

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Parent Newsletter – Issue 38

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Dear Parents/Carers,

During this short half term, we have been extremely busy with Year 2 and 6 SATs. It's been two years since children last took part in the national tests, however, I am extremely proud and pleased with everyone's efforts on the tests.

Year 6 children attended Breakfast Club hosted by their staff - this ensured all children were well fed and mentally ready for their tests. From Monday to Thursday, they stayed focussed and worked hard remembering all their learning. Then on Friday they and a very well-deserved treat to Beaumont Park. Year 2 also were fantastic. They completed Reading and Maths papers, again staying focussed and positive and did their very best. On Friday, we applauded them all during Celebration Assembly and treated them to fruit juice and biscuits. From the whole school community - well done Year 2 and 6. You have been amazing!



I hope everyone celebrating and a wonderful Eid - children have been asking about Eid parties and this year due to the busy half term with SATs, we will celebrate with the second Eid in July. This will also coincide with a huge Garden Party to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. This will be a wonderful end of year event where the whole school community will be invited to attend and join in with the celebrations on Thursday 14 July.

We continually look for ways to improve the educational and physical learning resources available to our children. Recently we have installed some amazing History Timelines. These share key events in history related to our History Curriculum and are a fantastic resource for our children. As an enhancement to physical resources, the school now has several bikes for children to use for learning cycling. Trained school staff will be helping children to become confident and safe cyclists through cycling clubs.



I hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday and enjoy special events celebrating the Queens Jubilee which will be taking place throughout Huddersfield.

Mrs Nazir
(Headteacher)

World History Timelines



Over the Easter holidays, parts of our KS1 and KS2 corridors were transformed into amazing educational environments which consisted of world history timelines! These fantastic, floor to ceiling displays showcase the time periods the children learn about in our school's history curriculum and other significant historical events that are pertinent to our school community. Careful consideration was given to where they were placed in school, to the images used and the concise information on display, to maximise their impact on children's learning.

The children were awe-struck upon their return, and they have all had the opportunity to spend some time as classes taking in all the information and discussing the details with their teachers.

We are seeing the positive impact these are having on not just their learning in class but out of class too; every time children are on the corridors; we find groups of them discussing the information amongst themselves and with adults in the vicinity.

Mrs Sobia Ashtiaq, Deputy Headteacher and creator of this amazing learning resource, confirmed that, "Our history

timelines are certainly helping with developing children's understanding of the chronology of key events, as well as the overlaps of different time-periods across the globe."



Parents' Maths Course



Thank you to the parents who attended the first session of the Your Maths, My Maths course, which covers what children will be learning in school and how parents can enhance a child's numeracy level at home in a fun way. It also refreshes parents' own maths skills.

Times-Tables Rock Stars



This display shows how many of our children have achieved their times-table pens. We are so proud of them all and thank you for your support engaging them with Times Table Rockstars. We are particularly impressed with four of our Year 1 children who have learnt their times tables a year early! Well done, Ubejd, Luqmaan, Mabrouka and Eliza. Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables, as it really does make a difference to their ability in maths.

Microgreen Growing Competition – Growing Competition

Before the Easter holidays the children had the chance to take part in a microgreen growing competition. The boxes were £1 each and the children took them home to see what they could grow. Children had great fun prepping the soil and planting the seeds. Once they'd started to grow lots of children had a good taste to see what they were like.



Well done to everyone who took part, we raised £179! This will be going towards some more exciting things in our fruit garden.

The winners of the competition were:

