



March 18th 2022

Wellbeing Award for School

This week we received confirmation that we have been awarded the Wellbeing Award for School. The ethos of the school is so important to us and to be recognised for supporting the wellbeing of our school community is something I am very proud of. The advisor who visited the school was fulsome in his praise for children, staff and parents who he met and the way that we all promote and support wellbeing. Well done Team Monty!

Holi Festival

Today sees the start of three days of activities to celebrate Holi, the festival of colour, arranged by Barnard Castle Town Council. We have had fun creating colourful artwork which is to be displayed at Barnard Castle School and in our school. The exhibition at Barnard Castle School has work from all schools in town and community groups such as the Cubs and Guides. You can view artwork between 4.45pm and 5.30pm on Sunday 20th March. Please be aware that due to limited space should your child's work not be displayed at Barnard Castle School then it will be displayed in school which you can see at Parents' Evening.

Dr Greenwell has been working with a Key Stage 2 choir to sing to guests invited by Barnard Castle Council at the Bowes Museum on Sunday. Children and parents should meet on the second floor of the museum and if any Y4 or siblings are in the parade(details below) they can attend both.

Staff at the Bowes Museum have requested that Year 4 children, who worked with local artists, and their siblings take part in the Colour Parade around the grounds of the museum. Information has been sent to parents of Year 4 children via Weduc. Children and parents should meet on the grass behind the museum at 3.15pm where we will be given further instructions. Children are asked to wear their school uniform. Mrs Smith will bring the flags and give them to the children.

Dr Greenwell, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Smith will be around at the Bowes Museum and Barnard Castle School but parents are responsible for their children at these venues and need to be there. It will be very busy! Thank you.

There are other events in town which everyone can view/be involved with which are summarised below. Where necessary, booking details are included:-

March 18th – Spring bunting making at the Witham (free- to book visit www.thewitham.org.uk)

March 18th – 3.30pm-5.30pm Busking at the Witham/Witham Garden (free)

March 18th – 6.30pm – Taste of India – Indian Meal and entertainment at the Bowes Museum (paid event – www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk/Whats-On/Events)

March 18th – 7.30pm Wattyboys with Ceilidh Dancing (paid event – www.thewitham.org.uk)

March 19th -11am-3pm Colour Run – 750m course starting at the Scar Top (free – to book your time slot visit www.tcrhub/whatson/)

March 19th – 3pm-3.30pm Live music and dance in the grounds of Woodleigh (Scar Top)

March 20th – 3.30pm-4pm Colour Parade at the Bowes Museum

Climate change event for Y6 pupils

Staff at TCR Hub are encouraging Y6 pupils to the Call to Action Climate Event on Friday 25th March 3.30pm - 5pm at TCR Hub. This event is in partnership with Durham County Council's Climate Action team, who will be delivering a presentation on what young people can do to tackle climate change. There will be an activity of climate action zone making food and the coordinator, Rupert will be discussing food miles and offering free pizzas from their pizza ovens!

Supporting Ukraine

I received a lovely email from Gracie (Y6) and Louis' (Y1) Mum informing me that the children bought everything on the Richardson Hospital's list for Ukraine and dropped them off. What a kind and thoughtful act – well done Gracie and Louie!

Scholastic Book Fair

From Monday 21st to Thursday 24th March, the Book Fair will be in school. The best time for parents to purchase books would be during our Parent's Evenings. KS2 children are welcome to bring funds and select a book themselves. There are 90 book titles to choose from so something to inspire all readers!

Thank you to Teesdale and District Lions Club.

Thank you to Teesdale and District Lions Club who have kindly donated four Wild Tribe Heroes Environmental Books written by Ellie Jackson. All of the books explain environmental issues in a positive and gentle way. They aim to inspire the next generation of our community to help look after our environment. A fantastic resource that teachers can use alongside our PSHE and Science curriculum to support learning in school.

TCR Hub Cook Along Live

On Monday 21st March we will be hosting the Cook Along Live from 4pm-5pm, with Rupert the Community Food Coordinator, from the TCR Hub. If you would like to sign up to the healthy Cook Along Live please email montalbo@durhamlearning.net with your child's name and class and you will be invited to the event via Microsoft Teams.

Parents' Evenings

We have scheduled Parents' Evenings for March 23rd and 24th and will be able to have these in school. Appointments can be booked via the Parents Evening tab on Weduc, select the date you wish to attend and follow the instructions. If you have any problems booking an appointment please contact the school office.

Red Nose Day March 18th 2022

It was great to see children dressed in their optional clothes for Red Nose Day today! Lots of children donated £1 which will go to support people in the UK and around the world. Thank you.

SATs Information Evening for Y6 Parents

Miss Richardson will be holding a Y6 SATs information evening for Y6 parents on Tuesday 5th April between 5:00 – 5:30pm. The session will aim to answer any questions you might have around SATs.

Dates for the Diary

March 23 rd and 24 th	Parents Evenings
April 5 th	SATs Information Evening for Y6 parents 5:00 – 5:30pm
April 11 th – 22 nd	Easter Holidays

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