

Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter – Issue 32 May, 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so proud of how the whole school community has been resilient in managing Covid-19, more than a year since we had our first lockdown. Parents are being proactive in recognising the virus symptoms and getting tested. Fortunately, it is very easy to book tests, and results are returning very quickly. Please note that if your child tests positive during the holidays you **MUST** email the school office with your NHS Covid-19 results.

It was lovely celebrating Eid-ul-fitr; the children had a great time, and it was wonderful to see them in their party clothes.



We are continuing to improve our school facilities all the time and I am pleased to say our Solardome in the fruit garden is almost ready for children to use. It will house our famous fig tree, as well as becoming home to several more exotic fruits.



On behalf of the whole school, I hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th June.

Mrs N Nazir
Head Teacher

Class Dynamix

Following on from the update in our last Newsletter, we had an exciting April working on our school song. We have recorded selected vocalists, along with all year groups, to ensure every pupil is heard on the final track. We have also spent a day filming in and around school, showcasing our amazing children, impressive building and exciting grounds.



There is one last session still to record which will use a drone to capture outside shots, enabling us to include even more children in the final video. The film footage and recordings will then be edited and combined to create an incredible video representing all the fabulous things in Mount Pleasant that we are so proud of.



Keep a look out for the final version which we will share as soon as we receive it.

HTAFC Tom 100 Challenge

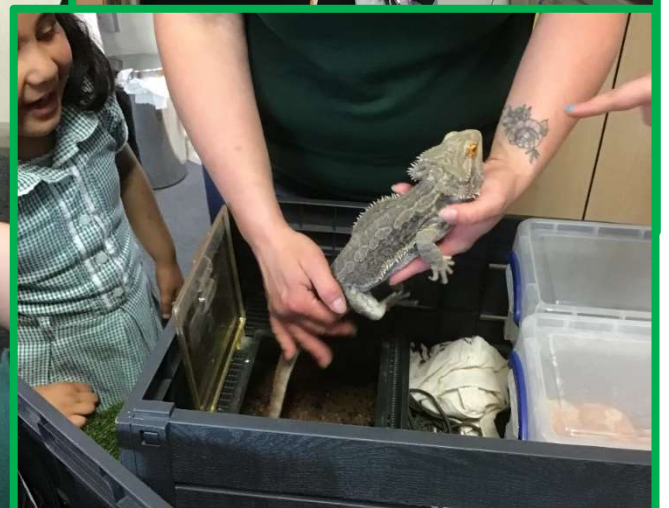
On Friday 30th April we took part in the Huddersfield Town Football Club **Tom 100 Challenge**. All the children started their day with a warm up with Steve. We worked out for 100 seconds and used Captain Tom's mindset of never giving up to get through it. All year groups then continued with their 100 challenges. Nursery created 100 flowers to create the name TOM; Reception created a 100 minibeasts; Year 1 did 100 laps of the playground together. Other activities involved 100 penalty shoot outs, 100 jokes and a 100 star jumps. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you for all your donations; we raised near £270 towards supporting the Huddersfield Town Breakfast Clubs and charities that help with loneliness during the pandemic.



Reception Memorable Experience



Leanne from **Leanimals** came into school to help with our new topic 'Minibeasts'! Leanne has a total of 95 pets at home. She brought an interesting selection to meet us. We met Millie the millipede who has 400 legs; Charlotte the spider who is very fragile and has 8 spikey legs; Steve the cockroach who loves to hang upside down using his sticky toes; Amber the snake who loved slithering along our arms and legs. We saw many more, including a snappy scorpion. We have lots of brave children in Reception! Everyone had a go at holding the different animals and learnt lots of interesting facts about Leanne's pets.



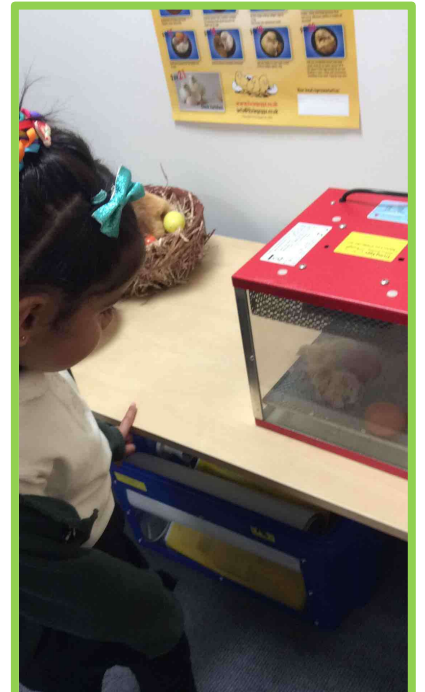


MINIBEASTS



Reception children also enjoyed learning all about the life cycle of a chicken this term. We had a very special delivery of fertilised eggs from a hen named Hattie Peck!

