

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Parent Newsletter 12th February 2016

Dear Parent/Carers,

Another busy half term has passed and we are so proud that our children have been working extremely hard and have been well behaved. We hope you enjoy the well earned half term break and hope to see you full of energy after the holidays.

Parent Pay



The school is going cashless on Monday 21st March 2016. All parents should now have been provided with login details and passwords. Please ensure you activate your accounts or request a Pay Point card. If you are having problems activating your accounts, the office staff will be happy to help upon request.

Lunch Boxes

The school is requesting parents to NOT bring in warm/hot lunches into school for their child.

Sports Tournaments

Recently, many children from Key Stage 1 and 2 have taken part in sports tournaments out of school. These opportunities have allowed the children a chance to display their wonderful sporting talents and they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They acted as ambassadors for the school and represented us well, making themselves, their teacher's and the school proud! Well done to all those who have taken part and thank you to all the parents for their ongoing support.



Rainbow Maths

Rainbow Maths is up and running in KS2 with the children progressing well through the colours. You can help your child by finding out what colour they are on and then helping them practice at home. See the school website for details of the objectives in each colour or ask your child's class teacher.

Year 6 SATS

Please find below the proposed dates and details for Key Stage 2 SATs tests this May 2016.

The tests must be taken on the scheduled day.

Monday 9 May	English reading test: reading booklet and associated answer booklet.
Tuesday 10 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test: Paper 1 short answer questions. English grammar, punctuation and spelling test: Paper 2 spelling.
Wednesday 11 May	Mathematics: Paper 1 arithmetic test. Mathematics: Paper 2 reasoning.
Thursday 12 May	Mathematics: Paper 3 reasoning.

These dates may be subject to change.

Mosaic Programme

Our primary school mentoring programme provides a unique programme that aims to raise aspirations of young girls and to help them empower their mothers so they are better able to support their daughters to fulfil their potential.

The programme seeks to give young girls the skills to connect education to work, through female role models, so the girls can aspire to careers in different sectors.

Mothers participate in lessons to raise their awareness for the importance of education and how to support their daughters through school and beyond.



The programme itself is ten weeks long, within the sessions girls cover themes such as confidence, communication and role models. Mothers look at themes such as citizenship and understanding the British education system. Included in the programme is a visit to university to provide exposure to further education.

Reading Challenge KS2

Well done to our super readers who read the most books in their classes and were treated to a trip to Waterstones Bookshop.

3A	Matan Hejjaji	5A	Hibba Zahid/Zara Hussain
3B	Aamina Khan	5B	Emaan Malik
3C	Mahnoor Khalid	5C	Malika Imran
4A	Maryam Miah	6A	Muniba Shazadie
4B	Binyameen Kazi	6B	Wania Akhtar
4C	Layth Fadhel	6C	Vanessa Reid



Healthy Eating



As part of our Healthy Eating scheme and to help us understand the importance of healthy eating, our Y2 children visited our school kitchen. The staff and children of Year 2 would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful cook and kitchen staff who talked to us and allowed us to visit their kitchen.

Read For My School

In Years 3-6?
Want to win some great prizes?

READ FOR MY SCHOOL

Read for My School the national schools reading competition runs from 18 January - 15 April

Read on your iPad, Kindle Fire, computer or in print.

There's over 100 books from adventure to humour. Why not try something new?

Ask your teacher or librarian about Read for My School today!

www.readformyschool.co.uk

PEARSON Schools BookTrust

Please can you support your children in accessing and using the free 'Read for My School' website to improve their reading. The purpose of this website is to encourage children to read for pleasure and create excitement around some amazing books.

In school, class teachers have created an account for each child to use with a code, username and password so they can access books at home. The website is simple to use and has over 219,601 books for your child to read on a tablet, computer or android phone. In addition to this there are lots of prizes children could win for our school along with enjoying reading. The website has further information and is easy to navigate with step by step guidance. Please motivate your child to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. The Book Trust website is

<http://www.readformyschool.co.uk/classroom>

Dr Hasnie Patronage



Dr Hasnie was a governor at our school for 43 years and as a result he was awarded a Life Patronage for the school. This is a massive honour and means Dr Hasnie will be the school's Ambassador in the community, presenting a positive image and promoting the school's interests. To celebrate, the school held a special patronage event which was attended by community leaders, Councillors, The Mayor of Huddersfield, Barry Sheerman and members of staff. We wish Dr Hasnie all the best and have full confidence he will carry out this role more than effectively.

