

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Parent Newsletter 24th March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy Spring term with assemblies, workshops, sports tournaments, visits, visitors, world book day parade as well as a public building's consultation.

Firstly, thank you to all the parents who attended the parent consultation evening earlier this week; it was very well attended and as always we need strong parental engagement to ensure all children are happy at school and achieve well.

Mount Pleasant is at a very exciting time with the prospect of our brand new build. Kier and their design team held a public consultation last week where they shared plans and parents, staff and the community were able to voice their opinions. We will continue to update parents as the plans develop.

I am also pleased to announce that we have a new Chair of Governors for this year, Dr Andy Williams, who will be providing additional support to the school through this exciting time. Dr Andy Williams is a recently retired Executive Headteacher of two high schools in Kirklees: Holmfirth High and North Huddersfield Trust as well as an inspector for Ofsted. He has lots of experience in education, leading successful schools and has been involved in many educational and new build projects. He has been warmly welcomed by all governors who recognise the additionality he will bring to our school at a time when we will be very busy, not least with the building work.

Mrs Nazir (Acting Headteacher)

Reminder - Paying for Dinner, Trips, Milk and Flapjack

Our school has gone totally cashless. Parents have been communicated about this and that they must use their Parent Pay accounts online. Please ensure you check your basket items on Parent Pay before confirming you have made the correct payment. The office is happy to help at any time if parents need assistance with Parent Pay.

Staffing

We welcome the following members of staff who will be joining us:

Mrs S Winter – EYFS Lead and Class Teacher

Miss L Hampshire – Class Teacher

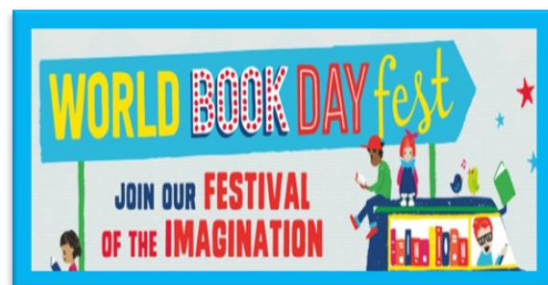
Mrs S Ilyas – Class Teacher

We wish Miss Longden, Miss Gregory and Mrs Akhtar good luck in their new roles.

World Book Day

A massive thank you to all the parents who supported World Book Day by helping their children to dress up. The day was a great success and much enjoyed by children, staff and parents. Follow the link below to World Book Day resources and activities, including some great online stories children of all ages can listen to:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/storytime-online/>



Sport Relief 2016



For Sport Relief our School Council sold wristbands, pens and balls to raise money. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported this worthy cause. Together we raised £152. Here is a photo of one of our supporters who purchased the most items during the week.



School Safeguarding Officer: Mr S Johnson
Kirklees Duty and Assessment Service Tel: 01484 221000 or email
www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.com

Attendance

Our overall attendance is averaging out at 95%.

We have had quite a few cases of chicken pox; to minimise the risk of infection please be advised that the government guidelines state that your child can return to school when the spots have dried up or have scabbed over.

With sickness and diarrhoea the government guidelines are that in order to minimise the spread of infection please keep your child absent from school for 48 hours from the last time your child was sick.

We have seen a significant increase in the number of pupils and families taking leave of absence. As a school we want to provide the best possible education for your child and we are very concerned that our families are not taking this as serious as we would like them to. Please note, any families who apply for leave of absence over 5 days will be refused permission and will automatically be fined upon their return by Kirklees Council.

With your continued support of MPPS attendance we hope to see an increase during the summer term and reach our target of 97%.

Reading Cafe's

During summer term 1 opportunities will be provided for you to come and read with your child in the Reading Cafés. We would appreciate you attending these early morning sessions so you can be more involved in your child's reading and encourage them to become better future readers. Please check the table below to remember when you need to attend and thank you for your continuous support.

Year Group	Date	Time	Teacher
Year 3	Tuesday 12 th April 2016	8:45am- 9:30am	Mrs Rafiq
Year 4	Tuesday 19 th April 2016	8:45am- 9:30am	Mrs Razaq
Year 5	Tuesday 26 th April 2016	8:45am- 9:30am	Mr Ali
Year 6	Tuesday 3 rd March 2016	8:45am- 9:30am	Mrs Rashid

Seeds From Space

Upper Key Stage 2 children will be planting "Seeds from Space". Children from Mount Pleasant are preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space. We will be one of up to 10,000 schools to receive a packet of 100 seeds from space and grow these alongside seeds that have not been to space and watch them grow alongside each other. This is an 'out of this world' nationwide experiment. Watch this "space" children!