Hattie Peck left us a letter asking for our help to ensure her eggs developed and hatched into chicks. We read lots of information in books and on the internet to find out how to look after chicken eggs so that they hatch into chicks. We put the eggs into an incubator, this helped keep the eggs warm and helped them grow as Hattie Peck could not stay to sit on (incubate) her eggs.



“It took 21 days for the eggs to hatch, and they turned into little baby chicks.” – Anniebeth



“We had to clean out their poop every week.” – Sienna

We are proud to say that 4 baby chicks hatched safely and are now living free and happily at Manaal's house!



Year 1 Memorable Experience



Year 1 started their topic with a very exciting visitor – Tyrannosaurus Rex! We arrived in the hall to a dinosaur ranger who told us all about her job to train dinosaurs. They brought in a baby triceratops who we all got to have a little stroke of. Then along came Rex! The ranger had him under control, but he did have a sniff of a few children on the way in. She brushed his teeth and talked about what he ate. We then all had a go at trying to keep him under control. We shouted “halt”, “back up, back up” to force the dinosaur back. Then if we were feeling very brave we had a cuddle with the dinosaur. The rest of the day was spent exploring lots of fun dinosaur activities in our classrooms. These included baking; pin the eye on the dinosaur; egg and fossil exploration and lots more. Year 1 had a fantastic time and couldn’t wait to find out more about dinosaurs throughout the term.







Year 3 Memorable Experience

Year 3 children were taken back in time to the Stone Age as part of our memorable experience. We had a visitor called Clud who came in and told us all about the Stone Age era. We learnt lots of interesting facts and took part in lots of different activities; we had a quiz about the Stone Age; we learnt how to communicate with each other by drawing and using pictures; and we played a game. At the end of the day we all took part in chariot races. We had a great day!



Year 6 Memorable Experience

This term, Year 6 have been getting creative with their Mexican topic. For our memorable experience, children have been creating their very own sugar skulls! After completing some research into the history of sugar skulls and their purpose, children started their construction. It was a very tricky process of cutting out with craft knives for the bone structure, Papier Mache for the skull shape and finally, layers of paint and decoration. After all their hard work and efforts throughout the term on the project, they turned out bright and beautiful.



Violin Lessons



After being unlucky to miss out on violin lessons last year due to lockdown, Year 4 have enjoyed working with Mrs Kelly this term and they are turning out to be very enthusiastic learners. Mrs Kelly says they have all done really well! Next half term it will be Year 3's turn to pick up their bows and start playing!



