



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

## Autumn Term 2012 Newsletter no 8



The Halloween discos were very successful. Thank you to all the mums who gave their time to decorate the hall and who served hot dogs, manned the door or who worked on the tattoo table. Extra special thanks to PHILIP TALLENTIRE for providing the disco & giving up his valuable time.



**THERE WERE SOME FANTASTIC OUTFITS & AMAZING CUP CAKES**

Thank you for taking the time & trouble to decorate these!

### Who was a Fantastic Fox for week

ending October  19th?

**Katy P** for knowing one more than a given number

**Connie** for always doing her best & working so hard

**Lucy D** for all round effort and achievement

**Nicole** for an amazing performance of her Macbeth Poem

**TEAM POINTS to Oct 19th**

**RED 18 points**

**YELLOW 17 points**

**GREEN 11points**

**BLUE 7 points**

### More amazing BRONZE MEDALLISTS this term.



**ARCHIE , JOEL, KYLE, MALCOLM, SOPHIE SP, MAISIE M, JENI, NEEVE, AIDEN W, MIA, JAYDEN H, JONATHAN, ETHAN P, CASEY D, MAY & ROSE**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct HALF TERM BEGINS.**

**We return on Monday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

**DO NOT FORGET:**

**Tues NOV 6<sup>th</sup> PARENTS MEETINGS RE YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS 4pm to 6pm**

**Wed NOV 7<sup>th</sup> Y6 CHILDREN GO TO THE SAFETY CAROUSEL AT NEWTON AYCLIFFE**

**Robinwood deposits needed please!**

**NURSERY AND RECEPTION CLASSES MADE TWO LARGE GUYS FOR BARNARD CASTLE MEET'S BONFIRE EVENT ON FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOV at 6:30pm Families can make small ones which they can take to the bonfire too**

**WE WILL BE GOING TO THE PANTOMIME AT DARLINGTON CIVIC ON DEC 13<sup>th</sup> –you can pay for your child's ticket now if you wish or pay in installments –COST HELD AT £10 PER CHILD**

**FOMS are paying for the coaches to keep costs down –so thank you very much!**

Teesdale weather caused problems for us again. The thick fog on Tuesday delayed Prince Charles' helicopter. He arrived at Middleton at lunchtime but as school meals had already been prepared & we had no provision for packed lunches unfortunately the Y3/4 class were unable to meet HRH. The children were understandably disappointed.

Despite the drizzle on Wednesday bulb planting at the Museum went ahead. 8000 daffodil bulbs are being planted around the museum paths courtesy of the Marie Curie Cancer charity.

**REMEMBER DINNER MONEY NEEDS TO BE PAID EVERY MONDAY, MONTHLY IN ADVANCE OR HALF TERM IN ADVANCE. It is embarrassing for your child to be repeatedly asked where their money is.**

## HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

**Reception** working practically on one more /one less so have a group of 3 cars what would 1 more/less be –then check by adding/subtracting a car. WORK UP TO 10  
**Year 1** Learn number bonds add/subtract within 10 –how quickly can you do 10 facts then try beating your record

**Year 2** try doubling & halving numbers

**Year 3** learn 2x 5x and 10x –how fast can you write down 1x2=

Then beat your own record. Turn these round to 4 divided by 2 is, how many 2s in 16

**Year 4** like Y3s but include 3x, 4x, 6x

**Year 5 & 6** work on multiplication/division using all tables- use your timed test books –**BEAT YOUR OWN RECORD**

WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF THE BEST DAY OF THIS HOLIDAY or REVIEW A PLACE YOU VISIT TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO VISIT.

**Draw/paint/make/write a poem using WHY AUTUMN IS SPECIAL TO ME PRIZES FOR PROOF OF YOUR HOMEWORK!!!!**

## MAKE A GUY FOR THE MEET COMPETION

### PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES

Measure in cms things around your home.  
Measure liquids in millilitres

**DISCOVER FRACTIONS –cutting shapes in half, halving recipe quantities, halving sets of objects.**

Then go onto quarters.

**Do they know that  $\frac{3}{4}$  means 3 pieces out of 4 and that 4 equals a whole 1**

**Can your child do this with tenths? Do they know that**

**$\frac{2}{10}$  means 2 pieces out of 10.**

**Now can they see that  $\frac{2}{4}$  is the same as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?**

**So what is the equivalent in 10ths?**

**EXPLORE EXPLORE EXPLORE IN PRACTICAL WAYS**

**Why not go along to MESSY CHURCH during half term held at the Methodist church hall –see the church for details.**

**Teesdale Pupils have been told not to use our school grounds as a shortcut on their way to and from school. Members of the public are not allowed to walk through either and are challenged by school staff should anyone try.**

**A HEALTH & SAFETY representative from the LA has inspected our gates, playground routines and is happy that risk assessments are undertaken and the children are always supervised when out of the building. Therefore rest assured that staff on duty ensures all gates are bolted at breaktimes & lunchtimes and there is adequate supervision.**

Go for family walks! Collect conkers, pine cones, throw pebbles in the river, play pooh sticks over bridges –having fun does not have to cost anything!!!!

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS –there are still spaces. IT IS A GOOD IDEA THIS TERM TO BOOK AFTER SCHOOL CARE TO ALLOW YOU TO GO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN PEACE

**It was great to see so many parents at the Year 1 and 2 presentation. The children did well despite having to take on different roles to cover absence and illness. Well done to the adults who took part in the quiz as well as drawing. Mrs Donaldson was impressed!**

Here are some examples of what to ask at Parent's Evening on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov

What does my child need to work on?

What Level are they working at now? Where should they be in the Summer?

Are they making expected/better than expected progress?

Are they receiving additional support e.g. working on motor skills, Lexia, Spear, Listening skills? How is their progress measured?

Are they happy and well able to cope with school routines?

I'm sure you can think of lots more questions