



**June 30th 2023**

### **Year 1 Class Assembly**

On Thursday we were treated to a super assembly from our Year 1 class capturing all of the amazing activities that they have been taking part in over the year. I have mentioned before about the impact of our oracy curriculum on children's speaking and listening skills, and this was so evident as the children spoke with volume and clarity. They looked at the audience as they spoke and I was very proud of them. This, as well as remembering all of their lines, songs and dances, was a tremendous feat for our Year 1s and they deserve huge credit. Well done Year 1!

Thank you so much Mrs Leonard and Mrs Spence for putting this assembly together – it was superb. Wasn't it lovely to see Miss Smith and Oscar too?

### **Play in a Day for Y3**

On Wednesday, the Year 3 children performed a Play in a Day to their families. It was a play about Ancient Egypt, a history topic which the children have studied this year. Unfortunately, I was unavailable to watch the performance but after talking to the children in the build-up they said how much they had learnt and that it was a really fun day! It is not easy to put this together in just one day! Good job Year 3!

### **Reception Class Assembly**

Next Friday (July 7<sup>th</sup>) families of our Reception children are welcome to attend their class assembly which will begin at 9am.

### **Parents/Carers Meeting for Reception Class of 2023**

On Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> Miss Lauder, her team and I look forward to meeting parents/carers in our September 2023 Reception class. We aim to start at 3.30pm and the meeting will take place in our Year 6 classroom but there will be chance to visit Reception and the whole school too.

### **Year 6 Hub Day and Sleepover**

Our Year children had a great time up at the TCR Hub on Wednesday kayaking and going on the high ropes course. For several it was their first experience of this and some of the children overcame nerves which shows character.

Then on the following day they had a trip to the park and sleepover and I use 'sleepover' in the loosest sense of the word! My sources tell me that there were karaoke, marshmallows on the fire pit, hair braiding, movies, late night hide and seek games and much more...

A huge thank you to Miss Richardson, Mrs Channell and Mrs Miller for organising.

### **Brass and Piano Concert**

Dr Greenwell and our brass and piano tutors have hastily arranged a concert involving the children who are tutored by them. Parents/carers of these children are welcome to attend an assembly on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.20pm.

### **Monty Does the Decades**

Rehearsals for Monty Does the Decades are well underway for children in Years 3-6 which will take place at The Witham Hall on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will have a rehearsal on July 7<sup>th</sup> and these year groups will spend most of the day at The Witham Hall. Due to floor capacity and number of children performing, each child will be allocated 5 tickets. These can be split over the two days eg. three tickets on July 10<sup>th</sup> and two on July 11<sup>th</sup>, or all on one night. Tickets will be available to book from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June via Weduc.

### **Nursery Posters**

Mrs Patterson invited me into Nursery this week as the children had become upset by deforestation after reading their class text. Some of their wonderful posters are around school now educating people to chop down less trees and replant!

### **Jungle Plants**

Some of the Eco Council have helped plant more jungle plants this week, including a Venus Fly Trap! This is part of the work we are doing to see what is possible to grow in our warming climate, funded by our Co-Op funding success last year which FOMS organised. Next year, I imagine it will look very different once all of the plants are established. If you would like a look, you can always pop in at pick up time to have a look!

### **School Meal Prices**

There will be an increase in the cost of school meals from September, 2023. Meals will cost £2.50 per day.

### **Michael Connolly Holiday Gymnastics Club**

Michael Connolly will be hosting a Gymnastics club at Montalbo Primary School on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 9am until 2pm. This will be available to children from Reception to Year 6. The sessions will take place in the school hall. Pupils should wear suitable clothing and will need to bring a packed lunch. The cost is £20 for the day or £35 for both days.

Anybody wishing to book, please call or text Michael on: 07707320473.

### **Athletics County Finalists**

Good luck to Billy (Y6- 800m); Peggy (Y6-100m sprint); William (Y5 – triple jump); Charlotte (Y5 Hurdles) and Jessica F (Y5 Shot Putt) who attended the County Athletics Finals at Shildon Athletics Stadium today. I will let you know how they got on next week.

### **Teesdale Operatic Youth Section**

Booking is now live for Teesdale Operatic Youth Section's 2023 TOYS Musical Theatre Summer School, being held at T C R The Hub! Come and join us from 31st July - 3rd August for some brilliant stagey fun, culminating in a showcase performance at the end of the last day.

Early bird offers if booked before 25th June, open to all children aged 7-16.

[www.teesdaleoperaticsociety.co.uk/toys-summer-school](http://www.teesdaleoperaticsociety.co.uk/toys-summer-school)

### **Attendance**

Below is a summary of attendance for this week.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance (%)</b>
Reception	95.4
Year 1	99.0
Year 2	92.3
Year 3	93.0
Year 4	97.8
Year 5	95.0
Year 6	98.1
Whole School %	95.7%

### **Dates for the Diary**

July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Brass and piano concert
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2023 Parents/Carers meeting @ 3.30pm (in Year 6)
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to Brightwoods
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Assembly 9am
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Monty does the Decades rehearsal at the Witham (Y3-6)
July 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monty does the Decades performances at the Witham
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Multiskills
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Multiskills
July 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Dates for Teesdale
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 athletics (15 max)
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip to Hall Hill Farm
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Sports Day
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day Rec-Y6
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Leavers' Assembly 9am
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher training day
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school

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<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/montalbo-nursery-primary-school>

