



October 11th 2019 Issue 6

Year 6 Class Assembly

It's always nice to see the confidence in children grow as they become more experienced in speaking in front of audiences and I noted that in today's assembly. The Year 6 children really entertained and informed us as they sang, shared their recent learning and gave us good advice. I particularly enjoyed the *Bon Jovi's Living on A Prayer* that they had been working on in their Music lessons! Thank you to Miss Richardson, Mrs Bowron and Mrs Daniels for their work on this and well done Year 6!

Manic Monday!

Monday was one of those days that can only happen at Montalbo and I love it! We had 3 sets of visitors in to enhance the curriculum and they all brought with them varied knowledge and skills. We had Mr Emerson who talked to the Year 6 children about Barnard Castle Meet – he brought in lots of memorabilia too. The children asked many questions and Mr Emerson was very complimentary about their interest and manners. At the same time, we had the Police and Fire Service in working with Reception on their topic 'People who Help Us'. The children were able to get dressed up, go in the vehicles and understand more about their jobs. Finally, Year 3 had a group of Morris Dancers working on moves for the Dance Off! The buzz and excitement in school was great to see!

Show Racism the Red Card

On Wednesday, we had visitors in from the Show Racism the Red Card Group. They worked with our two oldest classes educating the children in issues around race, nationality, culture and religion.

On Friday 18th October, we will be supporting this charity by wearing red on this day, and making a suggested donation of £1.

Photographs

We are encouraging parents/carers to purchase photographs of individuals and siblings online this year, as there is a greater choice of products available. If you would prefer not to order online please call at the school office where Mrs Collin will assist you. Orders should be placed by 4th November. Thank you.

Nursery Camping

It was lovely to see our nursery children making use of our space camp tents and set up camp in the school hall. I know that they have been interested in making their own tents and know that they really enjoyed toasting the marshmallows on our fire pit. Well done everyone!

Reissued paperwork

Please could parents who have not completed the paperwork that was sent out at the start of term complete it and send it back. New copies have been sent out as a reminder. Thank you.

Parking

I know that PCSO Singh has been increasing his patrols around the school and has issued a fine for illegal parking, which he will continue to do. I hope that the parking situation improves and that everyone considers the safety of others and access for everyone. PCSO Singh has also asked if you know of any children who could be nominated for the 'Young Heroes Award' To nominate someone please send a private e-mail through Barnard Castle Police's social media page at Facebook.com/Barnard Castle Police or email elizabethfinn@durham.pnn.police.uk.

FOMS

This week I met with FOMS to discuss up and coming events. They do a magnificent job but could really do with a few more members! As well as the fabulous contribution they make to school life, they have again generously agreed to fund a purchase of books to add to the reading materials in school. Thank you!

Halloween Discos

I know that the children really enjoy dressing up for the Halloween Discos. As Halloween falls in the holidays this time, we will be holding the disco on Thursday 24th October.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 disco will run from 5.30pm -6.30pm and Years 3-6 inclusive from 6.45pm to 7.45pm. Tickets cost £1.50 per child or £2 on the night. Admission includes a hot dog and drink.

Tax Free Childcare Credits

If you are using this system to pay for extended services e.g. breakfast club, afterschool care etc. inform the school office of your reference number, as without it the funds cannot be credited to your Parent Pay account. Please also be aware because of the administration process it can be a number of weeks before the credit can be processed.

Christmas Fair and FOMS

One of my favourite events since I started at Montalbo was last year's Christmas Fair. FOMS and I are keen to run another and a date of Tuesday 3rd December has been confirmed. I know it's early to start mentioning Christmas but stall holders like to plan these events in and I know several parents are keen to have a stall! If you or anyone you know would like a stall please contact FOMS via friendsofmontalbo@gmail.com. Thank you. The next FOMS meeting is on Thursday 10th October at 5pm in school – **ALL** welcome!

Reception Places 2020!

If your child turns 5 between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 then you need to apply, even if your child already attends our nursery. By visiting www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions you can access a useful guide, which will help with your application. Paper application forms are available for your request. The telephone number for school admissions is 03000265896.

Meet Project

Thank you to the parents/grandparents who have given us some Meet photographs and memorabilia. Please have a look at your old photos and send them in! We would love to see them. Alternatively, you could email any digital or scanned prints to montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Secondary School Applications

The application period for Secondary places has opened for children in Year 6. Online application forms can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Alternatively, paper copies can be requested by e-mailing schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or telephoning 03000265896.

Attendance for w.b. 7.10.19

Class	Present
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	100%

School overall attendance is 97.8%

Dates for the diary

October 16 th	Year 6 to Bowes Lyon House (Memories of the Meet)
October 16 th	Year 3 visit to Darlington Gurdwara
October 18 th	Show Racism the Red Card (wear red this day)
October 21 st	Key Stage 2 Cross Country (selected children)
October 22 nd	Reception/Y1 Parent Workshop (details to follow)
October 23 rd	Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival
October 24 th	Year 5 Multiskills
October 24 th	Halloween Discos
October 28 th – November 1 st	Half Term
November 4 th	Children back to school

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

1 hour of learning was lost to lateness this week.