



September 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

### **Welcome Mrs Luna**

This week we welcomed Mrs Luna to Team Monty as another Teaching Assistant Apprentice. She will be working alongside Mrs Newton and Mrs Dupuy in Year 1.

### **New Starter Photographs**

This week the Teesdale Mercury visited to take photographs of our new Nursery and Reception classes. Look out for them in the newspaper in the coming weeks.

### **Educational Visits**

Thank you to the small army of parents/carers who helped with Educational Visits this week! The Year 1s and Year 2s enjoyed their time in and around the Bowes Museum. The Year 1's enjoyed looking around the grounds, seeing the Silver Swan Exhibition and toy exhibition as well as playing with the toys!

I accompanied Year 3 on their Local History walk and Geography work on the River Tees by the weir and at High Force. The river was spectacular after the recent rain and the children enjoyed drawing some field sketches of High Force. We are also so fortunate to have so much history in our town and the children impressed me with their knowledge of the Industrial Revolution.

All of the classes behaved superbly and were a credit to our school. Well done!

### **MacMillan Coffee Afternoon**

Thank you to Miss Richardson and Mrs Bowron for organising our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon.

### **Reception Class Autumn Walk**

Miss Lauder will be taking her class on an Autumn walk around the local area on the morning of Tuesday 3rd October. Thank you to the parents/grandparents and carers who have agreed to help.

### **Harvest Collection**

Dr Greenwell will be leading a Harvest Assembly in school on October 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **FOMS Bingo Night**

FOMS have arranged a Bingo Night on 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Reception School Places and Open Day**

It was lovely to see some current Nursery parents and children and some new faces at our Open Afternoon on Wednesday for Reception starters in September 2024. 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.

### **Race for Life**

Miss Richardson has organised a Race for Life to support Teesdale Cancer Research. If you are able to, please help our children with sponsorship. On the day, we are encouraging children to wear something pink to coincide with the 'Turn Barney Pink' event which is arranged for the following weekend. Thank you.

This week we were visited by Janet Leafe, who talked to the children in Assembly about the amazing work they do and the achievements of the Teesdale branch of Cancer Research UK.

### **New Lunch Menus**

New lunch menus have been sent home this week. Please return your children's choices as soon as possible. This menu begins on Monday 6th November.

### **PCSO Singh Visit**

Year 6 were visited by PCSO Singh today. He talked to the children about anti-social behaviour and how to behave sensibly online. Later in the year he will visit Year 5 to talk to the class.

### **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](http://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](mailto:schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk) or by telephone from the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896.

### **Contacting Class Teachers**

Occasionally you might want to pass some information on to Class Teachers. The class email addresses are listed below are useful:

Mrs Patterson - [nursery.montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:nursery.montalbo@durhamlearning.net)

Miss Lauder – [reception.montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:reception.montalbo@durhamlearning.net)

Mrs Newton – [year1.montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:year1.montalbo@durhamlearning.net)

Mrs Lomax – [year2.montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:year2.montalbo@durhamlearning.net)

Mrs Smith – [year3.montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:year3.montalbo@durhamlearning.net)

Dr Greenwell – [year4.montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:year4.montalbo@durhamlearning.net)

Mrs Leonard/Miss Richardson – [year5.montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:year5.montalbo@durhamlearning.net)

Mrs Channell – [year6.montalbo@durhamlearning.net](mailto:year6.montalbo@durhamlearning.net)

### **Attendance**

Below is a summary of attendance for this week.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance (%)</b>
Reception	97.8
Year 1	91.5
Year 2	100
Year 3	98.7
Year 4	94
Year 5	97.5
Year 6	82.1
Whole School %	94.8%

## Dates for the Diary

October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mini Police Activity for Year 5
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Race for Life
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training Day
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 to St Mary's Church
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	FOMS Bingo Night (7pm at Glaxo Sports & Social Club)
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	18 Year 3 children Tag Rugby Festival (Staindrop)
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Connections through Coffee and Chat
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	All Year 6 to Multiskills (Staindrop)
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evenings
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery/Reception Halloween Disco
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 Halloween Disco
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Halloween Disco
October 30 <sup>th</sup> – November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Half term
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	All Reception to Multiskills (Staindrop)
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Selected Key Stage 2 Children Cross Country
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	15 Year 1 to Multiskills (venue tbc)
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	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.

