



July 15th 2022

Monty Does Musicals

What a treat we had this week with two wonderful performances by the children from Years 2 to 6! It was great to be able to give the children experience of performing to over 250 people on Tuesday and Wednesday this week in the Music Hall at the Witham. This was a brilliant way to bring some musical joy to so many people.

It is never easy transferring the performances in school to a new venue and for children the different transitions, lighting and environment takes time to adjust to – so to accomplish this was remarkable. However, you could not tell as the children did a tremendous job – full of energy, talent and fun! I loved seeing the smiling children and confidence that they showed. I hope that you enjoyed the Monty Does Musicals as much as me.

Thank you to all of the staff who have contributed to the performances, from rehearsing to costumes and tickets and to those staff who were able to attend. Miss Richardson co-ordinated the performances superbly. Thank you to you as an audience – we always feel very well supported and you raised the roof to support your children- well done Team Monty! Thank you for the kind comments via email and in person that we have received.

FOMS raffle

Thank you to FOMS for their fundraising efforts this year and most recently, for the tremendous summer raffle which was drawn on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets – FOMS raised £1134 which will be spent on things for your children. I hope that you were lucky! Please collect your prizes from the school office.

Sports Days

Thankfully, the weather was kind for Nursery Sports Days and their picnic this week, although the field was bone dry! It was lovely and the boys and girls did so well in their different races. The adults were great sports too taking part in a water race! Thanks to Mrs Patterson, Miss Moody, Miss Henderson and Miss Rudge for organising this and our Year 6 helpers!

As I am writing this, the weather is overcast but hopefully will not cause too many issues as Citius, Altius and Fortius compete for the Sports Day Trophy. The team names are taken from the Olympic motto which means 'Faster, Higher, Stronger' and I am sure it will be competitive.

Michael Connelly's Holiday Club

Michael Connelly, who coaches at school, will be running a holiday club for two weeks beginning Monday August 1st until Friday August 12th. The first week will be gymnastics activities and the second week will be football. There will be several coaches with him and the sessions are suitable for children in Reception to Year 6. The sessions run from 8am-2pm each day. The cost is £15 per day or £50 for the week. To book, please contact Michael directly on 07707320473.

Athletics Success!

On Wednesday a group of Year 5/6 competed in the Staindrop Academy Athletics Competition. All of the children showed fantastic team spirit and impressed us with their abilities in running, throwing and jumping events. They returned to school victorious after some nail-biting close finishes and celebrated winning the event with triumphant cheers! Great news – well done!

Reception Festival

On Tuesday children in Reception went to Staindrop Academy to play a number of sporting games. They were very excited and played stick in the mud and toilet tig amongst others!

World Cup Football Competition

On Tuesday a football squad took part in a World Cup competition with over 20 teams participating. Montalbo were drawn as England which gave the team a lift. They played brilliantly winning most of their matches, with Jack in Year 6 scoring 13 goals in total! They just missed out on the final and finished 3rd which was a great effort against some of the larger Durham schools. Well done!

Year 1 Festival

Year 1 had a great time at Staindrop Multiskills Festival. They played football and cricket. In athletics, they had running races, an obstacle course, threw javelins and long jumps. Well done Year 1!

Hall Hill Farm

On Thursday Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm as part of their topic work. On their return, they told me all about the animals that they had seen and an amazing play park! It sounds like they had a great day – well done Reception. Thanks to our parent helpers who assisted Miss Lauder and her team.

School Meals

Durham County Council has chosen a new caterer for school meals from September. As a result of this and issues around supplies of ingredients, Mrs Slater may not have all of the available options on the menu until the new term. Children will still be given choices but there may not be as many. Parents/carers of children moving into Year 3 have been informed that their child will no longer be eligible for Universal Free Meals and the charge per meal is £2.25. Those children entitled to Free School Meals are unaffected by this change and if you believe you may be entitled to Free School meals please collect an application form from the school office as soon as possible.

Uniform Ordering Reminder

Order before 24th July – for delivery to home before school returns in September
A link and information are available on the school website.

Uniform Bank

Influence Church will be holding a School Uniform Bank in Barnard Castle Wednesday, 17th August from 4 - 6pm at the Witham with pre-loved items of uniform.

Dates for the Diary

July 20 th	Leavers' Assembly 9am
July 20 th	Last day of term
September 6th	Children return to school

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