



## Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter Issue 52 - December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of another busy term at school, I am delighted to share with you our wonderful events and activities which have taken place this half term. These have included anti-bullying week with children and staff wearing *Odd Socks* to celebrate differences. Every class also made a poppy wreath to decorate our Remembrance Day display. This year we have continued with our wonderful children performing a class song that they learnt, including actions, and performed in front of a large audience (please see the article about this in the newsletter). We ended the term with Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch, as well as Christmas parties and non-uniform day. A special well done to all the children who impressed their teachers for Special Assembly and who were rewarded with lovely prizes.



As always, the end of the Autumn term, wouldn't be the same without our special Reception Nativity. Thank you to all the parents who came to the Reception Nativity performance; you could see that our youngest children do indeed get off to a flying start through the positive and strong relationships that the staff have with them. Considering these children are only 4 and 5 years old, it was lovely to see their confidence develop in performing to such large audiences. I am so proud of them all. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Reception staff who have worked so hard in putting together such a great performance.

For all our families celebrating Christmas, I hope you have an amazing time with your friends and families. Happy New Year to everyone - let's hope it's going to be a fabulous one for everyone! See you all in 2025!

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs N Nazir  
Headteacher



## Mount Pleasant Singers

Each class chose their very own song to learn off by heart and perform, with actions. The song choices have been wonderful, including children's assembly song Sunshine in my heart, Waterloo by Abba, Shotgun by George Ezra and Rockstar by A Great Big World.

We have been amazed by the quality of the singing and the true enjoyment the children have in performing to the rest of the school.



In addition to this, children have also taken part in an after school club learning Christmas songs. They performed their songs in front of Key Stage assembly and they were simply wonderful.

Thank you to Mrs Gurieva for taking such a great lead on this.



## Remembrance Day

This year the whole school was involved in creating our amazing display for Remembrance Day. All children individually made a poppy and they were all then put together to create wreaths. The results were fantastic and a very fitting tribute to commemorate all that lost their lives during the wars. Alongside the rest of the country, we carried out the two minutes silence at 11.00 am.



## School Council



This term, each class democratically elected their school councillor. Each child made a speech about why they were the best candidate for the job, what ideas they had to make our school a better place, and how they plan to implement these ideas.

We will meet each half term to discuss fundraising ideas, talk about what is working well in school, and what changes we could make. Additionally, we plan

on widening our understanding of politics and improving our confidence in public speaking.

**We have had a very successful start to the year, raising an amazing £422.22 for the Poppy Appeal!** The Royal British Legion use the money raised from the Poppy Appeal to support veterans, those in active service, and their families with rehabilitation, finances, employment, housing and other vital services.

## Wellbeing Champions!

Meet our new Wellbeing Champions!

These children have been voted by their classes to become our Wellbeing champions this year. They have been trained on how to help others to recognise the different



emotions they are feeling and share tips on how to manage wellbeing and mental health.

Our champions are available daily to talk to other children about how they may be feeling and are available for anyone who might need a friend to talk to or play with.

They are easy to spot with their blue high vis jackets!

# Memorable Experiences

## Reception



We are so proud of all the children in Reception for their amazing performances this week! They learnt lots of lines and 6 different songs, then performed in front of every year group in the school.

We were amazed by their super singing and makaton actions.

## Year 1

Year 1 had a fabulous superhero day! We made superhero masks and shields and completed a superhero assault course! The children loved it. Thank you for dressing them up in such amazing costumes!



Year 1 have been performing a song each week for the rest of Key Stage 1! They have been amazing singers, projecting their voices and standing with confidence. We are super proud of them! 1A dressed up as reindeers to sing 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' to get into the festivities! Merry Christmas from Year 1!



## Year 2

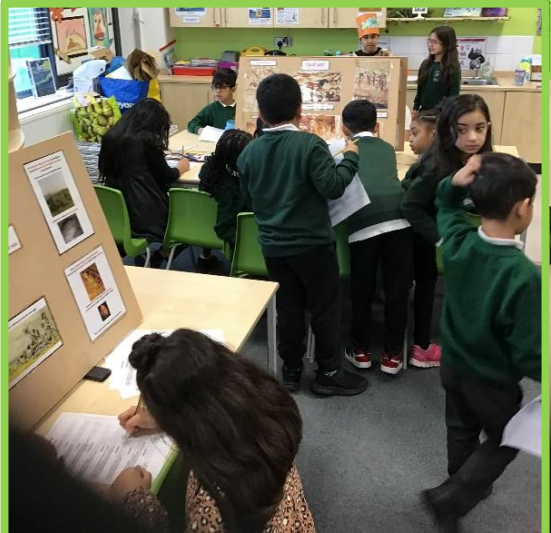


Year 2 had a brilliant Space themed day. They made moon buggies by joining wheels and axels to a chassis and decorating with their own designs. Also, they completed an astronaut fitness training programme. In addition, they made space food and learnt that all food in space is dried and has to have water added for the astronauts to be able to eat it. They made strawberry angel delight in bags. They also had to plan a route to one of the planets and research interesting facts about the planet they chose to visit.

