



October 4th 2019 Issue 5

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Last Friday you helped raise a magnificent £480.32 for MacMillan Cancer Research. Thank you!

Individual and Siblings Photographs

The school photographers are visiting school on Wednesday to take photographs of individual children and siblings. If you are a parent of a Nursery child who does not usually attend on a Wednesday but would like their photograph taken, then please bring your child in at around 9.15am.

Year 6 Bikeability

I was very pleased to note that nearly all of our Year 6 children attended the cycling proficiency training this week. I hope that they will use the knowledge and skills that they have been shown and remember to apply them as they use their bike in their free time.

Year 6 Class Assembly

Our first Class Assembly of the year will take place on Friday. Families of Miss Richardson's Class are very welcome to attend. The assembly will start at 9am.

Parking

PCSO Singh has been patrolling the area and has forwarded us a letter to circulate on his behalf. Please park as considerately as possible as he does have the power to fine people who are not obeying the law.

Year 2 and 3 visit to the Bowes Museum

On Monday Dr Greenwell's class went to the Bowes Museum as part of their history work. They learnt more about the carpet industry that was thriving in 19th Century Barnard Castle and got to do some weaving of their own.

Today the Year 2 children went to the Bowes Museum to learn more about the story of John and Josephine Bowes. This is a topic that really captures the children's interest and the facts that the children can remember are amazing!

Reception visits and visitors

Reception children have been learning about 'People who help us.' This week they visited Barnard Castle Surgery and were shown how to take their temperature. Today they were visited by Mrs Peat who is a vet. Thank you to Mrs Peat for working with our children.

Thank you to all of our helpers who have accompanied the children on this week's visits.

Art Club

I love to see the imaginative pieces Art Club produce and the displays that Mrs Daniels creates with their work are spectacular. The Animal Face Collages from last term have been replaced and we will need to borrow the budding artists new work for a while whilst it is displayed.

Dance off!

Miss Richardson has been organising a dance off competition whereby all of the children will learn a dance with their class. Today Reception was visited by a lady helping them with a traditional Irish Dance and next week Year 3 is being visited by Morris Dancers. I know that each class is working on a fantastic dance and I look forward to seeing them near the end of term.

Reception and Year 1 Parents' Workshop

Miss Lauder and Miss Scott will be holding a phonics and maths workshop for all Reception and Year 1 parents. This will be held on Tuesday 22nd October straight after school. This is a great opportunity for parents to see how phonics and maths is taught in school and to learn how they can further support their child's learning at home.

Show Racism the Red Card

In our work on equalities we are educating our children on different important issues. On Wednesday we are having an assembly and workshops for Year 5 and 6 called Show Racism the Red Card. These are important issues in society and it is important that we cover these in an age appropriate way.

Eco Club

Eco Club have been busy creating a board displaying their work and want to use recycled materials. Please could you collect some bottle tops for us and drop them off with Dr Greenwell. Thank you.

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. 30.09.19

Class	Present
Reception	99.3%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	99.3%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	98.1%

School overall attendance is 98.9%

Dates for the diary

October 9 th	Individual and siblings photographs
October 11 th	Year 6 Class Assembly
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
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.

39 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Mr Minikin
Head Teacher