



## Volcanoes

On Monday Durham University Outreach visited Class 3 as part of their work on volcanoes. The children handled volcanic rocks, experimented the liquids of different viscosity, and exploded cans of fizzy liquids! It certainly looked like great, fun science.

## Tag Rugby Festivals

Well done to Class 4 for a super effort at Tag Rugby in the two tournaments this week. The festival at Teesdale gave the children chance to hone their skills and the one at Staindrop was very competitive. One of our teams 6<sup>th</sup> and the other 9<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams. They were praised by Staindrop referees and teachers for their excellent behaviour. Well done Class 4.

## New Club Lists

The Club List for next half term has been sent out. As Gymnastics has always been popular, we have persuaded Michael to run a Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 session. Places are limited to 16 children for each session.

## Halloween Disco

Thank you to Friends of Montalbo for their hard work in preparing and running the Halloween Disco. There were some fantastic costumes and great dancing. Thank you to all the staff who stayed back to help supervise the event.

## Class 4 Assembly

Well done to Class 4 for their excellent and moving Class Assembly about World War 1. There were a whole range of skills demonstrated: a pianist, cello players, a guitarist, artists, public speakers and a wealth of historical information. Well done Class 4 and Miss Richardson.

## WW1 Poetry Recitals

Class 4 have written some poignant World War 1 poems. Two of the poems were chosen by Bowes Museum staff to be used by the museum. I am sure you will agree they are remarkable. Well done boys!

### *Ernest Harker Wilson*

*Ernest is my name, 35671,  
On the 9th of November, my life was gone.  
A son to Jane and John,  
I am only twenty.  
Letters to my family,  
I sent plenty.  
I went to the Battle of Passchendaele,  
The battle, the blood, it's all just a glance,  
My body is resting in Etapes, in France.*

*By Finley*

### *I Am Flanders Field*

*A few short days ago, I was quiet,  
But now I am a battle ground.  
Walked on, dug on, shot on,  
Your body may fall on me,  
But beautiful poppies will grow.  
I am Flanders field,  
And I remember everybody that falls here.*

*By Roan*



**Christmas Performances**

Advanced warning- We have confirmed the dates for the Christmas Performances!

Foundation Stage will do their own performance this year to Nursery and Reception parents. This will be at 2pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

For the rest of the school, we are continuing the recent arrangement whereby Key Stage 1 (Y1/Y2) are the actors and actresses and Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) support with the singing. The dates for this are Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and again at 6pm. There will also be a performance on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Key Stage 2 will then act in the Summer Performance with Key Stage 1 supporting.

**Harvest Contributions**

Thank you very much for your Harvest contributions. The food has been passed on to Durham Foodbank, who are working with Barnard Castle Citizens Advice, and will help support local people.

**Bikeability**

Please be aware that the next bikeability session for Class 4 is Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Attendance for w.b. 17.10.16**

	Present
Reception	98.1%
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>99%</b>
Class 2	95.7%
Class 3	92.2%
Class 4	97.7%

Overall attendance this week was 94.5%

Overall attendance the half term was 97%

This afternoon I handed out 75 certificates for 100% attendance. Well done to you all.

**Punctuality**

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m.

**25 minutes learning time lost this week**

**Application for a School Place (Secondary School) for September 2017**

The application process opens on 12<sup>th</sup> September and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Application for a School Place (Primary School) for September 2017**

Cards have been handed out to Nursery parents detailing the procedure for applying for a Reception place for their child. All information is available online from [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and the deadline for applications is midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Dates for your Diary**

- October 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Half term
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Last day for Secondary School Applications
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Class 4 Arts Move (Project with local artist)
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Northumbrian Water Visit
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> FOMs Meeting 5pm
- November 4<sup>th</sup> Photographer in school – Individuals and siblings
- November 8<sup>th</sup> Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Safety Carousel for Class 4
- November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Class to The Bowes Museum – Apprentices
- November 24<sup>th</sup> Girls' Football Tournament at St John's Catholic School
- November 28<sup>th</sup> Crafty Ceramics

**Mr Minikin**

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