Special Assembly 12th February 2016

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

1A	Fatima Akeel	2A	Mohammed Mussa	3A	Amna Zahoor
1B	Zakariya Ameen	2B	Sadeem Noor	3B	Eshaal Kaysher
1C	Mohammed Khan	2C	Yahya Sajid	3C	Mohammed Hasaan
4A	Daniyal Hussain	5A	Junaid Ali	6A	Muhammad Bismillah
4B	Nusiba Shebani	5B	Codrin Filip	6B	Zaina Rashid
4C	Kashaf-Ur-Rehman	5C	Ali Al-Nedawe	6C	Uzair Khalid



Attendance

Attendance is looking good for the start to Spring Term averaging out at 95%.

You will have recently received a letter regarding leave of absence and holidays during term time, our message is still the same, no holidays will be authorised during term time, so please think carefully and please speak to the school before booking any tickets. If your child is absent from school for 5 days or more you will be fined by Kirklees Council.

The Local Authority have changed the way they monitor persistently absent children, the percentage has increased from 85% to 90% this means that your child only has to have 7 days absence from the start of September to Christmas for your child's attendance to be 90% which would then make your child fall into the category of P.A. A P.A. child is picked up by the Attendance and Pupil Support Service in Kirklees who check the reasons why your child is persistently absent from school. If the service does not think your reasons are valid, you could possibly be prosecuted (under Section 444 of the Education Act) for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance at school. With this in mind if all our children can maintain a percentage over 95% you along with your child will see the long term benefits.

Awards were given to:-

Shawnel Kudya – Class 1C, won the KS1 golden ticket draw and received a £30 gift voucher

Rohaam Ahmed – Class 5A, won the KS2 golden ticket draw and received an android tablet

Class 2B and Class 5C won the best class attendance for the second half of Autumn Term, the whole class received a bun and a juice treat. Keep collecting the golden tickets for the next draw that will take place in the summer term.

Week commencing 29th February is World Book Week and we will be celebrating this on Friday 4th March 2016. More details to follow.

NSPCC Year 5 and 6 Workshops

In March, the NSPCC School Service will be visiting school to work with Year 5 and 6 pupils. They will encourage children to: identify with their right to be happy and safe; and to share their worries, big or small, with trusted adults, whether at home, school or by contacting Child Line (a service provided by NSPCC – call 08000 111111).

Collection Policy

Can we remind parents that you MUST let the school know if your child is being collected by a different person to normal. Try to let the class teacher know in the morning or call the school office as soon as you know there will be a different arrangement in place. The person collecting must be someone already known to the class teacher and included on the permission slip you filled in earlier in the year.

'Best of British' School Dinners



Children enjoyed a great British tradition for school dinners on Thursday 21st January 2016. This involved a special menu featuring fish and chips followed by chocolate cake and custard! Union flags and decorated table cloths added to the sense of the occasion. A big thank you to the kitchen staff for frying up so many fillets of fish for this special event. This is one of a number of themed school dinners which occur throughout the year.



Roman Mosaic Workshop

The Year 4 team would like to thank all parents/carers who attended the workshop on 21st January. It was a great success and was enjoyed by all. The mosaics created are fantastic and will be going on display in school. Workshops like these encourage parents to get more involved with their child's learning and we would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support.



Traction Man Workshop

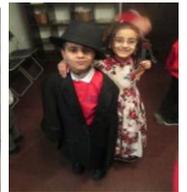


A big thank you, to all parents who have supported their children by attending the workshops in Year 1 and 2. The children and staff have been thrilled to have you working alongside them, making some really creative models.

Kirkstall House Museum



Year 1 really enjoyed their visit to Kirkstall House Museum in Leeds. They explored old and new items and toys alongside the staff and parents. They looked carefully to find the items on their pictures.



St Johns Ambulance will be providing some 'Life-saving/First Aid' sessions for parents during this next half term. Look out for our posters giving you the details.

**School closes on Friday 12th February 2016 at 3.15pm
School re-opens on Monday 22nd February 2016 at 8.45am**