

FANTASTIC FOXES**Week ending June 7th**

JOEL for good listening skills & learning new vocabulary

AMELIA for quality of & presentation of her writing

JENI for working hard at home & school to improve her work

ROSE for being more confident

GOLD MEDALLISTS this week

Liam F, Robin & Malcolm

TEAM POINTS TO DATE

RED 21, GREEN 20, BLUE 18 and

YELLOW 15

Well done reception pupils for being so well behaved on the visit to the church. Reverend Miller enjoyed answering all your questions.

The next date for MESSY CHURCH held at the Methodist Church is next FRIDAY 28th JUNE Tracey who runs this visits us every half term. Last Friday she told the children how unique they were and how everyone is valued. She uses Bertie the puppet to spread her message.

This week our teachers took examples of our writing to our partner school at RAMSHAW. We moderated the writing of both schools to check accuracy of assessments. It was a worthwhile opportunity to share good practice. We were able to conclude our levelling of work matched the levels awarded in another school. Some of Ramshaw School's teachers were impressed by the quality of some of our work samples. GRACE T's work was picked out as being of a very high standard & indicates her natural flair for language.

It was great to hear the comments that the quality of presentation of our pupils was in many cases as good as or sometimes better than the standards of Ramshaw, an outstanding school.

MONTY'S DROP IN ACTIVITIES

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



KERYS & EBONY, as the oldest pupils in school, were chosen to carry our school banner in the parade at Teesdale School Primary Sports event. The banner was designed by **KIAN**.

After the parade the children were divided into mixed school groups according to age. They took part in several activities including obstacle, hurdles, tug of war.

Reception pupils were able to have their faces painted.

During our al fresco lunch an orchestra of Primary & Secondary pupils played for us. Teesdale school choir sang as well.

I was proud of **EBONY, NICOLE & SARAH** who took part. Jessica unfortunately forgot to bring her flute.

The grand finale was an obstacle course. A team made up of a child from each year group for each school entered.

ROSIE WR, ALEX, GEORGIA, JOE, AIDAN M, ELLA & KATIE N represented our school. They gave it their all.

Prizes were presented to the mixed school teams from each year group. Many of our ex pupils now in Y10 were helping out to make the Sports a success. EVERYONE HAD A GREAT DAY.

**FATHERS' DAY LUNCH**

Mrs Slater made a lovely lunch of mince & dumplings or macaroni cheese for dads, granddads and uncles. All the men received an iced bun as a treat to take home. These events are very popular now and continue to be well attended. The children love to share their tables with relatives. Thank you to all staff who make these events possible

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO SEND REGULAR PAYMENTS FOR MONTY'S DROP IN, do not let invoices accumulate. This extra service depends on your prompt payments to keep it running.

INFLUENCE CHURCH DID A GREAT JOB OF PAINTING OUR GATE AND SCHOOL FENCE AS WELL AS WEEDING, LEADING & SPREADING MANURE ON OUR GARDEN

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 24th June:

1:15pm SCHOOL SPORTS DAY-Spectators welcome

Tuesday 25th June:

Cricket competition for Y4/5/6

Wednesday 26th

Rescheduled Come Dine with Me

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:

All Mr Howell's class will access activities at the Hub **PACKED LUNCH**

NEEDED

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

KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS WENT TO THE JEREMIAH DIXON EXHIBITION AND WORKSHOP AT THE BOWES MUSEUM ON THURSDAY.

They learnt about the Teesdale connection and about the Mason Dixon line. They will use some of the things they learnt about to put together some work to share with parents.

Year 1 and 2 pupils took a Phonics test. This is a National test. They had 40 words to read. I am really pleased how well they did.

Results this time were significantly higher than last year's results. Parents will receive details of how many words their child recognised. This will be sent home in the next few weeks.

WELL DONE Y1s and 2s, Miss Metcalfe, Mrs Ridley Mrs Wood and Mrs Rudge for all the work you have done to raise phonic knowledge at Montalbo.

They received Head teacher awards!

REMEMBER IT IS OUR SPORTS DAY ON MONDAY AT

1:15 -everyone is welcome to come along.

Children need their PE kits, a water bottle, sun cream and a hat.

We have re scheduled the Come Dine with Meal with Andrew for WEDNESDAY –this has been necessary due to staff absence this week. Next Friday the Y5/6s will be able to meet a Romanian who is working with Robert Fothergill. They will find out about life in Romania.

THIS WEEK Y3 & 4s have been working on fractions and could do with some practice at home. Help them find halves /quarters /tenths of numbers.

When they can do this can they work out three quarters / two quarters /three tenths of a number.

Can they make connections –a half is 0.5 is 50%

What about ¼ as decimal, as a percentage.

When shopping this weekend why not find 25% of prices, 50% of prices and the try 75%.

KEY STAGE 2 pupils go to KILLHOPE on JULY 2nd –further details next week.

There are some lovely photos of RECEPTION children at High Crane Lodge & in the school garden –please come in to see the display in the rear corridor.

All children should be working on their look cover write check words every week. Make sure they can spell **HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS**

NURSERY's BUG HOTEL WAS FEATURED IN THE TEESDALE MERCURY THIS WEEK

The children love hunting for minibeasts and are learning so much.

Did you know we have a frog in our school pond –we are delighted & hope he keeps the slugs at bay?

Our school grounds have lovely trees and yet the majority of the children cannot name the species. We have willow, sycamore, alder, horse chestnut, hawthorn, ash and elder. Can you identify trees by shape & leaf? Why not learn the species together as a family. Next week I'll test pupil knowledge –prizes for those who can identify the most trees by

SOME UNIFORM ITEMS STILL REMAIN UNNAMED! Please put your child's name in all items.

Children must wear uniform in school –it is not acceptable to wear fashion shorts. Grey shorts can be bought cheaply from most supermarkets.