



For Week ending May 2nd

MONTALBO PRIMARY SUMMER TERM

Blossom & Grow! ENJOY THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

Get into Golf-
6 week course
for 8-12 yr
olds starting
May 4th 1pm
to 2pm ring
01833 631980

Ofsted came calling this week.

Thank you Mrs McIntyre & Y5s for being so helpful when I had to leave Robinwood on Tuesday afternoon following the notification at lunchtime. Special thanks to those parents, Governors & pupils who talked with the inspector throughout the 2 day inspection. I am not able to let you know the outcome of the inspection yet until the report is drafted, checked and available. All parents will receive a copy of the report as soon as it is available prior to its publication on the Ofsted website.

The Parent View Comments were on the whole positive. There were some parents who felt their child may be being bullied or feeling insecure. Can I urge you all if you feel this or are worried about any aspect of school you contact me immediately so investigations and appropriate action can be taken? Your views are important to us.

To address friendship concerns in Y1 the girls are working with Jacky Tweedy to improve relationships and cooperation. She is working on being resilient and how to deal with upsets when friendships are undergoing changes. She will help children boost self- confidence & self- belief.

For any parent worried about bullying I have booked in some workshops for all children across school to look at anti bullying messages & what to do in the event of suspicion of bullying.

Great work this week from Maisie O D who responded to last week's homework challenge

Last Friday the Y1s and 2s spend the day working with Mountain Explorers. They worked on team work & cooperation. Their speaking & listening skills were targeted also. They made mini shelters on the school field and decorated stones. However the highlight I know was lighting the fire in the fire pit to toast marshmallows. There was a real buzz from them as they felt like real explorers.

HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

Write about a Visit you make over the weekend.
Find examples of 3 Spring flowers in the woods –draw & label these

Try out something new

MONTY'S DROP IN

You can pay weekly so come along

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
20/05	Exploring Clay
21/05	Cookery ~ Pizza
22/05	Sport + Monty's Chill Out Club
23/05	Yard Art with Chalks
24/05	Nail Art
	Monday ~ Guitar Lunchtime Club x 6

BETTER CHOICES OF ACTIVITIES THAN OTHER SCHOOLS-
Please make use of them

Nursery Bug hotel looks fantastic & is being well used in exploratory play. The veranda area is being partially covered to create a more sheltered spot for role play. Reception outdoor area is also to be targeted to improve provision.

Outdoor learning is important to everyone. In Early Years whatever is taught indoors happens outside too!

We will be planting up our veg garden in the coming weeks. This will begin every lunchtime. Adults who are interested may come along to help if they wish

Topic Themes

Reception Space

Y1 & 2 girls are working on a Pirate theme

Y3&4 pupils are working on rivers

Y5/6 are working on Africa

For specific maths & literacy areas To be studied see the class teacher

ON WEDNESDAY 8th MAY Miss Metcalfe's class are going to Teesdale School to take part in a multiskills event. Ensure PE kit is in school & children have a water bottle to take along

FANTASTIC FOXES

Kailey for much improved work
Liam T & Luke for maths achievements
Lara for being conscientious & 'discovering full stops'
Katie N for great writing improvements
SILVER MEDALLISTS were
CARA, JONATHAN, ETHAN P & MIA

GOLD MEDALLISTS were
Tilly, Sammie, Joshua & Jaiden H

TEAM POINTS FOR This Term

REds 8 Blues 3 Greens 6Yellows 7

Reminder update you mobile & contact numbers when they change.

Last Friday Y5 & 6 worked with the Woodland trust to plant 100 trees at Deerbolt.

Lara, Anthony, Nat & Sophie S have worked on a Nature trail leaflet relating to the Scar Top developments. Watch out for the publicity

REMINDER

On June 8th we will hold our camping on the school field event.

It will build on what the children did last year. There will be Team Challenges, a mini Olympics, water purifying etc. Anyone from Key Stage 2 can join in. The children arrive for 10am on the Saturday, sleep over on Saturday night and go home around 3pm on Sunday. **THE COST OF THIS IS £69 per child.** Letters asking if you want your child to take part accompany this newsletter.

Children who attended last time are welcome to come again as activities are different.

It was GREAT FUN!! Ask me for more details.

Reminder get your uniform orders in by June 3rd

to guarantee delivery before the end of term.

PLEASE HEAR YOUR CHILD READ EVERY DAY & HELP

LEARN TO SPELL HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS.

Some parents are not offering the support their youngsters

Need through regular reading at home –

Help to make a difference.

May 20th FASHION SHOW at M& Co organised by FOMs 6PM

May 22nd Cross Country at Barnard Castle School for selected Ks2 pupils

May 23rd Y3/4 will take part in some activities delivered by the RIVER TRUST involving exploring the riverbank habitat. The scientific exploration will culminate in some creative sculpture work.

TUESDAY 14th MAY

MISS METCALFE's CLASS VISIT HIGH CRANE LODGE to explore the natural environment & take part in some activities. They leave in the morning but will be back to school by end of the day.

Y3/4 will take part in an Anti-bullying workshop

MAY 21st CLASS PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN by Versa Photography. This is a new company for us

(Individual photos will be taken in October)