



October 13th 2017 Issue 6

Bowes Museum Clockwork Garden

Last Friday, Miss Richardson's class had the chance to visit the latest exhibition at the Bowes Museum, the Clockwork Garden. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing it and they have used some of the ideas in their artwork and writing back at school.

Halloween Disco

FOMs have kindly agreed to organise the ever-popular Halloween Disco on Thursday 2nd November. There are separate discos as usual with the disco for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children from 5.30pm-6.30pm and the disco for Y3-Y6 from 6.45pm-7.45pm. Tickets cost £1.50, which includes a hotdog and a drink, and can be bought at the School Office. There will be a sweet stall and chance to purchase glitter tattoos or glow sticks. There will be a competition for the best fancy dress and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Friends of School Meeting

The Friends of Montalbo would love some more people to join the group. The meetings are usually once a half term or before one of the events that they organise throughout the year. The meetings last less than an hour. The next meeting is on Wednesday 8th November at 5pm.

The Friends have raised a lot of money recently and have agreed to fund outdoor coats for Nursery and Reception children, made large contributions to supports visits and visitors across the school, are buying a smaller basketball hoop, new outdoor play equipment and headphones. These things will make a big difference to the children and we are very grateful for their support.

School Packed Lunches

Children who have school dinners and are attending sporting events or other education visits that require a packed lunch, will be provided with a school packed lunch. Due to the fact that the cook has to order food in advance, children will receive a school packed lunch that day and will be charged as usual. If you would like to bring additional items or their own packed lunch, please be aware of this.

Sports

We have many sporting competitions to look forward to this year, some of which begin next week. Each class will have a chance to take part in fun festivals and some children will have the chance to compete and progress through different levels of competition in Sainsbury's School Games Events. Children from Y4-6 will need their PE kits in school next week, with some warm clothes such as a tracksuit too.

Teesdale Sports Centre

Teesdale Sports Centre are running the following activities over half term:

26th October 13.00 until 16.00 Football Camp £6.00

26th October 10.00 until 16.00 Gymnastics Camp £30.00 (they are offering a 9.00 drop off)

Nursery and Reception Stay and Play

Parents and carers of Nursery and Reception children are invited to join their child to learn and play alongside them in The Base from 2:30pm on Thursday 19th October. This will be a great opportunity for your child to show you the things they like to do at school and the work they have done so far this year. Nursery children who do not usually attend on a Thursday are welcome to join us from 2:30pm with an adult.

Harvest Appeal 2017

We are very grateful to you all for the huge quantities of food we have received for Durham Christian Partnership. We had a harvest assembly on Friday and Mrs Ridley had Y5/6 create and perform some harvest raps which were fantastic! Thank you.

Play in a Day

A reminder that the children in Miss Richardson's Class will be learning a script, acting and performing to their parents/relatives at 2.50pm on Wednesday 18th October. We look forward to seeing you there!

Starting School

The application process for school places for children who will be 5 on or between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 is open now. Applications can be made via www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you can access a guide containing essential information to help you with your application.

Attendance for w.b. 9.10.17

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	97.5%
Miss Lauder's Class	95%
Miss Blackburn's Class	97.3%
Dr Greenwell's Class	91.2%
Miss Richardson's Class	98.1%
School Total	95.9%

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. 32 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

October 16 th	Dr Greenwell's Class Tag Rugby Festival at Staindrop Academy
October 17 th	Miss Richardson's Class to Multi-skills Festival at Staindrop Academy
October 18 th	Miss Richardson's Class and parents Play in a Day for (details to follow)
October 19 th	Dr. Greenwell's Class: Highlights visit to Witham
October 19 th	Selected Y5/6 children to Tag Rugby School Games Competition at Staindrop (all day)
October 19 th	Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception parents (from 2.30pm)
October 20 th	Individual and siblings photographs – Nursery parents please note - morning only
October 23rd-27th	Half Term
November 1 st	Flu Immunisation Rec-Y4
November 2 nd	Halloween Disco Rec, Y1 and Y2 5.30-6.30pm; Y3-6 6.45-7.45pm
November 10 th	World Science Day
November 13 th /14 th	Parents' Evening
November 13 th – 17 th	Book Fair after school each evening
November 17 th	Children in Need events
December 6 th – 10 th	Christmas Tree Festival at St Marys
December 11 th	Miss Blackburn's Class Hockey Competition
December 12 th	Dr Greenwell's Multi-Skills Festival 9.30-11.30 at Staindrop
December 14 th	Reception to sports festival at Staindrop
December 15 th	Christmas Jumper Day
December 15 th	Whole School Carol Service at St Marys 1.45-2.45pm
December 19 th	Recorders concert (Y4) at Teesdale School (details to follow)
December 22 nd	Teacher Training Day

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