



Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter – Issue 45 October 2023



Happy Halloween



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this first half term, I have lots of updates to share with you.

Despite having a brand-new build from 2017, we have always been keen to continue investing in our school to make it even better. You may recall the previous works which included areas such as the amazing Woodland Area which our EYFS children enjoy on a weekly basis. The updates within the Fruit Garden, and in particular the exciting Dome which houses a fig tree as well as many other plants. We also invested in having two libraries so that every child can spend quality time in the library and choose their own book to take home. The Holodeck (virtual learning experience) has been a fabulous

addition, especially for our children with special needs. We also installed canopies which provide much needed outside space for our younger children.

Finally, we have been able to develop our LKS2 playground and transform it into an amazing Adventure Playground, where children will be able to safely play on the pirate shipwrecks, challenge themselves on the trim trail, and run on the racing track, as well as enjoy all the other wonderful features. Thank you for all your patience during the development works – it will definitely be worth it.

our aim and vision through all this development work throughout school is to provide the very best resources for our children so that they can enjoy their time at school and develop as all round amazing individuals.

As always, our school community proves to be extremely generous when helping people in severe plights. Last year we supported the Turkey Earthquake Appeal and more recently the Libyan Flooding. The Huddersfield Libyan Community Group provided lunch for our staff and sold items to parents at the end of the day and raised an amazing £892.50. This was followed by a non-uniform day – I am so very pleased to say we raised an incredible £1228! Truly amazing – this money has been sent to UNICEF for the Libyan Flood Appeal.

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening – it's important that we work together so that our children can make a lot of progress and leave our school with amazing achievements.

I hope everyone has an amazing half term holiday and looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th November.

Yours faithfully
Mrs N Nazir



Year 6 Residential 2023

Children in Year 6 had a fantastic time on our residential trip. They spent two nights away and joined in with many adventurous activities; 4G swing, zipline, and archery to name a few! There were many children who were excited and nervous to try these activities. It was amazing to see them overcome their fears. The boys even pranked Mr Lamph (at 2 am) but he got revenge on Nightline, where the children were blindfolded and had to walk through the forest in dirt and muddy puddles!



Nursery Memorable Experience



Thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting your child while they settled into Nursery. This half term the children have enjoyed exploring the Nursery provision and learning the routines. They have also enjoyed learning about themselves, looking at family photos and learning about who lives in their house.

Year 1 Memorable Experience



Year 1 brought in their favourite toys as part of their memorable experience. We discussed why they were the children's favourite toys and what special meaning they had to them. This is related to the book we read in English called 'Toys in Space'. We have also enjoyed exploring and learning about space through our role play area in the classroom! We had our very own astronauts!



Year 2 Memorable Experience



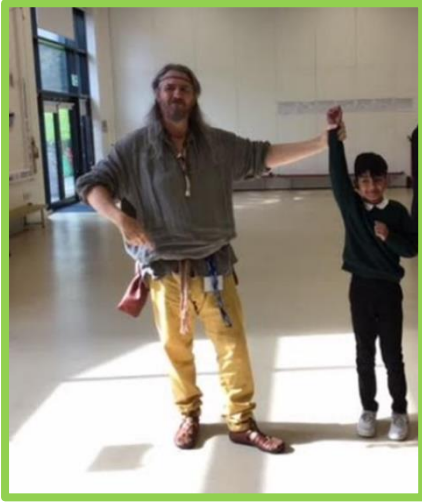
The children enjoyed a full day of pirate activities. They made pirate hats and eye patches to create the look.



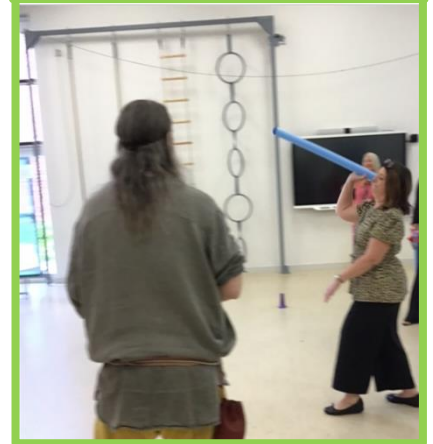
They designed and painted their version of a pirate with lollipop sticks, handprints and paper plates. All the children were fully immersed in their day as a pirate.

Year 3 Memorable Experience

This half term for Year 3's memorable experience we learnt all about the Stone Age. To help make our experience memorable we had a very special visitor in school. He was called Clud and he helped us learn all about the Stone Age. He taught us lots of historical facts about the Stone age and showed us some amazing artefacts from that time. We were all amazed!



We took part in some games that were played in the Stone age, and even our teachers took part! It definitely was a memorable experience!



Year 4 Memorable Experience

For Year 4's Romans memorable experience, the children pretended they were Roman soldiers. They marched to Greenhead Park with their supplies (rucksack with water and snack). Upon reaching the destination, the children took part in 3 activities. The first activity was to finalise their Roman dance routines which they have been working on with a PE specialist. Thereafter, the children did some circuit training to strengthen themselves, as soldiers would have done in the Roman army.



The final activity was linked with a design technology module (which will be completed later in the year), where children will be creating a pavilion. In preparation for this, the children took the opportunity to look at an actual pavilion and analysed it by walking in and around the structure.

Year 5 Memorable Experience



Year 5 had a visit to Huddersfield fire station for a Safety Rangers Day and all had a fantastic time. They learnt about road and fire safety, healthy eating, anti-social behaviour and who they could ask for help in the community.



Y5 also enjoyed their trip to Bagshaw Museum. They handled real ancient Egyptian artifacts; recreated the mummification process; toured the Kingdom of Osiris, and engaged in Egyptian role play and crafts. They were amazed to see real mummies!



Administrative Notes

- ❖ We will be starting our Tots playgroup again for any child under the age of 5. The first session will be Tuesday 7th November from 9.15am to 11am. The sessions are free, and a great way to support your child and meet other parents in the community.

The sessions will run **every** Tuesday from 9.15am to 11am. Please note if you want your child to start at our nursery in January you must have attended 5 Tots session before this. We look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

- ❖ The School Photography Company is coming into school on Tuesday 14th November to take individual and group photos. Further details for parents will be sent out nearer the time.
- ❖ Can parents please note that ALL medication that children have in school should be signed in through the school office and the appropriate form completed. Children should not be bringing medication in their bags without their teacher's knowledge; this includes inhalers. All medications will be kept in a locked cupboard in the classroom until needed by the child. This is to prevent any possible misuse of medications, or medicines being taken by children for whom they are not intended.

Term Dates

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

Autumn Half Term 1 2023

- Monday 4 September – (INSET Day)
- Tuesday 5 September – (INSET Day)
- **Wednesday 6 September – Children return to school**
- Thursday 26 October – School closes for October half term
- Friday 27 October – (INSET Day)

Autumn Half Term 2 2023

- **Monday 6 November – Children return to school**
- Friday 22 December – School closes for Christmas holidays

Spring Half Term 1 2024

- **Monday 8 January – Children return to school**
- Friday 9 February – School closes for February half term

Spring Half Term 2 2024

- **Monday 19 February – Children return to school**
- Friday 22 March – School closes for Easter holidays

Summer Half Term 1 2024

- **Monday 8 April – Children return to school**
- **Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday**
- Friday 24 May – School closes for May half term holidays

Summer Half Term 2 2024

- **Monday 3 June – Children return to school**
- **Monday 17 June – (INSET Day)**
- Friday 19 July – School closes for the Summer holidays
- **Monday 22 July – (INSET Day)**

