



Autumn Term no. 6
15th October 2012



Montalbo Nursery
Newsletter

Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Competition

Get busy at home with your child designing, carving and decorating a pumpkin then bring them in next week to be judged on Thursday 25th October.



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 extra Nursery sessions, breakfast club & after school care to solve childcare needs - speak to Nursery Staff 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.

Snack money.....

There is a voluntary contribution of £1 per week to pay for snack and other items that are not standard but may be required for some activities e.g. baking ingredients.

URGENT APPEAL.....

Remember that your junk is our treasure; we appreciate newspaper, yogurt pots, old pots and pans, handbags, sweet wrappers, bottle tops etc...

School tel: 01833 637718
 or email montalbo@durhamlearning.net
 for all your queries.

'Show and tell' time happens every Monday. Your child is welcome to bring in one object to chat about. Items are kept safe in our treasure box before and after show and tell time. Please remember to collect your items at the end of the day.

Parents Evening
Thursday 8th November
4.00 – 6.00pm

You are invited to attend a parents' evening in Nursery to look at your child's personal folder that tracks their learning and progress. You will also have the opportunity to talk to your child's key worker and discuss any concerns. Each child will have a progress report for you to look at and contribute to. You do not need to make an appointment but we would ask that you stick to the times above and arrive between 4.00 and 6.00 pm.

Investigation Area

This week our investigation is comparing 'Shapes'. If you have any interesting items/objects, drawings, books, photos etc... that relate to this, you are welcome to bring them in to add to the trolley.

Stickers will be given to children who bring something in to add to the investigation table.

Last week we had fun with our Puppet Theatre selling tickets then performing a puppet show with friends – reciting rhymes and songs. We also made sock puppets and used them in our performances.

Nursery Library

Children really enjoyed choosing their own library book the take home last week

Feel free to borrow books from Nursery. If you would like to take a book home for a few days, just let one of the members of staff know and they will record the necessary details.

Story telling and looking at books with your children at this age gives them valuable pre-reading skills.

Tip of the week.....

Sing counting songs using fingers as props e.g. 5 (or 10) Little Ducklings; 10 Green Bottles - in order to help children with early counting skills and provide them with a tool to use throughout their maths learning in school. Remember it is harder to count objects one by one than recite numbers by rote.

Diary Dates



Wed 24th Oct - FOMS HALLOWEEN DISCO in school

Fri 26th Oct - Break up for Half Term (one week)

Thurs 8th Nov - Parent's Evening 4-6pm

Fri 14th Dec - Nursery Xmas Play

Halloween Disco

Halloween Disco Wednesday 24th October to be held in the School.

5pm to 6pm for Nursery Reception, Y1 and Y2 (Parents to stay with Nursery children)

6:30pm to 7:30pm for Y3, 4, 5 & 6

Cost £1-50 to include a drink & a hotdog & free tattoos.

Certificate Assembly

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Nursery certificates were awarded to:
Jessica – for joining in with songs and rhymes during group time.



George – for joining in with teacher led activities and playing with other children.



Please try to be on time when collecting your child; usual session collection times are 11.45am and 3.30pm, (if you are going to be late please call to inform nursery staff).