

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Parent Newsletter – Issue 48

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of the Spring term, I have a few updates to share with you.

The first exciting update is the continued development of our school site. Earlier in the year, we installed the amazing Adventure Playground; children were so excited and pleased with this facility. We always seek feedback and asked the children what would make this playground even better. All the children wanted us to do something about the grassed area. As you know, we have an extensive grassed area in this playground and during the wetter months (which unfortunately with our weather is almost every month) this area becomes unusable. It is muddy and soggy, and children are told they cannot play on it, as their shoes and clothes become very dirty. However, I was keen that the children's voice should be heard and tried to find a solution. Fortunately, Governors agreed that we could install artificial grass. The company are currently working on the site, digging up the old grass, ensuring there is good drainage and then resurfacing with artificial grass. After the holidays when the works should be completed, our children will be able to enjoy every part of this playground!



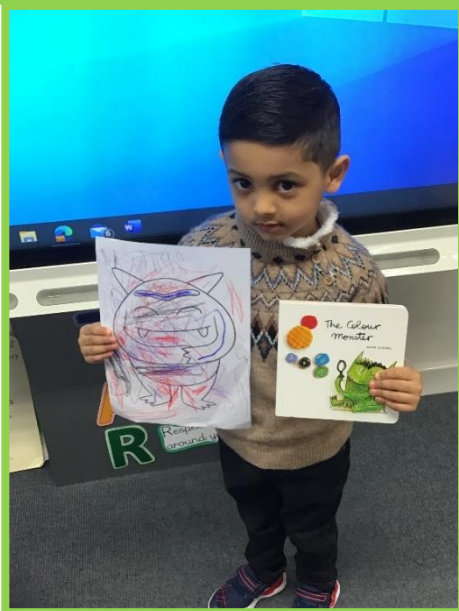
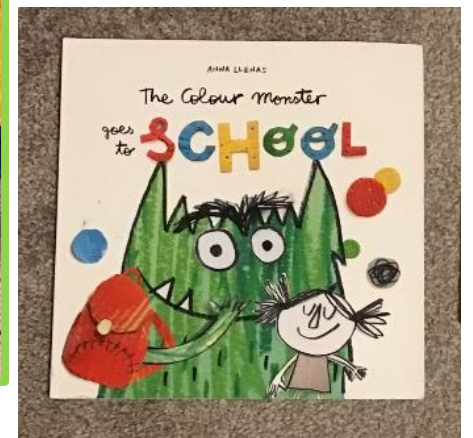
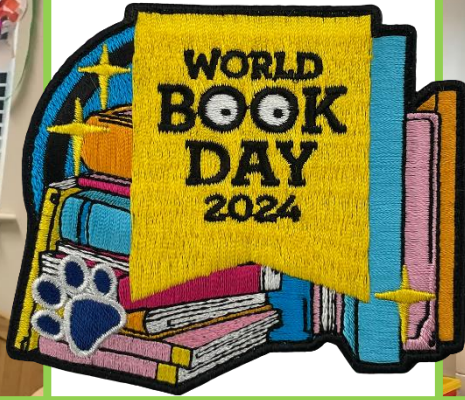
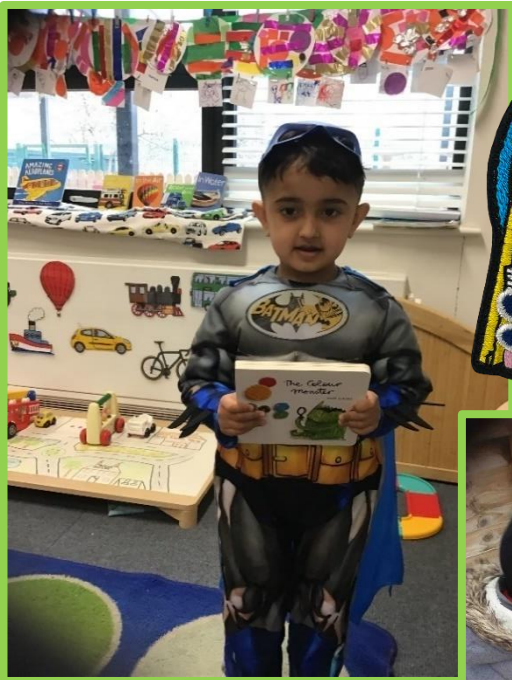
My next news is that we are working with Class Dynamix in creating our next School Song! The song has been written with the help of some talented Years 5 and 6 children, and the choir have started practicing. This song is amazing, and it is all about raising aspirations for our children's future – the title of the song is 'Artist of Your Life.' Once we have created our school video to go with the song, we will be sharing it with our families; I know you will be so impressed. If you do want your child to be part of the new video but you have not provided permission, please look out for communication from the school office after the holidays. Please do also watch our first school song which can be seen on our school website. www.mountpleasantschool.co.uk

