

MONTALBO NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

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October 4th 2016

Issue 6

Swimming alternative date

With so much going on in school, Class 4's first alternative swimming date sees them go to the Sports Day on **Monday 17th October** instead of their usual Thursday session.

Volcanoes

On Monday, Class 3 will be visited by Durham University Outreach to learn more about volcanoes as part of their Geography work. This promises to be a great session and we will try to draw upon expertise to enrich our provision wherever possible.

What's Under Your Feet?

Class 3 got drenched this week as they took part in a nationwide survey to see What's Under Your Feet? The children were looking for soil invertebrates to try and understand why there is a decline in the country's bird population and will report their findings 3 times this year.

Tag Rugby Festivals

Next week also sees two Tag Rugby festivals for Class 4, building on the work the class have been doing with our Sports Coach Michael Connelly and Mr Foster. All of the class will be attending the festival on Tuesday 18th October and a selection of the children for the competition on Thursday 20th at Staindrop. This is because the School Games competition on Thursday has strict rules on how many competitors you can send. Your child will be informed if they are in the Thursday competition. Please ensure that you have sent back any consents needed.

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

The first event FOMs are organising is the Halloween Disco on Thursday 20th October in our school hall. As last year, there will be two discos:-

For Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the disco runs from 5pm until 6.15pm.
For Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 the disco runs from 6.30pm until 7.45pm

The cost of the disco is £1.50 in advance or £2 on the door. Included in this price, are a hotdog and a drink. Tickets can be bought from the school office. If you are prepared to help, please contact Vic Lee, Shelley Simpson, Donna Shann or Louise Finlay. The Friends of Montalbo have a Facebook Page which they run independently. Why not follow them to see their latest news or volunteer?

EYFS Stay and Play Session

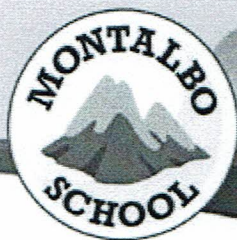
Miss Smith invites Foundation Stage parents to join the class in the base for a Stay and Play Session.

After School Care

Please let school know in advance if you would like your child to attend After School Care. You can phone even up until the last minute but we would like to be informed. Thank you.

Class 4 Assembly

On October 21st Class 4 will be performing their class assembly. This is the first of this year and the next one will be after Christmas and all classes will have their chance! Parents and families of Class 4 are invited to the assembly which will start at 9am.



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Bikeability

The first session of Cycle Training for Class 4 took place on a damp and cold Tuesday this week. The children had the first session on the school yard and will be moving on to local roads next time. Please be aware that due to the rugby festival the next bikeability session is Tuesday November 1st.

World War I Project

The children of Class 4 worked with an artist at school on Monday in connection to the Bowes Museum's World War 1 project and their class topic. Each child produced a sculpted poppy which will be turned into a school wreath to be presented at the Remembrance Day Service.

Attendance for w.b. 10.10.16

	Present
Reception	93.8%
Class 1	100%
Class 2	96.3%
Class 3	96.3%
Class 4	98.3%

Overall attendance this week was 97.1%

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.
20 minutes learning time lost this week

Well done Class 1

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

The application process opens on 12th September and closes on 31st 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 and the deadline for applications is midnight on 15th January 2017.

Dates for your Diary

October 17th Class 3 – Outreach from Durham University (Volcanos)
October 18th Class 4 Rugby Festival at Teesdale School
October 20th Class 4 Tag Rugby Festival at Staindrop School
October 21st Class 4 Assembly 9.00a.m.
October 24th-28th Half term
October 31st Last day for Secondary School Applications
November 1st Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
November 3rd FOMs Meeting 5pm
November 4th Photographer in school – Individuals and siblings
November 8th Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
November 10th Safety Carousel for Class 4
November 15th and 16th – Parents' Evening

Mr Minikin

Head Teacher