



Healthy School



**BLOSSOM & GROW AT MONTALBO**  
*Is our motto*

# Autumn Term 2012 Newsletter no 6

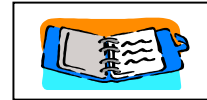


**Halloween Disco 5pm to 6pm for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2**  
**(Stay with your child if you wish)**  
**6:30pm to 7:30pm for Y3, 4, 5 & 6**  
**Cost £1-50 to include a drink & a hotdog & free tattoos.**

Organized by FOMs-please donate some cupcakes

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup> HALLOWEEN DISCO**  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct HALF TERM BEGINS.**  
**We return on Monday Nov 5th**



**Tues NOV 6<sup>th</sup> PARENTS MEETINGS RE YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS 4pm to 6pm** Ring to make an appointment –booking is now open  
*Everyone gets a chance to see targets set; progress made and talk over strengths and weaknesses with your child's teacher so make sure to make an appointment. PLEASE BOOK NOW*

## Who was a Fantastic Fox for week ending October 5th?

**Jaiden H** for working on letter sounds at home & for being a good story teller.



**Kate M** for writing an outstanding diary account of the Great Fire of London.

**Bradley** for working hard and making good progress in literacy and maths

**Ethan Rawlins** for writing an outstanding dialogue between Fagan & the Artful dodger

**Team Points this term**  
**BLUE 7 points GREEN 8 points**  
**RED 13 & YELLOW 15 points**



## PLEASE MAKE SURE MONTALBO EXTRA PAYMENTS ARE UP TO DATE

Thank you to those parents who have settled their accounts this is much appreciated!

**HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS WHICH MUST BE SETTLED BY OCTOBER HALF TERM** - If you are experiencing difficulties then please call in to set up a repayment plan  
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Use Breakfast club & after school care to solve childcare needs ring the office to book. We have increased staffing to cope with increased demand each morning.

Breakfast and snacks are provided as part of care costs. Children can take part in organised activities or can complete homework or just chill out. As Christmas approaches why not use this as an opportunity to indulge in some child free shopping.  
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There are places available at art and craft as well as at film club so why not sign up  
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Art club are working on some canvasses to display at the One Point Hub. Their work is looking quite impressive

I was delighted that some children have entered the Competition designed to say how they feel inspired by either the Olympics or the Paralympics. **There is still time to enter some words or art work.**

**CLARICE, NIAMH W, JAKE & CARA** were chosen to meet Dame Tanni Grey Thompson at Evenwood Primary as part of our Paralympic celebrations. This was such a great honour. They were allowed to ask her some questions and they had their photos taken with her. Photos will be added to our website soon.

**15 Pupils had a great time working with a professional basketball player at Green Lane Primary.** He told them how he had damaged his spine and could only take part in wheelchair sport. They found out how to manoeuvre the specially adapted sports chairs, pick a ball from the ground using the wheels of the chair & how to dribble, pass and shoot baskets.

**At our recent Governors' meeting we discussed several matters including:-**

**SAFETY-** can you please pass on the news that there is **NO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH SCHOOL**. We have front and rear access gates for the use of parents & pupils of Nursery and school. Tell your friends and family members they will not be able to wander through as a short cut during the school day.

**CHARGES** relating to transport to & from Stainton Grove. Governors are writing to local councilors. **We need you all to write to them too saying that it is unfair that charges for travel to Montalbo for our Reception pupils are being made** whilst Green lane pupils are entitled to free transport despite the fact that both schools are within the 2 mile boundary and so outside the Local authority's zone for free transport. It is deemed that Green Lane pupils receive free transport as the road from Stainton to Barnard Castle is deemed unsafe for pedestrians to Green Lane. **WHY ARE OUR FAMILIES BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST?** Write to local councilors –**JAMES ROWLANDSON, GEORGE RICHARDSON, BARABARA HARRISON & RICHARD BELL-** they will need your votes –let them earn them!!!!

**INTERVENTIONS** –Children may receive additional help to overcome difficulties through the course of a week or over a few weeks. This does not mean they will always receive additional help nor have Special Educational Needs. In fact they may need a short sharp burst of additional teaching to master a concept such as how to solve long multiplications how to subtract. At the parents evening ask if your child is struggling with anything and whether they are getting extra help. We will tell you how you can help too.

**Governors also discussed reading.** It was explained that whilst your child may be individually heard read by the teacher weekly, there are guided reading sessions, reading of instructions, reading of written work, daily phonic work e.g. building words using letter patterns. Again get clarification of how the teacher wants you to work with your child to help them **AT THE FORTHCOMING PARENTS' EVENING.**

**We have a PARENT VACANCY on the GOVERNING BODY –please consider becoming a Governor.**

**More amazing BRONZE MEDALLISTS this term.**



**KATY P, LEAH SH, ADELE, JARED, NATHANIEL, ANTHONY, SARAH, LUCY, HANNAH, ETHAN R, OLIVIA B, GRACE T, EMILY SAFFRON, LOUIS, KATLEHO & EBONY.**

**WELL DONE**

Next week I will begin to work with those Key Stage 2 children interested in working towards the DISCOVER & EXPLORE ARTS AWARD. This is a nationally recognized award & is only offered in about 100 schools so far. The hope is that more schools will offer this in the future. SO YOUR CHILD COULD BE AT THE FOREFRONT of ARTS EDUCATION.

I intend to take small groups down to The Nest to look at art work exhibited there as an introduction to the Discover part of the award over the course of the week during school hours. They will need to choose an artist, actor, musician or other person involved with THE ARTS to study in detail. They need to keep a portfolio or diary of their research. The award takes 25 hours of work to complete.

As part of this work one group have already adapted THE PRINCESS & THE PEA, have begun learning their lines and have sourced costumes. They will perform for their peers next week before taking their play to THE MANOR CARE HOME for their residents next FRIDAY afternoon.

**7 Children from Y5/6 children will represent MONTALBO at the TAG RUGBY competition organized at Barnard Castle School. All the class has received coaching from one of Barnard Castle's coaches. This will take place on Wednesday afternoon 1pm to 3pm – parents welcome to spectate.**

**The RED CROSS ARE DELIVERING 2 WORKSHOPS TO KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN ON THE SUBJECT OF REFUGEES next week.**

**WE RAISED £81 for MACMILLAN CANCER CHARITY at our HARVEST FESTIVAL .....thanks!!**