## Year 3

Year 3 have now finished studying their history topic – ‘Changes in Britain’. They have learnt lots of historical facts about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. For their memorable experience, children participated in a workshop linked to this unit of work. During this engaging, hands-on experience, pupils were given the opportunity to explore stone age artefacts and gain understanding about many of the important

developments that have helped to make us who we are, from the original hunter gatherers to early farming communities; ancient technology and coming of the age of metal. They also took part in a few stone age hunting games where things got a bit competitive!



## Year 3 SCARF Wellbeing Workshop

As part of their PSHCE, Year 3 had a visit from Julia and Harold (from SCARF). During this engaging and interactive workshop, Julia taught the pupils lots about how to keep themselves happy and healthy. Children were taught about the effects of medicines, such as which ones are safe or unsafe, the harmful effects of smoking and how to keep a healthy and balanced diet.

Pupils had the opportunity to take a look inside the human body, exploring the circulatory, respiratory and digestive systems when trying on a Virtuali-Tee - an innovative educational augmented reality (AR) T-shirt. We could interactively explore and navigate through the body system, zoom in, and interact with organs to learn about their functions which was very exciting!



## Year 4

Year 4 had a visit from a Viking. We learnt lots about Viking invasions, Viking stories and weapons.

We completed a quiz and looked at some Viking artefacts to help us understand what it was like to live in Viking times.

We had a great time playing Viking board games and trying to do the axe challenge. We even had a go at spear throwing. It was a fun day enjoyed by everyone who took part.





### Year 4 Road Safety Training

In Year 4 the children took part in Road Safety Training as part of our PSHE curriculum of keeping safe in different situations. The Kirklees Road Safety Team came to our school to deliver the training. The lesson was themed on a 'Road Traffic Collision Investigation'. The training included the main road safety messages such as the importance of the green cross code, safer places to cross, driver behaviour, distractions and being bright to be seen. The training was interactive and the pupils really enjoyed it!



### Year 5



Science in Year 5 has been amazing! We have been learning about the Solar System and how not only is it responsible for day and night, but also the seasons. In the last lesson we conducted an experiment using a kitchen roll tube, a straw, and torchlight to explore the rotation of the Earth around the Sun.

We discovered that when the light was shined at an angle, the same amount of light spreads out, which makes it less intense. Differences in light intensity, due to the Earth's tilt,

are what cause seasons. The light intensity is highest in the summer and lowest in the winter.

The children loved tracing the outline and seeing the changes!



## Year 6



In Year 6 this half term, our memorable experience has been linked to World War 2. We had the exciting opportunity to visit the Holocaust Exhibition Centre at the University of Huddersfield.

We took part in many different activities during our visit which supported our learning. First, we looked around the amazing exhibition where we got to see real artifacts from WW2, draw them and describe why they were special.

We became real life archivists. We were allowed to handle artifacts from WW2 and archive them so that they are well preserved for many years to come. It was an exciting and informative trip that consolidated our learning from school.

## Year 6 Science

Children from Year 6 were invited to take part in the fantastic Science Lab at Greenhead College this term! Dressed in special safety goggles and white laboratory coats, they carried out a number of



experiments in a state-of-the-art chemical lab. Children conducted flame tests for metal ions, learning what fireworks are made of and why they give off such colourful flames; made mini volcanoes creating wonderful chemical reactions and handled a bamboozling non-Newtonian fluid substance!

Year 6 impressed the teachers at Greenhead College for a number of reasons; with their curiosity, knowledge and behaviour. Many of the children said they would love to study Science at a higher level.



## Nursery



Nursery have had another busy half term, ending with a fabulous Christmas performance. The children worked hard to create some Christmas cards and calendars for their parents. These were shared with parents after our Christmas songs. The children were fantastic!



They were very excited to meet Santa!

## Christmas Hamper Raffle



Huddersfield Lions Club donated a lovely Christmas Hamper for us to raffle off to raise money for the school funds. This will help buy those little extras for the children.

**In total we raised £126.**

**The raffle was won by  
Muhammad Samiullah Anwar in 5A.**



## Asda Cashpot for Schools

Thank you so much to parents for helping us raise money from the Asda Cashpot. You have raised £208 so far, which is brilliant news. This will be used to pay for food items to support children with their cookery lessons in school.



## Notes from the Office

- The vast majority of parents have activated their Parentpay account, but there are still a few parents who haven't. Parentpay is not only used to pay for school dinners, but also to pay for school trips and visits. If you need your Parentpay log in details or if you need help to activate your account, please call into the School Office and we will help you to get this set up.

## Term Dates Academic Year 2024 - 2025

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

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school for Spring Term.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day in school. School closes for half term holiday.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	INSET Day.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day in school. School closes for Easter holidays.
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children return to school.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last day in school. School closes for May half term holidays.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day in school. School closes for Summer holidays.