



March 26th 2021

Happy Easter

We would like to wish our children, parents and staff a Happy Easter and hope that you are able to have at least the long Bank Holiday weekend together. It is important that children have time to relax and unwind as they have worked hard both during lockdown and during the full return of schools three weeks ago. The children have settled brilliantly back into the swing of school life and it is great to see and feel the buzz of children learning, socialising and progressing.

Eco Schools Green Flag Award

This week we received the tremendous news that we had achieved Eco Schools Green Flag Award. Huge credit must go to Dr Greenwell who has led the school through the various stages to reach this and I thank her for her efforts. The 'Eco Schools Green Flag' is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning.

Children are naturally concerned about the environment and are well educated on some of the issues we all face. We can all do our bit to help the planet and we will continue to look at ways to reduce our impact.

Easter Eggs

Thank you to Friends of Montalbo School for donating an Easter Egg to every child in school. Thanks also to Gillian (Morrisons' Community Champion) for their discount and supporting us too, as well as generous donations from parents and grandparents. I think the children certainly deserve a treat

Good Luck Mr Beadle

Mr Beadle, who is a trainee teacher working in Year 1, leaves us today as he moves on to the next part of his training. I know that he has enjoyed his placement and has learnt a great deal. We wish him luck for the rest of the course and hope that he enjoys a very rewarding career.

High Force SCITT

As many of you will know, we are one of a partnership of schools supporting trainee teachers at High Force SCITT, which is now based at various hubs around the north east. Indeed, several of our current teachers trained there. After Easter, two trainees from there will be working in school: Miss Gilbert will be working with Dr Greenwell in Year 3 and Miss Crampton will be working with Miss Richardson in Year 6.

COVID 19 Easter Holidays Information

If a child tests positive for COVID 19 after the weekend, then school do not need to be informed and you should report this to NHS Test and Trace.

Nut Free School

Please can parents ensure that children's packed lunches do not contain items like Nutella, as we do have children with severe allergies. A reminder too, that we encourage healthy snacks for break time. Thank you

Acts of Kindness

Thank you to the children and parents/carers who have sent in their child's Acts of Kindness to montalbo@durhamlearning.net. We are over half way to our target of 100! The total is gradually rising and if you have not submitted an act yet, talk to your child about how they could help/be kind to you, family, neighbours or the community. Please see the end of the newsletter for the list (the highlighted ones are this week's good deeds)

Red Nose Day

Thank you all for your contributions to Red Nose Day. We raised £423 for this worthy cause.

Nursery Reading in Unusual Places

Mrs Patterson shared some fantastic photographs of children reading in shopping trolleys, in a lambing shed, in the woods, with the BFG in the Bowes Museum and many more great places! Well done Nursery.

FOMS

FOMS asked me to remind you about YourSchoolLottery which you can sign up to win cash prizes each week and be entered to a larger monthly draw. There are often new promotions such as one this week to win £500 of biking equipment. It would be great if we could reach 100 supporters. You can sign up by visiting www.yourschoollottery.co.uk If you would like to find more information, join or support FOMS please email Julia at friendsofmontalbo@gmail.com

TCR Sweetie Trail of Pure Imagination

TCR Hub, Barnard Castle, DL12 8TD

10am - 3pm, Thu 8th April 2021 - Sat 10th April 2021

'A magical adventure through sweets and chocolates made from pure imagination (and upcycled materials!) this Easter. Head to the Hub in Barnard Castle for a family outdoor trail with creative scenes inspired by sweets and chocolate treats for everyone to enjoy.

Booking essential, as is the fun!'

A family ticket is £6 and will admit up to 6 members of the same family, or up to six people from two separate households. Book your place here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tcr-hub/e-dvgmmz>

Free School Meal Vouchers

Our school received vouchers this afternoon and I thank Mrs Hauxwell for her work to distribute these to eligible families before the break.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening appointments are taking place on Weduc in April. Full information on how to book and use the system will be posted on Weduc next week.

ParentPay

Some parents have yet to access their ParentPay account, please follow the following instructions.

