



November 26th 2021

Strictly Come Dancing Montalbo Style!

At the time of writing, there is great anticipation about this afternoon's Strictly Come Dancing! I know we are expecting some celebrity judges: Anton Du Min; Motsi Mabowron; guest judge Craig Revel Freedwood and Head Judge Shirley McBallas and we look forward to welcoming them to school! Next week, after editing, we will share your children's performances via Weduc and hope you enjoy the dances as much as we do. Great dancing Team Monty!

Well done Tommy!

This week I received a lovely email from Tommy in Year 1's Dad informing me of Tommy's love for running. Each weekend at Darlington or Richmond, Tommy completes the park run and races alongside others up to the age of 14! Not only that, he often finishes in the top ten and this weekend he won! This is an amazing achievement and we are really proud of Tommy. Well done!

Children in Need

Friday's Children in Need raised £167 for the charity. Thank you!

Light Up Barnard Castle

Last week the children in Year 6 worked with a local artist and staff from TCR Hub to create some brilliant lanterns. The lanterns will form part of a parade to coincide with the Christmas lights which will be switched on on Friday 3rd December between approximately 6.15pm-7pm. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

School Photographs

The children's photograph proofs were sent home on Tuesday. To order the prints or other items, please visit www.tempest-oders.co.uk, enter the reference number from the proof and make your selection.

The Hub's Reverse Advent Calendar

In the run up to Christmas, the Hub have asked us to support them with a Reverse Advent Calendar. As you will be aware, they have supported many families throughout Teesdale with Care Packages and this is a way we can contribute towards them over the festive period. Further information is on Weduc and we will be sending a reminder message with the 'donation' of the day which can be brought to the school office.

School Fish

We have bought two goldfish which live in a tank in the school hall by our wellbeing display but they haven't got names yet. I wondered if the children might come up with some suggestions and I will pick the winners out of the entries in next week's celebration assembly. Please put your name and fish name suggestions on a piece of paper and bring them to me before next Friday!

Green Jumper Day

Today we supported Green Jumper Day which is an environmental charity aimed at raising awareness of climate change and educating our children. As well as the solar panels project I mentioned last week, we are keen to add to our school garden, more fruit trees will be planted in the coming months.

Flu Immunisation

The Influenza Childhood Immunisation Programme will be undertaken in school on December 15th. Parents/carers wishing for their child to have the nasal influenza vaccination need to give consent by following the instructions below: -

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the school code 114115 and click 'find school.'
3. Complete the form
4. Click the green submit button

For those parents/carers who have declined nasal spray due to porcine content, please visit hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net to book via a community clinic for the injectable flu vaccination.

Vaccinations will not take place without prior consent.

Reception School Places September 2022

The window for applying for Reception places has opened and runs until January 15th 2022. If you would like to visit school, please contact the School Office who will arrange this with you. Parent/Carers of all children eligible to start Reception must submit an application. Further details on the process can be found [here](#).

Wellbeing

Did you know we have created a Wellbeing page on the school website? It can be found [here](#). We have added a number of useful resources and will continue to update this page throughout the year.

FOMS

Friends of Montalbo School have organised a Christmas raffle and we are delighted with how well this is being supported.

Please return any unsold tickets and/or raffle ticket stubs and money to the school office by Friday December 3rd in a named envelope for FOMS to collect.

If you have any prizes that you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the School Office by the same date.

If you would like more raffle tickets please collect them from the school office.

FOMS have secured some more funding from the CO-OP. If you are a member, it would be great if you could select Friends of Montalbo School as your cause. [Sign In - Co-op \(coop.co.uk\)](https://www.coop.co.uk/sign-in)

FOMS are arranging a bag collection on behalf of the Great North Air Ambulance and these will be handed out next week with a list of items that can be donated. – Just in time for a Christmas clear out!

Diary dates

December 3 rd	Christmas Lights Switch on/Lantern Parade
December 8 th – 12 th	Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary's Church
December 15 th	Flu Immunisation
December 15 th	Christmas Lunch

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