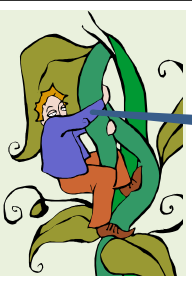


For Week ending April 19th

MONTALBO PRIMARY SUMMER TERM



Encouraging all to climb up & be successful

The response to the Easter Bonnet competition was outstanding. We have never had so many entries. It is so good that families work together on these kind of craft activities. All entries received prizes. Children also decorated eggs in school & winners received Easter Eggs. Many thanks to those mums who organised refreshments and to Y5/6 for running the chocolate tombola.

Costumes for the Titanic & World War Two events were amazing. Thank you for your efforts in getting the children into the spirit of the experiences. The events drew learning in these topics to a celebratory close.

TEESDALE ATHLETIC CLUB ARE ORGANISING A 10K run at Raby Castle in **MAY** THERE WILL BE A 3k junior run too. **ASK MRS HAWCROFT FOR DETAILS** OR **CALL IN THE OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION**

FANTASTIC FOXES

For 22nd March

- Joel F for improved work
- Luke M for improved maths
- Sarah M for following instructions
- Ebony for fantastic written work to Level 5 standard

GOLD MEDALLISTS:

Elle, Jessica, Sarah, Jake Niamh W

SILVER MEDALLISTS:

Finley, Georgia W, Jared & Anthony

TEAM POINTS WINNERS FOR THE TERM

WERE

REDS

PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOU HAVE 2 SWEATSHIRTS & A PAIR OF TROUSERS which belong to ADELE



So proud! Olivia is our School's **FIRST EVER BLUE PETER BADGE WINNER.** She received her badge for a well written poem.

MESSY CHURCH will take place next Friday **APRIL 26th** –give it a go. Children who attend say how much fun they have.



Help PHIL!!!!

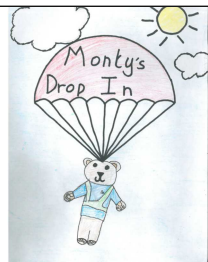
NICOLE & NIAMH B had their names drawn from a bowl to represent School at the **PHIL THE TROLLEY** trolley push through **Durham City** on Friday as part of the Durham Foodbank event. We are so grateful for all your food donations to support this. **ORGANISERS HAVE SAID FURTHER ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL UP TILL NEXT FRIDAY MORNING.**

So if you have not already dropped in a tin/packet/jar/box of food items ase try to. Thank You

This week **CAROLINE O NEILL, HEAD OF EDUCATION SERVICES FOR COUNTY DURHAM** visited our school. She was very impressed with our confident, articulate youngsters from Nursery through to Year 6. The children were great Ambassadors for School talking about how much they learn at Montalbo & how they rate the teaching they receive. She looked through books and was interested in pupil targets & progress.

It is good to see everyone back at school wearing their uniforms & so many smart new shoes. **We have been told by our supplier that we need uniform orders placed by June 3rd in order to guarantee delivery prior to the Autumn term.** You will all receive a letter **about Free School Meals** & urge you all to respond. More children accessing Free School Meals generates Government funding for education through Pupil Premium Funding. We use this money to employ Mrs Honess to work with small groups of children to provide additional teaching. **Help us to help you & your children!**

Ebony's design



You can choose to attend anyone of Monty's activities. You only pay for sessions attended.

Give it a try! Call at the office to book a place!

Day	Activity
06/05	Bank Holiday
07/05	Bug Hunting
08/05	Sport + Monty's Chill Out Club
09/05	Science Experiments
10/05	Making Trinket Boxes
22/04	Drama & Dressing Up
23/04	Making Photo Frames
24/04	Sport + Monty's Chill Out Club
25/04	Cookery ~ Biscuit Cake
26/04	Garden Ball Games
29/04	Wii – Just Dance Disco
30/04	Table Football
01/05	Sport + Monty's Chill Out Club
02/05	Making a Wormery
03/05	Cookery ~ Tomato Soup & Croutons
	Monday ~ Guitar Lunchtime Club

Topics this half term

Reception: Space

Y1/2 Pirates

Y3/4 Rivers & Erosion

Y5/6 Africa

LIAM MAKES A SPACE SUIT USING OLD CEREAL BOXES



BRING BOXES, PLASTIC CARTONS etc. FOR JUNK MODELLING

Have you seen the gorgeous display of Spring blooms in our new planters? Reception Class planted these so should be pleased with the impact. Morrison voucher items e.g. raised beds are beginning to arrive too.

It is very important that Y6s try to attend school each day until their SATs in May as the next few weeks involve revision work.

Y2s really need to practise their reading daily. Working on letter sounds, spelling patterns, practising spelling high frequency words, x tables & number bonds are important things to do as well.

Y1 Parents: Can your child read these words **pat, pain, boil, real, path, light, flight, start.**

Try with some non-words **e.g. splin, trab, croik, cleep.** This will test whether they really know phonic patterns. They take a test in June like all Y1 children Nationally so help them practise.

Y3 /4 Parents Does your child know their tables? If so can they turn them round so instead of 3x 4 can they say 12 divided by 3 is... Practise some vertical addition & subtraction e.g.

Try adding ful suffix to words e.g. hopeful- think of more words. Can you do this using -ness

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Everyone:

FIND OUT ABOUT TEESDALE –names of Waterfalls in the area, villages from Upper to Lower dale. Any photos, facts, maps, postcards etc. would be useful for a display we are going to do.

Y5 continue to practise spelling patterns & tables.

Y6s follow your revision exercises.

Y5/6 children will take part in making banners for the Heart of Teesdale this term.

Gillian Tallentire will come along to an Art lesson to start this work.

We will also be taking part in the COME DINE WITH ME project organised by the Heart of Teesdale & will learn how to make perfect meringues

We are pleased that more and more children are accessing our Nursery –some moving to us from other Nurseries in the town. All parents new to Nursery have said how delighted they are with the way their youngsters are settling. Thanks to your recommendations more and more people are applying for places. We have limited availability so make sure you add your little one to our list & tell your friends to come along too if they have children who are two. Children can start as soon as they are three. We can offer 15 flexible hour free & can offer additional hours at a modest cost.

In September we have just found out that we will welcome 16 youngsters to our school. A parents evening will be held in May to brief parents of these children.

Our new Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant began work this week. She is Mrs Zoe Laidlaw. Children have made her welcome. She has already completed child safeguarding training.