Special Assembly 21st March 2016

Well done to the following children for outstanding learning and behaviour. For displaying such positive attitudes they were awarded with a special award in assembly.

1A	Hammad Ramzan	2A	Summayah Afifah	3A	Leon Bywater
1B	Enayah Rashid	2B	Daniyal Majeed	3B	Mohamed Eshaffi
1C	Ameenah Zahid	2C	Muhab Hejjajji	3C	Noor Ul Ain Shafiq
4A	Ali Omar	5A	Marwah Fadhel	6A	Subhaan Ashraf
4B	Binyameen Kazi	5B	Ammaarah Sajid	6B	Anam Razaq
4C	Riyaad Chaudhury	5C	Yasmen Hamed	6C	Dania Asif



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th April 2016

Children return to school

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER FRIDAY 15TH JULY 2016

We have the following Inset days to support the new build project:

Monday 18th July 2016

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday 19th July 2016

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Wednesday 20th July 2016

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Monday 5th September 2016

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday 6th September 2016

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

Wednesday 7th September 2016

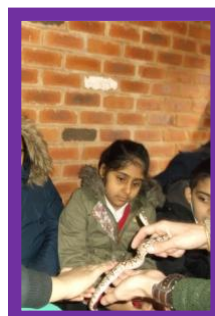
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Thursday 8th September 2016

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Year 3 visit to Tropical Butterfly World

On the 10th March, Year 3 visited 'The Tropical Butterfly World' in Sheffield. Children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different rainforest animals and their habitats. Below are some photographs taken throughout the day.



Easter Assembly

Father Lesley Pinfield delivered Easter assemblies for KS1 and KS2 children sharing the Easter story. Year 1 children sang songs celebrating new life.



Smarties Challenge



A huge thank you to all children and families who participated in the 'Smarties Challenge'. A total of £533.33 was raised. WINNING CLASS IS CLASS 2A who receive a prize of £30. RUNNER UP IS CLASS 4A who receive a prize of £20.

Well done to everyone and hope you continue to offer your support. The money raised will be used to buy playtime equipment and class 2A and 4A will be involved in purchasing these items.

American Theme Dinner

Wednesday was an American themed lunch and children were given delicious burgers, milk shakes and cookies. The atmosphere was absolutely fantastic in the dinner hall and we would like to thank all kitchen staff for creating an American atmosphere.



Easter Activities

FREE Easter Eggstravaganza, fun and games!!

What is Forest School? (an outdoor, all weather experience delivered by qualified Forest School practitioners, all of whom are DBS / CRB checked)

Where: Beaumont Park (park in Lockwood Cemetery and walk up into the park to the Forest site) Please contact Jo to book a place, or to ask for more details T: 07843673011 E: jo@naturesfootprints.co.uk

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN BRING WARM suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Packed lunch needed for 8 years plus sessions Please note sessions are only cancelled due to severe weather that may make the site unsafe ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Beaumont Park

8 years plus: 10 – 2pm Wednesday 30th March and Wednesday 6th April

4 - 8 years: Tuesday 5th April 2016 9.30am – 11.30am & 12.30pm – 2.30pm



Thornton Lodge Action Group

Well done to all the children who attended the Sunday English classes at Thornton Lodge.

Different activities are offered by Thornton Lodge Action Group. All activities take place at Thornton Lodge Community Centre unless stated otherwise



- Women only swimming- Tues 7.45pm to 8.45pm & Thurs 8.45pm to 9.45pm at North Huddersfield Trust School.
- Zumba and Exercise classes, Monday 5.45pm-6.45pm, Weds 10am -11am, Fri 10am-11am. Crèche available
- Create Beautiful Hair- New course starting after Easter on Tuesdays
- **FREE** English classes- attend 3 times a week with free crèche (subject to demand).
- Arts and Crafts for children aged 8-12 every Sunday 4.15-.6pm
- Sporting activities for boys 8-12 every Wed and Sunday starting at 6pm
- Job Shop- Need help with CVs, application forms and interview skills drop in on a Weds 10am to 12 noon
- **NEW:** Multisport every Sunday morning from 11.30 to 1pm For further information on any of the above activities call our friendly team on **07871938174** or visit www.tactiongroup.org.uk