

For Week ending May 9th

MONTALBO PRIMARY SUMMER TERM



FANTASTIC FOXE

Robin for enthusiastic fact finding about space
Leah Sh & Luke for checking over work to ensure no mistakes
Aidan M for being able to see both sides of an argument & writing empathetically
Jonathan & Nicole for conquering fears & being determined to tackle all challenges at Robinwood
SILVER MEDALLIST Ifan

GOLD MEDALLISTS were Taylor, Aaron & Aidan M

TEAM POINTS FOR This Term
Reds 13 Greens 11 Blues 9 Yellows 9

Monty's Drop In Activities to end of term

13/05	Cooking ~ French/Cinnamon Toast
14/05	Construction Set Model Making
15/05	Sport + Monty's Chill Out Club
16/05	Magnetic Darts Competition
17/05	Puppet Show Performing

Y1/2s are visiting HIGH CRANE LODGE as part of their studies on Tuesday 14thMAY. ALL WEATHER CLOTHES & A PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED. If you want to be a helper let us know.

Teesdale School cancelled the multi skills event due to inclement weather disappointing our Y1/2s.

4 pupils from Y5/6 will be chosen to read the work of an author on camera at Bowes Museum. They will meet the author too.

Y3/4 antibullying work with 2D organisation May 14th

FOMS are organising a Fundraising Fashion Show at M &Co at the Barnard Castle Store on MONDAY 20th MAY at 6pm. ALL WELCOME

TICKETS COST £2-50 to include wine/juice.

These are available from FOMs members, the shop or from school. Tell your friends and family to come along as we receive a % of evening sales. It will be a good evening!!!!

If you want to model some of the clothes & strut your stuff on the catwalk please speak to Julie Marshall or Belinda Thompson. Male models are especially required.

OVER RECENT YEARS FRIENDS HAVE PROVIDED MANY EXTRAS FOR NURSERY & SCHOOL PUPILS WHICH INCLUDE PAYING FOR BUSES TO PANTOS, PROVIDING IPODS & CAMERAS FOR CLASSES, FUNDING PURCHASES OF COOKING UTENSILS, FABRIC & ART CONSUMABLES, TOYS AND GAMES.

They do a fantastic job providing these treats and organising Discos. **SO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT.** All parents are welcome to help out at FOMs events & can attend any meetings

As soon as our Ofsted Report is published School Staff & Governors will draw up an Action Plan in order to move the school forward.

You can raise any matters of praise or concern relating to school to Governors who can speak on your behalf if you wish.

All parent views are important & will be taken seriously.
NOTHING IS EVER TOO SMALL TO SHARE

–remember a problem shared is a problem halved

Do you know who our Governors are?

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: GRAHAM SHIPMAN

VICE CHAIR: JANE MUTTON

Other GOVERNORS: LISA COLE, JUDI COLLIN, FIONA DRY, NEWTON WOOD, BARBARA HARRISON, LINDA EILBECK, SUSAN RIDLEY

We have vacancies if you feel you have something to offer & want to move school forward.

WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT AS FROM SEPTEMBER 2013 SCHOOL MEALS WILL COST £1-80 per day. Thank you to all the families who completed permission slips to see if you qualify for free school meals. Remember if you have been turned down but then personal circumstances change you can re-apply.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN STARTING OUR RECEPTION CLASS TAKES PLACE ON MAY 23rd at 6pm

In recent weeks we have shown parents around our school who are considering moving their children from other schools in the area.

One grandparent on such a visit said” oh what a lovely bright school, you can feel the warmth & friendliness as soon as you walk in”

Another comment was **“Good old fashioned values of care”**

“Wow as we’ve looked around all children barely raised their heads as they were all so engrossed in their work”

YEAR 6 CHILDREN TAKE THEIR STANDARD ASSESSMENT TESTS (SATS) next week. These are scheduled for after break each morning. Make sure your children get plenty of sleep & a good breakfast. Mrs Pannett usually offers breakfast snacks at 9am to settle nerves

Monday Reading Comprehension
 Tuesday Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
 Wednesday Mental Maths & Maths Paper A
 Thursday Maths Paper B
WRITTEN WORK IS TEACHER ASSESSED
 A moderator from the Local Authority will visit us in June to validate writing levels.



Year 2s also take a reading comprehension, spelling and writing tests. They also take a maths test. This will occur week beginning May 20th. We also use Teacher Assessment to get a best fit for attainment.

Y2s will re-take a phonics screen to ensure they have progressed from their scores last year.

Y1s are also tested on their phonic knowledge & have to read real & non words eg **chair, moan, futh, might, scrome** also 2 syllable words **football, fireplace. So use the next few weeks to practise. Test week beginning June 14th**

At Robinwood we had a great time. Mrs Bainbridge said she was proud of our good manners, teamwork & the way we encouraged each other. Simon our Team Leader said how quickly we solved the puzzles in the Dragon’s Quest.

CAMPING ON SCHOOL FIELD JUNE 8th –only 2 takers so far so deadline extended to Tuesday 15th. If there are insufficient parents completing the reply slip then I will cancel the event

Grace T entered some collage work into the STICKY CHURCH COMPETITION. She won First & Second prizes.

IMPRESSIVE EFFORT FROM Y5 and 6 at the swimming pool. I noted improved technique and stamina. I was particularly impressed by MORGAN, ETHAN P & NICOLE.

Y1 girls are continuing to work with Jacky Tweedy. Their work has focused on what makes a good friend & how to handle situations when friends fall out. This is in response to approaches made by parents regarding friendship issues.

Through funding from Councillor Barbara Harrison work on anti-bullying has begun. Y1s and 2s have made worry boxes for the classroom so they can learn to deal with their feelings. Emotional Wellbeing is a very important part of our work –happy children learn.

Bring some wellies for next week as we are planting some salad & veg crops over lunchtimes. If you have any perennial or bedding plants surplus to requirements please donate for our school garden. Come along at 12:30pm if you want to help. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.** We have received some well rotted horse manure –so help to mulch beds would be much appreciated.

We love books –do you?
 Tell us what your children are reading at home –write this in Reading Record books.
 Lovely new books have been bought to whet appetites.
 Would you like to know how to help your child become a better reader? If so I will organise some workshops to help prepare you.

Practise quick mental recall of number facts*****Learn 30 days hath September.... rhyme*****learn to tell analogue time *****learn digital time*****learn times tables & division facts*****practice handwriting.