

MONTALBO PRIMARY SPRING TERM

NEWSLETTER 2013

For Week ending January 25th



BLOSSOM & GROW at MONTALBO



FANTASTIC FOXES LAST WEEK



ROSIE W for having a great imagination & being able to retell a story accurately

GEORGIA W for working hard all week & being full of enthusiasm & confidence

KIERAN for listening, reading & thinking carefully before working

FAMILY EXPLORERS – THERE WILL BE A LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT

at school from 3:30pm to 5pm on February 4th.

Amy Bainbridge from Bowes Museum will be on hand with lots of fun. There will be a representative of the Theatre Royal too. It's not too late to sign up –fill in the form & return asap.

You can visit as many or as few of the local attractions and be able to influence them to make the more family friendly. You will be able to keep a scrapbook of your visits. IT IS WELL WORTH SIGNING UP TO THIS PROJECT. Ask if you need any further details.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Can you make a six sided snow flake from a square piece of paper by folding in half, measuring 60 degrees, folding & cutting –so far only NIAMH W & EBONY can!!!!!!!

MRS DONALDSON WISHES TO SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR CARDS, GIFTS & FLOWERS PRESENTED TO HER. I WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE HAVE NEWS ABOUT THE BIRTH. We expect her to return in September.

SILVER MEDALLISTS 2013 MEGAN, JAIDEN H, Aaron & TAYLOR

TEAM POINTS

GREEN 8pts, RED 6pts, YELLOW 4pts and BLUE 2pts



Penguins have fun too!

SNOW NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

We have had great fun in the snow this week. Come into the hall to see some of the photos taken over Monday lunchtime.



Children have learnt to co-operate with others, plan, use logic and solve problems. Imaginations have run riot- one group made mountains & a snow village complete with ski runs whilst another continues building an igloo.

As footpaths were unsafe for walking to the Sports Centre the Swimming lesson was cancelled and large scale snow building was substituted.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL STAFF FOR MAKING THE EFFORT TO GET THROUGH TO SCHOOL DESPITE DANGEROUS DRIVING CONDITIONS. Rest assured, as long as it is safe to do so, WE WILL OPEN SCHOOL despite the snow.

Watch BBC iplayer Winter watch –The BIG FREEZE to see what real snow problems are like...(original footage of the '63 Storm)

MUCH IMPROVED HANDWRITING SEEN THIS WEEK

Well done especially to **KYLE, MALCOLM, BILLY, LEAH, KAYLEIGH & CONNOR**



Practise a c o d g q formation in YR & Y1 & 2

Y3 to Y6 still need to work on using a ruler –so lots of practice at home please.

Y5 & 6 need to practice measuring angles using a protractor.



This week end draw some angles measuring -30, 45, 60, 90, 120 degrees etc.

USE A COMPASS to design some symmetrical patterns I will award prizes for best patterns & angle work.



FINDING OUT ABOUT THE TITANIC

On Monday afternoon Year 5 and 6s went to see the TITANIC Exhibition at DARLINGTON RAILWAY MUSEUM. They saw original artefacts, models and items used in the film. They read original newspapers from the time.

Did you know that some parts of the Titanic were forged in Darlington?

Do you know that a former Northern Echo editor lost his life on board whilst campaigning to improve lives of others?



The class have found a website where they can view original documents to use in their research. It is well worth a look.

Wondering about World War Two

Mr Howell's class are focusing on World War 2 so if any family members have memories of the war or items they can share with the children to bring their learning alive we would be most grateful. Photographs & other precious artefacts will be carefully handled. Can you chat to your child about some of the events in the war you know about?

The trip to the discovery museum on Monday cancelled due to the road conditions will be rescheduled soon.

Whilst in classes this week I have noticed that many children are struggling to spell the following words accurately. They either add an unwanted h or miss out the h when it is needed. E.g. **which watch when with who went** So practice these words using **READ WRITE COVER WRITE AGAIN** technique.

NICOLA COULTHARD, PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE ONE POINT HUB. SARA GEE, School Nurse, is also based at the One point Hub.

The centre number for the RECEPTION DESK is 03000 261 120

This is your one stop shop for help and advice

Last Friday Tracey from the Methodist Church presented a puppet play based on the Wise Man & the Foolish man bible story in Collective Worship.

She reminded us there are **MESSY CHURCH ART EVENTS** which are held frequently –see Methodist Church Noticeboard for details

LABEL PUPILS' BELONGINGS WE HAVE NUMEROUS UNNAMED SWEATSHIRTS WE ARE TRYING TO REUNITE WITH THEIR OWNERS!!! Is anyone wearing a sweatshirt belonging to Liam in Mrs Ridley's class or Luke in Year 2- please check!

Be a responsible dog owner –pick up after your pooch! The snow has revealed how lazy some owners are –do not leave mess for youngsters to come into contact with!

WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS OF FREE DOG CHIPPING AT THE SPORTS CENTRE IN FEBRUARY.

There are lots of great opportunities to get fit for both adults and children –**CONTACT THE SPORTS CENTRE or VICTORIA LEE** for details.

Make sure your children are safe online or whilst using their mobiles –visit Durham County's website for useful parent advice.

Can your child tell the time using an analogue clock? Many children are used to digital devices so the art of looking at long & short hands to work out the hour and minutes past and to the hour is not something they do frequently. We work on this in school but need adults to support us out of school. Maths questions often involve reading a clock then adding twenty five minutes to the original time. DS Brain training exercises can sharpen up these skills too. **Reception pupils learn o clocks, Y1s o clock & half past the hour, Y2s o clock, half past, quarter past, Y3s add quarter to and minutes past. By Y4 everyone should be able to work out minutes to /past the hour. Y5 and 6s should read timetables, understand 24 hour clock & be able to solve time related problems.** Use TV schedules to work out for how long programmes are screened, hours /minutes to favourite programme etc. **Can your child name days of week /months of the year in order, say day / month before /after. Do they know how many days in a week, months in a year, days in a month, days in year –these are all useful facts to learn!**

GREAT NEWS: No reported head lice cases this week so please keep up the great bug busting challenge every time hair is washed. Thank You