Micah - Holly

Hasan & Husayn – 1A/Holly

Andleeb - 5A



Nursery & Reception Memorable Experience – Minibeast Hunt

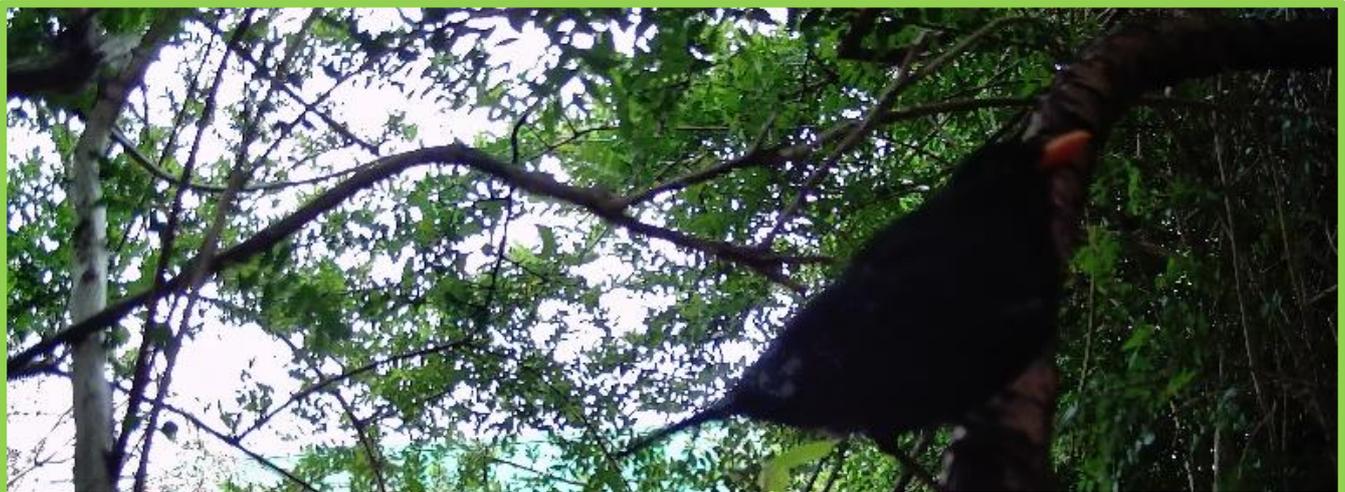


This half term the children in Nursery and Reception have been learning about the natural growth of minibeasts. We have gone on minibeast hunts, created bug hotels, and have watched live caterpillars grow and create their cocoons. We are looking forward to seeing if they have turned into butterflies after the holidays!



Year 1 Memorable Experience – Woodland Adventure

We visited our Woodland Area to search for evidence of wildlife. We discussed the different types of animals that live in this habitat and what food they eat. We also learned about nocturnal animals. We built fox-dens using sticks and twigs, and installed bird-boxes with wildlife cameras to take pictures of different types of birds and animals that visit our woods! This learning was linked to our book, "Fox and the Star."



Year 2 Memorable Experience – Fruit Garden Activities



Year 2 have been getting involved with the garden. We planted some bulbs in a pot, and we also planted some seed potatoes. We had to wait for the seed potatoes to grow shoots before we planted them. Now the green shoots are showing, we need to add some more earth on top so that we get lots of potatoes! We also watered and checked on all the our other plants to make sure they were thriving.



Year 3 Memorable Experience – The Stone Age

Year 3 had an exciting memorable experience day learning about The Stone Age. We learnt from artefacts found in places where Stone Age people had settled many years ago. We also did a quiz and took part in fun activities that were based on prehistoric games that were played using stones. In addition, we tested out hunting skills by throwing foam spears at wooden Stone Age animals.

We also had to collect picture cards of things that the people would gather to eat and put them in a bag. We had to be careful as there were pictures of things that were not around at that time, and some were poisonous plants. It was a fun day. We learnt many interesting facts about the Stone Age.



Year 4 Memorable Experience – Anglo Saxons

On the 24th of May, Year 4 had a visit from an Anglo Saxon. We learnt all about Saxon England, from the hierarchy to the etiquette of the Lord's Hall.



We explored the language and the story of Beowulf. We collected information about key events and were shown the burial of a Saxon King. It was a wonderful experience packed with learning and fun.





After a hard year preparing for SATS, Year 6 were able to relax and unwind at Beaumont Park after finishing their tests. We spent the day playing on the new playground equipment and a game of cricket. The day ended with delicious Dixons ice-cream. It was fun celebrating the end of our tests in this way.

Year 6 Being Good in the Neighbourhood

Year 6 had a visit from Mike and Lisa from Kirklees Council and PC Jeff from West Yorkshire Police. They delivered a workshop about being good and looking after our neighbourhood. We looked at the different types of anti-social behaviour and saw the work that Police and Council do to help make our community safe. We came up with lots of ideas about how we can help keep our neighbourhood safe.



REMEMBER TO DONATE YOUR OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM

I am sure most of your children will have grown out of their old school uniform by the end of the term or maybe leaving to a new school. Please would you donate any no longer needed school uniform to Uniform Exchange our local recycling charity. They make sure every family has access to school uniform throughout the year no matter their financial need. There are over 50 donation points across Kirklees if you go to their website, you can see the locations in your postcode area. Our school does have a collection box for you to donate into. Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/donation-points/>

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have 1000's of items of recycled school uniform donated from all over Kirklees. This is available for all parents to access for their local school, please complete the form on this link and we will get it out to you ASAP. We give away uniform on a first come first served basis, be aware logo items are limited. We had 100 requests last week so don't leave it too late.

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PLEASE HELP UNIFORM EXCHANGE BY DONATING YOUR OLD SCHOOL ITEMS

- School Uniform
- School & PE Bags
- Shoes & Trainers

Collection box is in school reception