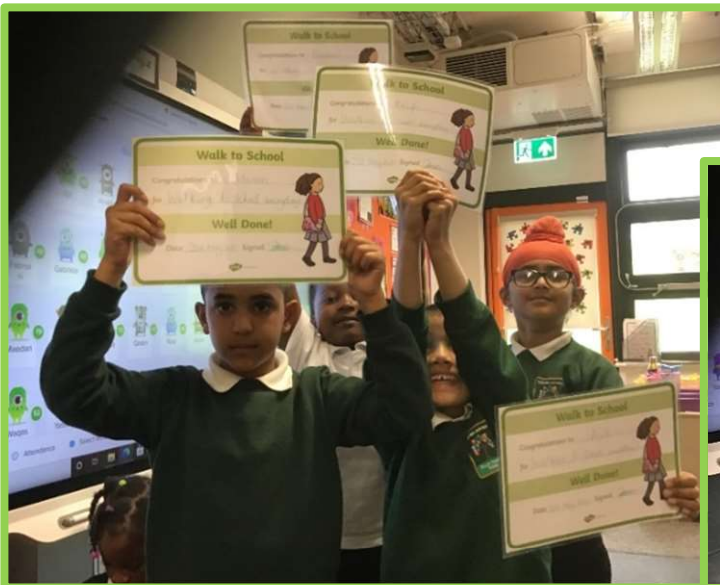
Walk to School Week

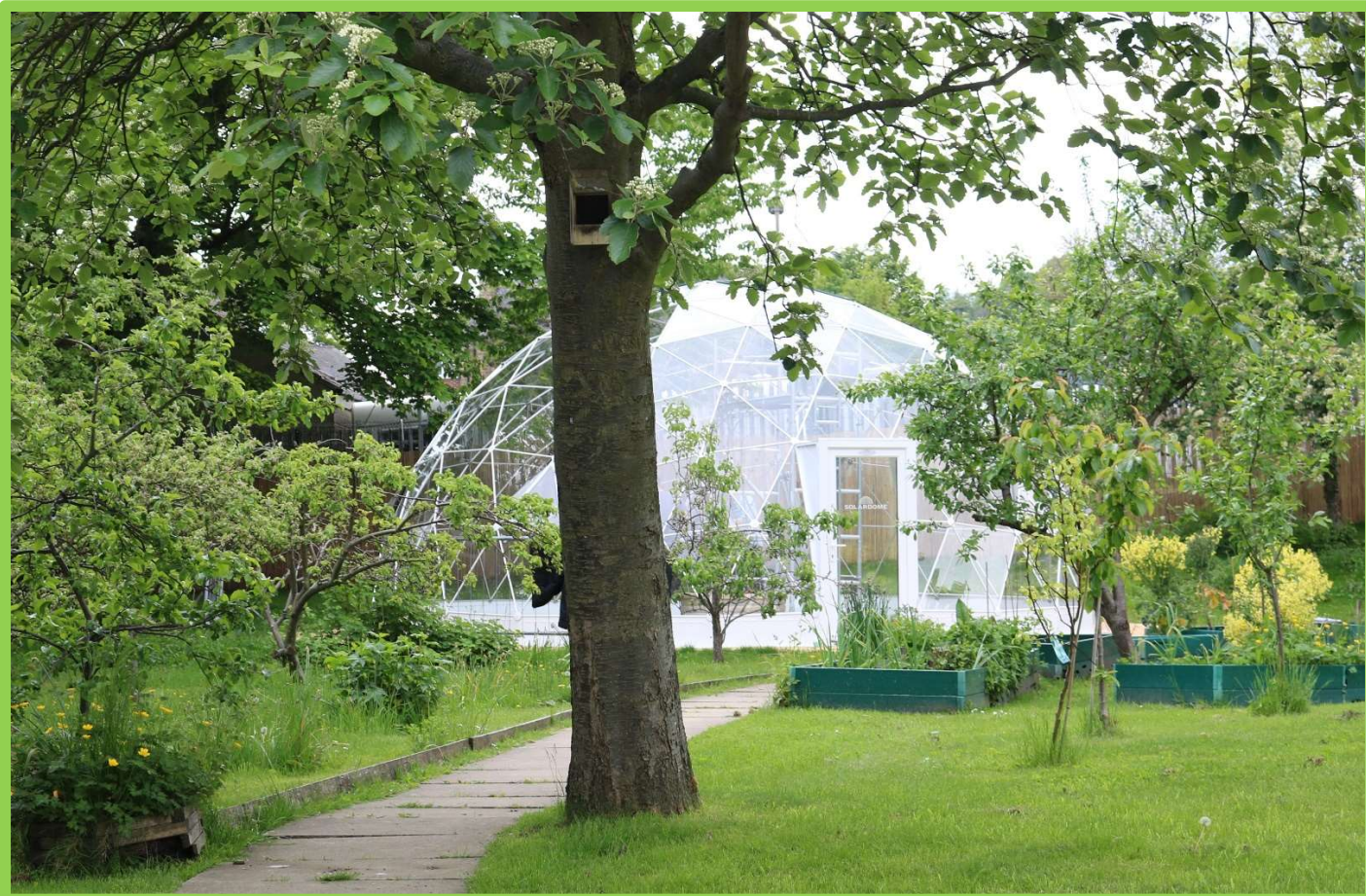
Well done to all the children and families who made the extra effort to walk, cycle or scoot to school last week. It's great for your health and the environment, and I'm sure you'll agree, a super way to start your day.



	Walk	Bus	Car	Taxi	Bike/scooter
M					1
T					1
W					
T					11
F					1

A huge well done to Hasan from Maple class and Husayn from Nursery who both walked all the way from Newsome, and to Yasmeen from 1A and Yaseer from 5C who rode their scooters to school every day. 1C and 2C put in a fantastic whole class effort and every day they had more and more children walking to school. Well done!





MPPS Solardome 😊

Diary Dates

Can parents please take note of the term times below and only book holidays in the school holiday periods.

Friday 28th May	School closes for half term.
Monday 7th June	Children return to school.
Friday 23rd July	Last day in school. Children break up for the summer holidays.
Wednesday 8th September	Children return to school