

MONTALBO PRIMARY SUMMER TERM

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NEWSLETTER 2013



For Week ending June 14th

FANTASTIC FOXES

Week ending June 7th

TILLY for excellent letter formation

CHLOE C for quantity & quality of written work

MIA for improved work throughout the week

CAITLIN & EBONY for solving maths puzzles

GOLD MEDALLISTS this week

Liam F, Robin & Malcolm

TEAM POINTS TO DATE

RED 21, GREEN 20, BLUE 18 and YELLOW 15

Cross Country Certificates from Barnard Castle
Prep were presented to:-

**CLARICE, NIAMH W, NIAMH B, JAKE,
KATLEHO, EBONY, SARAH M, AIDAN M,
KIERAN & JONATHAN**

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KIERAN & SARAH received Silver Effort certificates
for 16 effort awards in Woodwind lessons

EBONY received a Gold effort certificate for 24
effort awards

On Monday Y5s and 6s experimented with making meringues with EMMA from KIDDICOOK. They learnt how to beat the egg whites to make them rise in stiff peaks. On Tuesday they received a talk from Debs Hare from Cross Lanes organic about local sourcing of organic foodstuffs. This was followed by a really informative presentation by pupils from Forest of Teesdale Primary detailing what life is like growing up on farms in the Upper Dale & how it feels to attend a school with less than 20 pupils in total. Our next steps in the Come Dine with me competition is to prepare our menu of main course & meringue based dessert ready to wow Andrew from the Crown.

EVERY CHILD IN SCHOOL NEEDS A PACKED LUNCH next WEDNESDAY.

We are taking part in a Sports day event at Teesdale School. We will compete with other schools and will parade our flag whilst our entry music is played.

Nicole, Ebony, Sarah & Jessica visited Teesdale School on Thursday to prepare and practice playing their instruments for the Sports event.

Special thanks to the mums & dads who were able to take the girls up to the school.

MONTY'S DROP IN ACTIVITIES

17th June making toasties

18th June Dodge ball

19th June Sport /Chill out

20th June making kebabs

21st June Stone art

24th June Split pin craft

25th June Pizza making

26th June Sport

27th June Rounders

28th June making flapjacks

1st July Balloon tag

2nd July scratch art

3rd July Sport /chill out

4th July Marble challenge

5th July making banana treats

8th July Making fridge magnets

9th July Making toad in the hole

10th July Sport /chill out

11th July making flapjacks

12th July Volleyball

15th July making macaroni
cheese

16th July tennis

17th July sport / chill out

18th July Garden games

19th July CHILL OUT

Lost Property box was emptied this week with gloves, wellingtons etc. being returned to their owners. However it was noted how many sweatshirts, p.e. shoes etc. have no name inside.

This weekend ensure all items of clothing & shoes are labelled with your child's name so lost items can be returned easily.

ALL CHILDREN NEED A SCHOOL PE KIT consisting of red p.e. tee shirt, blue shorts & black p.e. shoes **IN SCHOOL DAILY** now we are in the Summer term.

This week I was shocked to find that some Reception, Y1 and Y2s did not have clothing appropriate for p.e. lessons. **PLEASE RECTIFY THIS FOR MONDAY**

RECEPTION CHILDREN will visit St Mary's Church on Monday – sensible footwear required please

FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning June 17th Phonic Screening check for Y1 & 2s

Monday 17th Reception children visit the church.

Tuesday 18th June:

2D worker & a group of pupils will work on a presentation of their anti-bullying work

**FATHERS DAY LUNCH –for all male relatives
(NO FURTHER BOOKINGS CAN BE ACCEPTED)**

Wednesday 19th June:

Whole School Sports day event at Teesdale School

Thursday 20th June:

Children in Mr Howell & Mrs Pannett's classes take part in workshops at the Bowes Museum based on Jeremiah Dixon

Friday 21st June:

Come dine with Me competition meal prepared by Y5/6 judged by Andrew Rowbotham

Monday 24th June:

1:15pm SCHOOL SPORTS DAY-Spectators welcome

Tuesday 25th June:

Cricket competition for Y4/5/6

Monday July 1st:

Transition Celebration held in Hamsterley Forest for all Y6s in the Dale
–PACKED LUNCH NEEDED

Tuesday 2nd July

Key Stage 2 pupils visit Killhope Museum **PACKED LUNCH NEEDED**

Wednesday 3rd July:

Pupils & 2D worker present Antibullying Assembly

Thursday 4th JULY

Puppet workshops for all classes

Friday 5th July:

10 pupils will access activities at the Hub

Tuesday July 9th:

Woodwind concert 10:45 by Mrs Unwin's groups

Wednesday 10th:

Treasure Island theatre performance & Pirate themed activity day

Wednesday 10th July to 12th July Y6s go to Teesdale for Transition days

July 19th Leavers assembly @ 2pm

WELL DONE YEAR 6s & Mrs P!

On Tuesday the written work of all our Y6s was moderated by the local authority as part of their monitoring procedures. 25% of all schools in the Local authority are subject to this check annually.

The moderator said she thought the children's books were amongst the best she had seen this year. She stated that there was evidence of good teaching to improve written work, lively topics to write about and that the assessments of the work by Mrs Pannett were accurate.

Our Year 4s are working with Robert Fothergill on a local initiative about Crime in the community. Local Councillors feel that despite a low crime rate in Teesdale many children and other residents feel there is a threat of crime and anti-social behaviour. Therefore some of the children will meet local police at Barnard Castle Station this week and another group will meet councillors next week.

Following their work all Year 3 and 4 will spend time at the Hub on July 5th experiencing team building, confidence boosting and resilience skills through canoeing, high ropes and on the BMX course. This is free to the youngsters & funded through a grant from the local Housing Association.

MAKE SURE CONSENT FORMS ARE FILLED IN & RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

We sent entries to the Northern Echo design a card for the future Royal baby from everyone in Mrs Pannett's class but so far have had no word about winning entries.

Olivia sent an email to Blue Peter requesting a visit from the team but all we received was a generic thank you reply so she wrote a letter instead but no response has been received to date.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME UPDATE

Notification has been received this week from the Education Department stating that from SEPTEMBER 2013 Head teachers will no longer have authority to grant holidays in term time UNLESS there are EXCEPTIONAL circumstances. The Government are getting tougher on absenteeism in schools and propose to issue fixed penalty notices and fines for non-attendance or unauthorised absences.

I will, therefore, be discussing with Governors what constitutes exceptional circumstances and will let you know their decision after our next meeting

This weekend INFLUENCE CHURCH are taking part in several community tidy up events in the Barnard Castle Area. They have volunteered to weed our school garden, apply horse manure to improve the clay soil in the school garden & will paint fences. We are extremely grateful for their efforts.