



March 25th 2022

Holi Festival

I hope that many of you enjoyed the Holi Festival last weekend. Unfortunately, this week I have been isolating but have been sent many photographs and updates from staff involved. Thank you very much to Mrs Patterson and Mrs Wood for arranging and displaying the children's wonderful artwork at Barnard Castle School. Thank you also to Dr Greenwell for her work with the choir who she said were superb in front of a packed audience! Thank you also to Mrs Smith for accompanying the children on the Colour Parade. Well done to all Team Monty!

Parents' Evening

Mrs Hauxwell has been keeping me up to date with the number of parents/carers attending Parents' Evenings this week. I was so pleased that many of you were able to make the meetings and have a chance to look in children's books and discuss your child's learning with their child's teacher. I hope that these were useful discussions and that you were impressed with the quality and quantity of your child's work.

During Parents' Evenings Scholastic Book Fair took place. We sold almost all of the books and children were keen to select their favourite titles. There was a fantastic range to choose from with top authors like Michael Morpurgo, Tom Gates, Roald Dahl and Anthony Horowitz. Thank you to everyone who purchased a book. Each purchase helps to raise funds for new books in school.

Dementia Play

A huge thank you to Castle Players and Barnard Castle Dementia Friendly Community Group who presented the drama performance Always by Your Side to our Year 6 pupils. The dementia awareness project helped pupils to understand challenges faced by people living with the condition. Year 6 pupils were treated to a gripping 15-minute play and a 35-minute workshop. Class 6 enjoyed taking part and learned an important lesson about helping people with dementia.

Climate change event for Y6 pupils

Unfortunately, due to staffing issues at The Hub, the climate change event for Year 6 pupils has been postponed. I will let you know when this has been rearranged.

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.

Children in Need

We raised £260 for Children in Need through purchases of Red Noses and donations. Thank you for supporting this cause.

Dates for the Diary

March 30 th	Sports competition for Year 2
March 31 st	Sports competition for Year 6
April 4 th	Sports competition for 15 Year 1 pupils
April 5 th	SATs Information Evening for Y6 parents 5:00 – 5:30pm
April 11 th – 22 nd	Easter Holidays

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