



Good Luck Y6s

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6s as they move on to secondary school. They have been a fantastic year group who have excelled in many areas. They have made some lovely friendships which I hope will remain as they move on, as well as developing new friendships with others. The children said their farewells in a lovely assembly and I'm sure one or two tears were shed by family members and children alike. The children were given hoodies, trophies and autograph books by the school and dictionaries were kindly donated by The Rotary Club.

All of the children have really grown in confidence during their time at Montalbo and I look forward to hearing of their continued success. I would like to thank the families of the Year 6 children for their support and wish you all the best for the future.

Super Hero Day

Great fun was had by children and staff on Super Hero Day on Thursday! Staggering Stanley would have been proud of our efforts and there were a huge range of imaginative costumes worn. There were all sorts of creative activities going on from climbing through a giant spider's web to rescuing a 'stolen' Monet picture!

Thank you to Mrs Slater, our cook, who came up with the idea and made a Super Hero lunch.

Bradley Lowery Foundation

On Friday the children and staff wore football shirts or sports tops and made a donation in aid of the Bradley Lowery Foundation, which will help support sick children in their fundraising campaigns. You helped raise £170 which has been sent off to the charity. Thank you.

Good Luck Miss Connolly

At the end of her apprenticeship, Miss Connolly has decided to go back to university to study. She has learnt an awful lot in The Base and many of her new skills will stand her in good stead for her studies and future career. Her sunny personality will be missed by us all and we wish her well.

Returned Questionnaires

Thank you to the parents who have returned the parental questionnaires. I will collate the information over the holiday and feedback the findings in September.

Attendance Awards

There were 37 children who achieved 100% attendance for this term. We took them to the park and had an ice cream as a reward this time. Well done!

There were 4 children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole year and they received a £10 Connelly's Toy Shop voucher. Congratulations!

Wildlife Area

The wildlife area in the garden is developing. My former colleague, Mr Temby, brought in some wildflowers which some Year 3 children planted near the pond. Whilst we were there, William from Class 3 discovered a frog in the pond and it has become a bit of celebrity, causing great interest amongst the children!

The children have also started composting their fruit and vegetable snack waste which is fantastic!

Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets sold very quickly. Thank you to Mr Hunt for putting these together. Next year, we will work with the children to make these and will take orders in good time. Any monies raised from these plant sales go straight back into our garden fund for us to buy seeds, compost and other resources. In the holidays, we are going to prepare a couple of areas for fruit trees and bushes to plant with the children in the Autumn term.



Trauma Teds rehomed

On Wednesday we were visited by two ladies from The Red Cross who collected the twenty two trauma teds that our volunteers and budding knitters created. They talked to the children in assembly about the value of the teddies and how they will make a difference to children who have very little. I am very proud of this project and know the children and volunteers got a lot out of it, and showed that we can all make a difference. I understand there are other ideas in the pipeline for next year and will keep you informed.

New Clubs

A letter will be sent out in the first week back detailing clubs for the first half of the Autumn term. After school care with Mrs Collin will be available from the first day back, Tuesday 5th September.

Summer Holiday Activities at Teesdale Leisure Centre

Mondays (excluding Bank Holidays) - Tivity Tots 09.00-12.00 for Age 0-5years - Cost £2.50 for the first child; £1 for additional children

Tuesday 25th July and Monday 21st August – Trampolining Camp 13.00-16.00 for ages 5+ - Cost £9 per session

Wednesday 26th July; Monday 7th August and Tuesday 29th August - Zorb Football 13.00-15.00 (11+) Cost £10 per session

Tuesday 1st August; Monday 21st August and Thursday 31st August Mash Up of trampolining/climbing and splashtime 13.00-16.00 for ages 5+ (adult supervision for under 8s in pool) Cost £10 per session

Wednesday 2nd August and 16th August - Gymnastics Camp 13.00-16.00 Age 5+ Cost £9 per session

Wednesday 2nd August and 16th August – Pre School Gymnastics 11.00-12.00 Ages 3-4 years £4 per session

Wednesday 2nd August and 16th August Football Camp 13.00-16.00 Age 5-11 £6 per session

Thursday 3rd August, Friday 4th August, Thursday 10th August and Friday 11th August 1 Day Gym Camps 10.00-16.00 5 years + £30 per day (9am drop off can be arranged at no extra cost)

Tuesday 22nd August, Wednesday 23rd August and Thursday 24th August 3 Day Gym Camp Age 5+ Cost £78 (9am drop off can be arranged at no extra cost)

For further information please contact 03000260862.

Happy Holidays

We would like to wish all children and families connected with Montalbo a safe and enjoyable holiday. We hope that you manage to enjoy some important family time and that the children come back refreshed and ready to go!

Attendance for w.b. 10.7.17

Class	Present
Reception	94.1%
Class 1	93.8%
Class 2	99.2%
Class 3	96.9%
Class 4	95.9%

Overall attendance this week was 96.3%

Overall yearly attendance was 96.3%

Best Class yearly attendance was Class 4 at 97.2%

Dates for your Diary

September 4th Teacher Training Day

September 5th School opens for Autumn Term

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m. **1 hour 48 minutes** of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Mr Minikin
Head Teacher