



March 10th 2023

### **Teesdale Mercury article**

I was disappointed with our photograph for the Ofsted article in the Teesdale Mercury as we had a number of photographs taken of the whole of Team Monty which was what I hoped would be published, rather than the cropped picture which appeared. I asked for a copy of one I would have preferred which I have added to the website and can be seen [here](#).



### **Connections through Coffee and Crafts**

It was great to see that some parents/carers and family members were able to join us for Coffee and Crafts on Tuesday. Mrs Bowron informed me that it was a lovely, relaxed atmosphere and that parents/carers made some useful resources for school. The next Connections through Coffee and Crafts session will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> between 2.15-3.15pm. You are very welcome to attend the whole or part of the session. Thank you very much to Mrs Bowron for arranging and hosting this.

### **Wild Escape**

Eco Council, Mrs McIntyre and I visited the Bowes Museum for a 'Wild Escape' project and had a follow-up workshop on Thursday where the children sculpted the different birds from natural and recycled materials, with the help of Bright Woods. They will be showcased in the music on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Mother's Day**

On March 17th we would like to recognise Mother's Day and invite Mums, Grans or any family member male/female into school. There will be refreshments and activities to share with your child/children from 1.30-3pm.

## Small World

Barnard Castle Mayor, Rima Chatterjee, has been working with schools and community groups to run a multi-cultural festival in Barnard Castle with a number of different events organised from March 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>. She has asked school to create some artwork to be displayed at the TCR Hub which Year 5 will complete. Art Club will create a Japanese inspired piece to be displayed at Barnard Castle School and selected Year 3 children will dance for a school performance there.

There are other events which families can attend such as cookery workshops, art workshops, music performances (see Weduc flyer from earlier in the week). Children may like the chance to win a prize by collecting a passport and getting it stamped from different venues around town on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Red Nose Day

The red nose ordering system has changed this year and we are unable to order enough for everyone. However, we will support the charity through donations in the form of a non-uniform day. Children can come to school in non-uniform, suitable for school.

## Swimming

The Year 5 have made excellent progress with their swimming this year and to reach the life-saving sessions at this point of the year is a remarkable achievement. Well done Year 5!

## Barnard Castle FC funding

Some of our children enjoy training and playing for different age groups at Barnard Castle Football Club which is great. The club are trying to raise funds to improve facilities and have asked us to share their funding raising campaign which can be found [here](#).

## Dates for the Diary

March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day/Mother's Day Event in school from
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception Class – Multiskills
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 2 Football event at Newton Aycliffe
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr 6 Multiskills at Staindrop
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3/4 Orienteering (15 pupils)
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3,4,5 & 6 Taekwondo sessions
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	All Stars Cricket Roadshow (All classes Y1-6)
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee and Crafts Session for Parents 2.15-3.15pm
May 1 <sup>st</sup> and May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holidays
May 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 SATs

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