these continue well into the future.