If a parent needs to reset their password, please navigate to www.parentpay.com on their phone, tablet or computer, then use the Login button and select the Forgotten password link. They can then enter their email address and complete the recovery process.

Attendance for w.b. 22.03.21

Reception	99.3%	Class 3	82.9%
Class 1	95.3%	Class 4	95.3%
Class 2	99.0%	Class 5	92.7%
		Class 6	89.2%

School overall attendance is: 93.4 %

Dates for the diary

March 29th – April 9th

Easter Holidays

April 12th

Children return to school for the Summer Term

April 21st and 22nd

Parents Evening (details to follow)

Mr C Minikin, Head Teacher

Don't forget to scroll down to see 100 Acts of Kindness from Montalbo and send in any kind acts you have noted!



100 Acts of Kindness from Montalbo A tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore



1. Amelia and Isla in Year 3 and Year 4 cleared snow for elderly neighbours.
2. Georgie in Year 4 baked cakes for his classmates and teachers.
3. Ethan in Nursery donated Easter Eggs to a foodbank for other children to enjoy.
4. Phoebe in Year 5 made her Mum and Dad scrambled eggs on toast and tidied her bedroom.
5. Katie-Marie in Year 5 cleared a snowy path for her neighbours.
6. Jack in Year 3 has been keeping the house tidy and tidying up his little brother's toys away.
7. Archie in Year 1 has written 11 letters to relatives to let them know how is getting on during lockdown.
8. Stella in Year 4 cleared the snow to create a clear path for her elderly neighbours.
9. Amelia in Year 3 used her pocket money to buy some little Easter treats for her cousins and made little baskets to put them in. She has cleared snow at several locations! Finally, she washed up the breakfast pots for mummy and dried them and put them away with Isla in Year 4.
10. Ruby in Year 1 has been helping to fold laundry and match socks!
11. Phoebe in Year 4 let her sister borrow a special hairband that she got for Christmas for Chinese New Year celebrations.
12. Grace in Year 4 has been a big help to Mum carrying shopping and helping to put it away. She is always helping her Grandma too.
- 13 Year 5 children who have created lovely cards to send to teachers, friends and family
- 14 Ethan in Nursery dropped off some fish and chips to his Great Grandma's house (her favourite treat!)
15. Chloe in Year 5 used her hard-earned pocket money and gave it to the person at the counter at Costa Coffee. She asked her to use it to buy a coffee for the next customer who came in!
16. Justin in Year 6 made his Mum's breakfast, helped with tea and helped take dumpy bags of hay through the snow to feed the horses.
17. Liam in Year 6 dropped a bag of shopping off at a Food Bank collection point.
18. Adam in Year 5 and Byron in Year 3 brought in buckets of coal for the fire to help their parents.
19. Byron in Year 3 helped to look after a friend's pony
20. Phoebe in Year 4 has written a letter and posted it to one of her elderly neighbours.
21. Ruby in Year 1 helped to move a load of old blocks into the front loader bucket of Grandad's tractor!
22. William in Year 3 made his Mum a cup of coffee when he knew she was going outside in the cold with their puppy.
23. Lucy in Nursery has been picking up litter from her neighbourhood, taking it home and putting it in the bin.

24. Isla in Year 1 has been super helpful: she has helped groom her dog, Max, regularly especially after the snow and wet weather. Isla made peanut flapjack to share with her Grandma and Granda. Isla has also helped her new classmate Rose, settle in to the area on a socially distanced walk.

25. Grace in Year 4 wrote a lovely letter to a Care Home who cared for her Great Grandmother, thanking them for looking after her.

26. Matthew in Year 4 won a competition and donated his £20 prize to The Hub's Care Package Scheme.

27. Maxwell in Year 3 and Rosalie in Year 1 have been looking after their Mum who had a recent injury.

28. In between lessons Thomas in Year 3 has been going outside feeding his goats, going to the fields on his bike and caking the tups. This week he has been very busy checking the lambing sheds for sheep lambing and feeding milk to the new lambs!

29. Joseph in Year 1 has been helping Mum look after his little sister. He has also been pairing socks up. He also gets the sticks and coal for the fire. Joseph has also been checking the sheds for sheep lambing with Thomas.

