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### **Miss Blackburn's Class Assembly**

Such has been the nature of our school over the last few years, some teachers, such as Miss Blackburn, have taught some children for three year's running! Teaching is a very emotional profession - the bond and relationships between our staff and children is one of our strengths. Miss Blackburn summed this up beautifully with a lovely poem and the assembly itself was full of wonderful memories of their year. The children wrote their own script and presented it with such confidence and fun that it helped end our series of class assemblies on a real high. Well done to all of our children and to Miss Blackburn and Mrs Miller.

### **Sports Day**

Citius, Altius, Fortius are the Latin words for the Olympic motto of Faster, Higher, Stronger and those skills were very evident at Sports Day on Tuesday! The weather was perfect and it was lovely that so many parents/carers and family members were able to join us. We are very grateful to Barnard Castle Cricket Club who were able to host the occasion and the Teesdale School Young Sports Leaders who helped run the stations. Thank you also to Miss Richardson, Mr Foster and all of the staff for their organisational skills and to our superb athletes who competed so well. We certainly have some promising runners, throwers and jumpers! I was so pleased that the School Games values were recognised and my congratulations go to Altius, the blue team, who were victorious! Well done to all those who took part.

### **Super SATs Results**

We were very pleased and proud of our Year 6 children who have had their SATs results back on Tuesday. They did remarkably well, especially as some of the thresholds had risen. The children are said to be at age related expectations if they have met the standard and a higher score means they are achieving above what is expected for their age. The national data for this year is in brackets.

We had 93% achieving age related standard in Reading (national average was 75%)

We had 93% achieving age related standard in Writing (national average was 78%)

We had 93% achieving age related standard in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (national average was 78%)

We had 100% achieving age related standard in Maths (last year's national average was 76%)

This is the second year running we have had 100% Maths results and there will not be many schools in the country who can say that!

The Department for Education has not released any information on higher scores statistics but if the thresholds remain the same we will be considerably above the national figures and I will report these when the threshold is confirmed. These are fantastic results and the children and staff have worked very hard to achieve them. The new standards are much harder than the past and it does help put our Year 6s in a strong position for the future.

Although schools are judged on results like these to a large extent, I am determined that we will not narrow the curriculum and that we will still continue to enjoy the sports, arts, performances, visits and visitors that help make learning fun!

### **Moving Up Day**

I hope that you have received your end of year report and information on your child's next teacher. We had our Moving Up Day today and it was really nice to see our new, enlarged teaching team! Obviously, not all classes were able to access the unfinished new classrooms which will be their rooms from September but it always good to discuss high expectations and get to know the children before September. The new teachers have joined us for the last two Thursday evenings to begin planning for the new academic year and are very excited to be joining us.

### Mr Foster

Despite my best efforts to persuade him to stay, Mr Foster will be moving on in September. Having taught Mr Foster when he was in Year 5/6, I am very proud of the fine young man that he has become. His development and contribution to the school over the last two years has been huge and I thank him for helping to raise the profile of sport and fitness in school. I know that he will be sorely missed by children, staff and parents and we wish him well.

### TCR Hub Holiday Activities

The Hub is running many events over the Summer break. One is The Greatest Show (Develop a routine) for two age groups on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. The first session is for 6-10 years from 10am-12 noon and the second session is for 11 and over from 1pm-3pm. Children do not need to be accompanied for the sessions which cost £10 per child.

Rock Week is another activity from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August. This involves tuition in voice work, guitar, drums, sound engineering and more. The week costs £130 for all 5 days. Please call 01833690150 for further information.

### Nursery Sports Day

Today Nursery children enjoyed Sports Day on the school grounds. I hope that parents/carers and families had a good time cheering on the children and the picnic afterwards. Thank you to all The Base Staff for organising this.

### Friends of Montalbo Raffle

Two books of raffle tickets have been sent out to each child in the hope that they can be sold to aid the school. If you are unable to sell them please return them to school and if you would like more tickets please ask at the School Office. Please return any slips and monies received for the tickets by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July in a sealed envelope. The raffle has some tremendous prizes and will be drawn on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets will be available to buy at Sports Day too. Thank you.

### Year 4, 5 and 6 Summer Performance

The first performance will be on Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1.30pm and the second performance will be on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> with a 6pm start. FOMS will be serving refreshments and the fantastic raffle will be drawn. Please remember to send any ticket stubs, money and returned tickets back to school. Thank you.

### Attendance for w.b. 2.7.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	93.1%
Miss Lauder's Class	98%
Miss Blackburn's Class	95.6%
Dr Greenwell's Class	93.4%
Miss Richardson's Class	94.4%
School Total	95.1%

### Dates for the diary

July 17<sup>th</sup> Y4/5/6 Summer Performance 1.30-3pm Glaxo Sports and Social Club  
July 18<sup>th</sup> Y4/5/6 Summer Performance 6pm-7.30pm Glaxo Sports and Social Club  
July 20<sup>th</sup> Leaver's Assembly 9.am  
July 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> Teacher Training Day  
September 4<sup>th</sup> Start of the new academic year for children

Mr Minikin, Head Teacher

### 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. 40 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.