



October 6th 2023

Race for Life

On Wednesday, Montalbo turned pink as the whole school participated in the Race for Life, supporting the amazing work of the Teesdale Cancer Research Group. The children looked fabulous in their pink attire and did so well to complete the course in the testing, windy conditions!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored our children. We are grateful to Pam Ashmore and Amanda Layton from Teesdale Cancer Research Group who handed out over 200 medals!

We will let you know how much we have raised once the ladies have given us a total but are aware that the current total is **over £3000** which is **AMAZING!** Thank you.

Mini Art Project

Mrs Patterson, our Art Subject Lead, has shared one of her regular art challenges via Weduc that we hope our children will enjoy on the theme of 'Helping Hands.' Please see the post for details.

Teacher Training Day

Monday 9th October is a Teacher Training Day. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 10th October.

Reception Class Autumn Walk

On Tuesday, children in Reception enjoyed a lovely walk around the local area as they looked for and collected signs of Autumn. Many thanks to parents/carers and grandparents who helped with the walk.

Year 5 Mini Police Activity

Year 5 were visited by the police and have been asked to complete a number of challenges over the next few weeks, to help stay safe. Good luck Year 5!

FOMS Bingo Night

FOMS have arranged a Bingo Night on 12th October beginning at 7pm at Glaxo Sports and Social Club, with doors opening at 6pm. Entrance tickets are £6 which include pie and peas or vegetarian quiche. Bingo tickets can be purchased from school with funds raised going to FOMs and Teesdale Cancer Research. Please contact the School Office via the usual ways if you would like some tickets.

Year 1 Visit to St Mary's Church

On Tuesday 10th October in the afternoon our Year 1 class will be walking to the church and learning more about the Harvest Festival as part of their work in RE. If you are able to help with the walk, please contact the School Office or Mrs Newton. Thank you.

Careers

One of our school improvement objectives this year is to share more information on different careers with the children. Year 6 have started a project called *Roar* facilitated by Teesdale Lions which looks at innovative ideas that solve business problems. Children in Year 5 are going to be involved in a programme called Start Small, Dream Big, which aims to raise aspirations and help the children to begin to think about careers that may interest them.

I wondered if any parent/carer or family member who worked for a company or is self-employed would be willing to talk to some of our children about their role, what it entails and what skills/qualifications you need. If you are able to help, please contact me. Thank you.

Connections through Coffee and Chat

The first drop in session of Connections through Coffee and Chat will take place on October 19th from 2pm. All welcome.

Harvest Collection

Dr Greenwell will be leading a Harvest Assembly in school on October 16th. Reverend Harding, who usually leads a Monday assembly, is collecting foodstuffs for two local foodbanks (TCR Hub in Barnard Castle and The Well at West Auckland). If you would like to donate, please bring in any tins etc to a drop off point in the school foyer or send them in with your child. Thank you.

Christmas Fayre

School and FOMs will be hosting our annual Christmas Fayre on November 30th. I know that regular visitors really enjoy this and we do too. There will be a great mix of stallholders and activities to do. If you would like a stall at our Fayre, please contact the School Office.

Reception School Places

The window for applying for school places for Reception places in September 2024 is now open. To apply, please visit [here](#). Once on the site, you can apply online through the Parent Portal or if you prefer a paper application please contact Durham School Admissions on 03000265896.

Secondary school admission process

The application process for the Secondary School Admissions 2024 Intake is open. Parents/carers can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The closing date for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October 2023.

If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form, and these are available on request from the School Admissions Team.

These application forms can be requested by e-mail to schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or by telephone from the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896.

Attendance

Below is a summary of attendance for this week.

Class	Attendance (%)
Reception	100
Year 1	95.4
Year 2	97.5
Year 3	98.3
Year 4	100
Year 5	99.0
Year 6	91.1
Whole School %	97%

Dates for the Diary

October 9 th	Teacher Training Day
October 10 th	Year 1 to St Mary's Church
October 12 th	FOMS Bingo Night (7pm at Glaxo Sports & Social Club)
October 18 th	18 Year 3 children Tag Rugby Festival (Staindrop)
October 19 th	Connections through Coffee and Chat
October 19 th	All Year 6 to Multiskills (Staindrop)
October 23 rd and 24 th	Parents' Evenings
October 25 th	Nursery/Reception Halloween Disco
October 26 th	Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 Halloween Disco
October 27 th	Y5/6 Halloween Disco
October 30 th – November 3 rd	Half term

November 8th
November 10th
November 15th
November 16th

All Reception to Multiskills (Staindrop)
Selected Key Stage 2 Children Cross Country
15 Year 1 to Multiskills (venue tbc)
All Year 4 to Multiskills

Mr. C Minikin
Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

