



February 7th 2020 Issue 19

Year 1 Class – Good Work Assembly

Year 1 had their class assembly this morning. They shared their knowledge about Farming and they even did a brilliant Barn Dance. A huge well done to all of our Year 1 children who did an amazing job speaking in front of a large audience. Thank you to Miss Scott, Mrs Dupuy and Miss Rudge for their hard work.

Valentines Disco

FOMS Valentines Disco will be held this Thursday 13th February. Nursery, Reception and KS1 disco will be 5:30pm – 6:30pm and the KS2 disco will be from 6:45pm – 7:45pm. Early tickets are on sale now for £1.50. Parents can send in money in an envelope with their child's name on or they can visit the School Office to buy them. Tickets on the door will be £2.00 per child. The price includes a hot dog and a drink and parents are welcome to stay if they wish. Thank you once again to FOMS for organising the disco.

Recycling for Charity

We are supporting the Fire Fighters Charity in Partnership with Beaumonts Recycling. FOMS have organised for clothing and textile donations to be recycled and collected from Montalbo Nursery and Primary School. Leaflets will go into children's school bags once we have received them so you know which items you can recycle. Simply put your unwanted items in any size and type of bag and drop it off at School on either of the following dates: Friday 14th February or Monday 24th February.

Eco Council Award

We have been awarded the Bronze level in the Eco Schools Green Flag programme. The Council recently raised money at the school Christmas fair to buy a hedgehog house for the nature area in the school grounds. The stall was so successful that the council have also been able to buy a toad house to go next to the school pond and a bat box which can be seen in a tree by the polytunnel. We would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the Eco stall.

Class 3 Visitor

This week, Class 3 were visited by Daud Hamidi, who shared how Islamic prayer is carried out, why it is important, and where they go to pray. Daud also shared memories of his home city in Afghanistan, what it is like to go to school there, along with how children in Afghanistan spend their days. Children enjoyed asking questions and finding out more.

Wildlife Assembly

This week we were visited by Caron Henderson from the Durham Wildlife Trust. Caron spoke to the whole school about how we can all make small changes to help the wildlife in our gardens at home. Caron was very impressed by everything we do in the school grounds to support wildlife.

School Council

School Councillors are pleased to announce that the 'Buddy Bench' sign has been put up in the playground. If you get the chance, please have a look at the fantastic design when you are passing. School council hope that it will be a great place for all children to find new friends and help those who are looking for a 'buddy' to talk to.

School Games Swimming Gala

A huge well done to all of the children who went to the School Games Swimming Gala. We had two children who won their races and two others who were 2nd overall in their individual races. A certificate will be given out next week to all of those who took part. Well done, there was some tough competition!

School Games Sports Events

On Friday 28th February, selected children will be heading to Bishop Auckland College to take part in Cross Country running. If your child is selected for the Cross Country event, please remember to send a spare change of clothes (school uniform) and spare shoes as they usually get very muddy!

Staindrop Partnership Sports Events

Year 5 children will be attending Trampoline lessons at Staindrop Academy on Tuesday 11th February and they will be competing in Netball competitions at Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Wednesday 12th February. Our Year 1 children have a multi-skills festival at Staindrop Academy on Thursday 13th February. Please ensure children have their Montalbo PE kits in school for those dates as well as their normal PE lessons, thank you.

Inter School Netball and Football with Barnard Castle Prep School

On Monday 24th February, Year 3 and Year 4 children have been invited to take part in Netball and Football games at Barnard Castle Prep School. It will be a great opportunity for our children to take part in fun and competitive sports games. Please help children to be organised with their Montalbo PE kits and waterproof coats for this date.

Easter Play

Year 3 and Year 4 have made a start on preparations for their Easter play, "Darwin Rocks". The children have now been given their characters and parts. Letters will be sent home with the children next week which will explain which costumes are needed, along with lines to be learnt. Already the songs are proving to be a big hit, with air guitar moves being seen out on the playground as they practise their dances. The performances will be on Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April.

Your School Lottery

FOMs have raised £1961.20 since they launched 'Your School Lottery' at Montalbo School. This is with 48 people buying tickets which are £1 per week. Players have the opportunity to win a weekly prize and the opportunity to win £25,000. More information can be found at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/montalbo-nursery-primary-school>.

FOMS Support

If you are able to help Friends of Montalbo School by volunteering at fundraising events in school for example Valentines Disco please email friendsofmontalboschool@gmail.com or leave your details at the School Office for the attention of FOMs.

Attendance for w.b. 20.01.20

| Class | Present % |
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| Reception | 95.2%% |
| Year 1 | 96.3% |
| Year 2 | 98.1% |
| Year 3 | 98.9% |
| Year 4 | 94.5% |
| Year 5 | 88.% |
| Year 6 | 92.6% |

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

2 hours 41 mins of learning was lost to lateness this week.

School overall attendance is: 94.5 %

Dates for the diary

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| February 11 th | Year 5 – Trampoline lessons at Staindrop Academy |
| February 12 th | Year 5 – Netball Festival at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre |
| February 13 th | Year 1 – Multi-skills Festival at Staindrop |
| February 14 th | Cross Country at Green Lane School for selected children |
| February 17th - 21st | Half Term |
| February 24 th | Children back |
| February 24 th | Year 3 and Year 4 – Netball and Football at Prep School |
| March 5 th | World Book Day |
| March 17 th and 18 th | Parents Evening |
| March 20 th | Mother's Day Afternoon |
| March 9 th | Space Camp Week |

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