



Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter – Issue 42 February 2024



9th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the half term holidays.

Thinking ahead to the next half term, we have our next Parent-Teacher Consultation Evenings in the second week of the half term. You can book your time slot via School Ping, for either Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th February. Teachers will share with you how your child is doing in school and any next steps needed to ensure they meet their end of year targets. For Year 6 children, we will be sharing how they did in their recent tests, and what we expect them to achieve in the actual tests in May.



We also have the start of Ramadan next half term, and whilst these will be much shorter than the summer ones from the past few years, we know how tired children become especially by the end of the school day. Once again, we will be asking parents to talk to their children about fasting during the weekends and the two weeks of the Easter holidays. We will be sending out a letter in due course regarding this.

Thank you to all our families for raising a brilliant £486 for The Huddersfield Town Foundation to support the free Breakfast Clubs for schools all across Huddersfield.

I hope everyone has a great half term and looking forward to seeing everyone safe and sound on Monday 19th February.

Yours faithfully
Mrs N Nazir
Head Teacher

'Wear Blue' Day

We supported the Huddersfield Town Foundation with their [#wearblueandwhiteday](#) by paying £1 to come to school wearing something blue and/or white.



Huddersfield Town Football Club also donated a football signed by the players for a much sought after raffle prize. The raffle was drawn during our special assembly on Friday afternoon and the football was won by a very excited Year 2 child.

Apart from our own Breakfast Club, the Huddersfield Town Foundation charity supports many other community projects throughout Kirklees.



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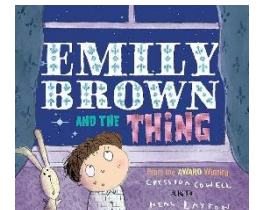


Early Years Memorable Experience

As part of our learning this half term about day and night, the children in Early Years had an absolutely fantastic memorable experience! They had an amazing visit from some owls. They met four different breeds of owl, including one that lives underground! They learnt lots of interesting information and even got the chance to hold one of the owls! It was brilliant watching them swoop around the hall.



The next week we discovered a fallen star in our classroom and had to put on our thinking caps to work out how to catch it. Once we had discovered the best way to catch a star, we needed to put on our adventuring outfits and help Emily Brown and Stanley, to stop 'The Thing' from waking them up at night. We tested out a special bedtime milkshake and made our own see in the dark glasses! The children are all certified explorers now!



Year 1 Memorable Experience

Year 1 had an amazing day meeting two dinosaurs! We met a baby triceratops called Trixy and a T-Rex called Rex. We found out all about what they eat and where they live. We were lucky enough to stroke them too! They were much friendlier than we expected and we loved meeting them.



Year 2 Memorable Experience



Year 2 had the most amazing messy morning exploring different colours, paints, textures and materials.

We created our own coloured bubbling potions, slippery slime and painted our hands and feet to make different tracks and marks. Most children enjoyed making their own drinkable potion of lemonade! However, for some it was far too sour. One child even said, "That's the worst thing I have ever had, I would rather have Georges' Medicine from the story."

Once we managed to clear up all the marvellous mess we had made, the children wrote an account of all the fun and exciting activities we had done using interesting adjectives and nouns.



Year 3 Memorable Experience



In Year 3 we started the half term with our very own chocolate factory day. We used our book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and became Mr Wonka for the day. We tasted, tested and created our own chocolates.



It was a delicious day of fun!

Year 4 Memorable Experience



This half term, the children have been learning about our planet's oceans. The children have learned how the oceans are being affected by plastic pollution, oil mining, oil spillages and even global warming.



In addition to this, the children took part in an online assembly and workshop which was hosted by Stephen from the Marine Conservation Society.

Stephen educated the children on the factors which affect the ocean. This was followed by an activity which enabled children to comprehend how a piece of litter could end up in the ocean.



Finally, there was a sorting activity where children held up several items, and the rest of the class ordered them into the shortest to the longest amount of time to decompose.



Year 5 Memorable Experience

Year 5 enjoyed walking around the local area and looking at historical pictures and noticing the changes to their environment, as well as areas that seem exactly the same!



We also had a great time exploring technology from the last 50 years and trying to figure out what the items were used for.

They made the teachers feel very old!



NSPCC Rocks

On Friday 2nd February, Year 1 to Year 6 took part in the NSPCC Rocks National Competition.



Congratulations to 4B who were the class with the highest average student score of 588, followed by 5B with 468 and closely followed by 3A with 462.

Year 4 are working particularly hard at their Times Tables – as proved by 4B – ready for their Official Multiplication Table Check in June.

Bikeability

Every year, groups of our children take part in Bikeability which is a two day course in bike riding skills. The instructors from “Ask for the Moon” deliver training in road sense and safety, junctions, turning left and right etc. The children first of all develop their skills riding bikes in our playground; then once the instructors are happy they are competent they take them out onto the roads. The life skills and confidence boosting sessions are really enjoyed by the children.



Diary Dates

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

TERM DATES 2023 - 2024

Friday 9th February	School closes for February half term.
Monday 19th February	Children return to school.
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter holidays.
Monday 8th April	Children return to school for the Summer term.
Monday 6th May	School closed May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	School closes for May half term holiday.
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school.
Monday 17th June	Staff INSET Day, School closed.
Friday 19th July	School closes for the Summer holidays.
Monday 22nd July	Staff INSET Day, School closed.