30. Ethan in Year 4 has been helping his Grandad wash the car and make tea for Grandma.

31. Callum in Year 3 has been helping to tidy the nursery at his home over half term to help Mum.

32. Phoebe in Year 5 completed a litter pick collecting two bags of rubbish from Montalbo Road, Woodside and the Cricket Club Lane.

33. Charlie D in Nursery has been very helpful over the weekend, helping his mum with household chores. Charlie helped with the washing, polishing, vacuuming, mopping and loading the dishwasher. He also did a brilliant job helping to tidy up the garden ready for spring!

34. Alfie L in Nursery picked up Mrs Patterson's things that she dropped by accident and swept up too!

35. Harvie in Year 6 picked up litter from the school grounds and put it in the bin.

36. Olivia P in Year 6 for bringing Miss Richardson some lovely cakes!

37. Daniel P in Year 2 for sending Mrs Newton a lovely card.

38 Hollie in Year 6 has been helping to make the tea at home

39. Caoimhe in Reception has helped make breakfast for Mummy.

40. Georgia in Year 3 and Darcey in Reception have written letters to their Gran in Scotland who is shielding

41. Seren in Year 6 gave flowers to all of her neighbours to cheer them up with a random act of kindness!

42. Erin in Nursery brought in chocolates for all of her Nursery friends.

43 Abbie in Year 6 helped dig a trench and put gravel down in her garden.

44. Daniel J in Year 2 helped his Mum and Dad with gardening jobs over the weekend.

45. Billy in Year 4 helped his Uncle repair some furniture.

46. Harry in Year 1 has been very kind by helping to tidy up at home

47. Max in Year 5 has been helping to carry boxes and decide where to put things in the new house. He even decided to give away some of his toys and things, especially his favourite beanbag which he has given to his friend, Ben.

48. Miah in Year 5 has donated a full trolley of food to the local foodbank.

49. On the way home from school Abbie, Jake and Joey (Year 6) rescued an injured frog from the road and placed it on the bank side so it could recover.

50. Harry D in Year 5 has helped his Granny power wash all her paths and patio

51. Alfie in Year 1 and Alice in Nursery used money from their savings to buy food donations towards the TCR Hub food collection this week

52. Phoebe in Year 5 baked 13 cakes 2 weekends ago to help her God mother raise money for cancer research. Phoebe sold the cakes over social media and raised £180 towards the target. It was a very busy Saturday baking from 8 30am till 4pm! She is doing 10,000 steps each day in March!

53. Amelia in Year 3 donated a play kitchen and toys to the Friarage Hospital. She received a lovely letter in return.

54. Ruby in Year 1 kindly gave her prize from in class to one of her friends because it was their birthday.

55. Phoebe in Year 4 made a beautiful card for her Granny for her birthday.

56. Alice H in Nursery kindly offered her friend a dice when they were playing a game so that they could join in and play.

57. Raphael C in Nursery has been really helpful tidying up the nursery garden.

58. Evie in Year 2 made a card for all the children in her class

59. Hollie H in Year 4 baked a cake for a friend of the family who has been in hospital

60. Frankie S in Year 6 made his dad a cup of tea on his birthday and has been helping out feeding Ellie the dog.

61. Jessica in Year 3 and Sophie in Reception bought a memorial plaque for their neighbour in memory of his dog Alfie to put in his garden

62. Eliza S in Nursery helped her Daddy when he was cleaning the car. She helped him and washed his sponge when he dropped it on the floor so the cars could be cleaned. Eliza did a great job!

63. Hannah and Molly from Year 2 picked up some litter from the school site.

64. Reception and Year 3 children sent Easter cards to residents of some care homes in town.

65. Charlie D in Nursery brought in chocolate bunnies for the children in Nursery.

66. Amelia in Year 3 and Isla in Year 4 have been very helpful at home this week. They have been helping dig up stones and put them in rubble bags. They've also been helping to dig a trench ready for pipe work.

67. Evie in Year 2 has baked some yummy Easter cakes for all of her classmates.

68. Eve in Year 2 has made Easter cards and brought in Easter bunnies for all of her class.

