









May 6th 2022

Ecological

Dr Greenwell asked me to highlight the promising start children had made using BES Encounters

Welcome to BES Encounters

Montalbo Primary School

	School total	250
	Naturalist	180
	Researcher	40
	Transformer	0
	Activist	0
	Creative	30
	Sharer	0

250 points

To reach Bronze award your school needs **93590 points** You can help your school get points by completing an activity

[Find an activity](#)

The children have been identifying mammals from around the UK, caught on camera traps in schools taking part in the project. We have also earned 30 points for poems, posters and songs which children in Y3-6 have uploaded from home. We are hoping to reach bronze level by the end of May and be in with a chance of winning some nature themed books. Login instructions were sent home with children in Y3-6 a few weeks ago.

Holiday Gymnastics Day - Monday 30th May 2022

Michael Connelly is running a Gymnastics Day during the Whit Holidays, as he did over Easter. Further details are available on Weduc or by contacting Michael on 07707320473.

Key Stage 2 SATS

Next week sees the return of Year 6 SATs, after a two year absence due to Covid 19. We will try to keep the days as normal as possible for the Year 6 children and look forward to when they are finished to celebrate! To help with the administration of these tests, please ensure your child arrives promptly at school for the start of the day. Thank you.

Barnard Castle Cricket Club

Friday Fun Nights are softball cricket for ages 4 to 11/12 and these start on Friday 6th May and run through until the end of August, from 6.30 to 7.30, £3 per session attended.

All Stars is an 8 week programme of fun softball cricket for years 1 to 3 (give or take a bit), and these sessions start on Monday 9th May, from 5.30 to 6.30. Places can be booked via the ECB All Stars website which can be found [here](#).

Barnard Castle Meet Request

Mr Martyn Maughan, chairman of the Meet Committee, contacted us with the following request:- 'Help Needed for Barney Meet 2022'.

Will you, a friend or family member volunteer for one or more of the following?

Road Closure Stewards – 11.15am-1.15pm Friday June 3rd

Bartenders – seeking 2 hour slots between 12-8pm both Friday June 3rd and Saturday June 4th

Raffle ticket stall – as above – 2 hour slots

If you can help, please contact Martyn on 07827814759 or martynmaughan@yahoo.co.uk

FOMS and our Platinum Jubilee Event

On Thursday 26th May, between 1.15-3.30pm, we will be holding a Platinum Jubilee Garden Party. FOMS and school staff will have a number of activities to entertain families alongside some special guests who will entertain us too!

FOMS intend to have a stall to sell second hand uniform and wondered if you had any uniform that you would be willing to donate. If so, please bring this to the school foyer. FOMS will be running a tombola for children and adults, alongside our Summer Raffle. If you are able to donate any tombola or raffle prizes, please bring these to the School Office.

Parts of the event will celebrate some British traditions including a baking competition, similar to those at Agricultural shows. I will give you more details nearer the event.

I hope that as many parents, grandparents and families can join us and that the sun shines!

After School clubs

We have extended the age group range for Multiskills on a Tuesday to include children from Year 1 and 2 as well as Reception. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the booking form available on Weduc (Forms Section) and pay via your Parent Pay account.

Store House: food bank and community project:

Store House are asking for help and support from the local community for food donations due to increasing demand. The Witham has a donation point outside their building, Tuesday – Saturday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm in the compound accessed from the Galgate car park near Morrisons. Store House would welcome any donations including the following: UHT Milk, Tinned Meats, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meals, Noodles, Rice, Cereal and Tinned Fish.

Pupils with respiratory infection:

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and are well enough to attend.

Dates for the Diary

May 9 th -13 th	SATs for Year 6 children
May 25 th	Year 4 Sports Festival at Staindrop
May 26 th	Jubilee Event at School 1.15pm-3.30pm
May 30 th -June 3 rd	Whit Holidays including Barnard Castle Meet
June 6 th	Teacher Training Day
June 7 th	Children return to school
June 8 th	Class Photographs
June 10 th	Year 6 to Kingsway (information to follow)

Mr. C Minikin
Head Teacher