When we return after the holidays, many of our families and staff will be celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr to celebrate the end of Ramadan. As always, one day absence will be authorised for anyone celebrating Eid. We will also be having a non-uniform day on Friday 12th April as well as Eid parties. As usual we will be asking our amazing families for food donations, if possible, for this day. The school kitchen will also be providing a special Eid lunch.

I hope everyone has an amazing Easter holiday, and for everyone celebrating Easter, Vaisakhi and Eid, that you have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs N Nazir (Headteacher)





Nursery children made their own colour monsters. We dressed up in bright colours and went on an exciting colour hunt into the forest area.



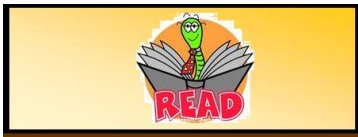
In Year 1 we made superhero masks and designed and made our own *Supertato* character. Then we used our characters to create superhero adventures.

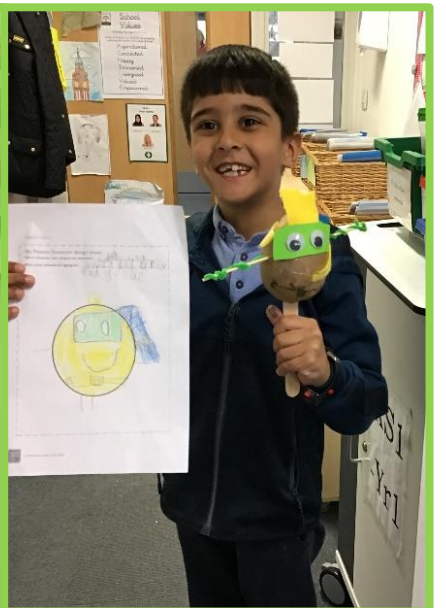
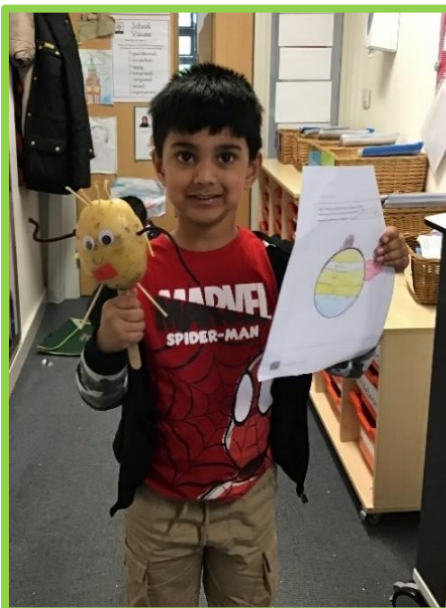
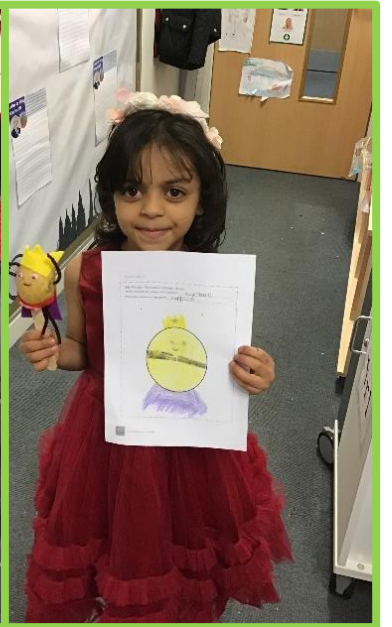
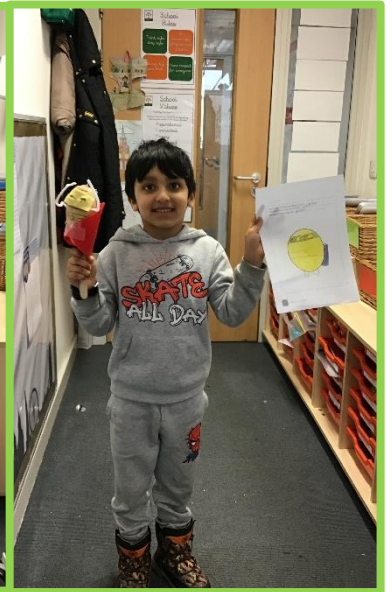
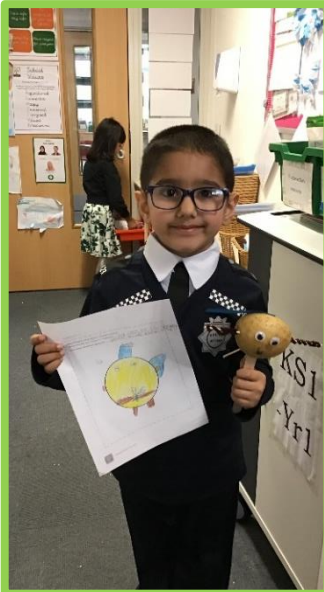




The children had an opportunity to take part in an interactive magic show run by the Story Magic Theatre Company. Stories, books and characters were brought to life using magical effects, puppets and audience participation. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and adults.

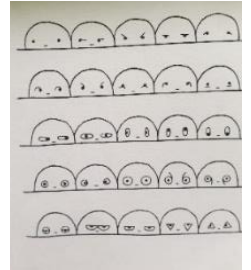
The motto was: "Read to Achieve"



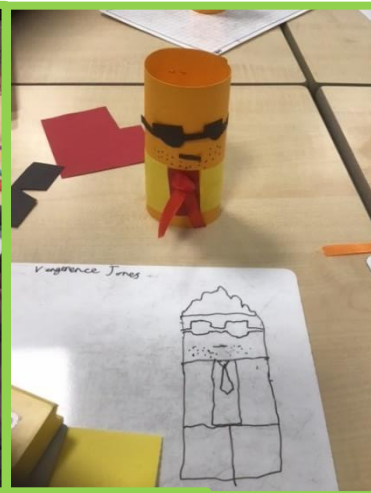




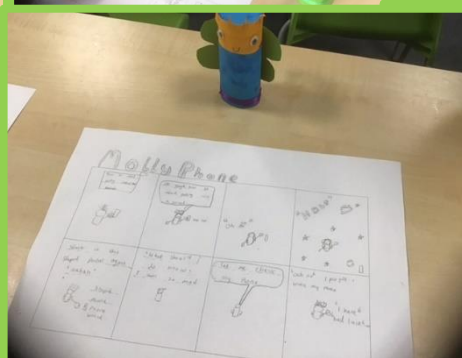
Year 3 designed and made characters from story books. You can probably recognise some of the characters below. They made comic strips about their characters, using the expressions suggested in the photo below. Then they sat and read books, drinking hot chocolate.



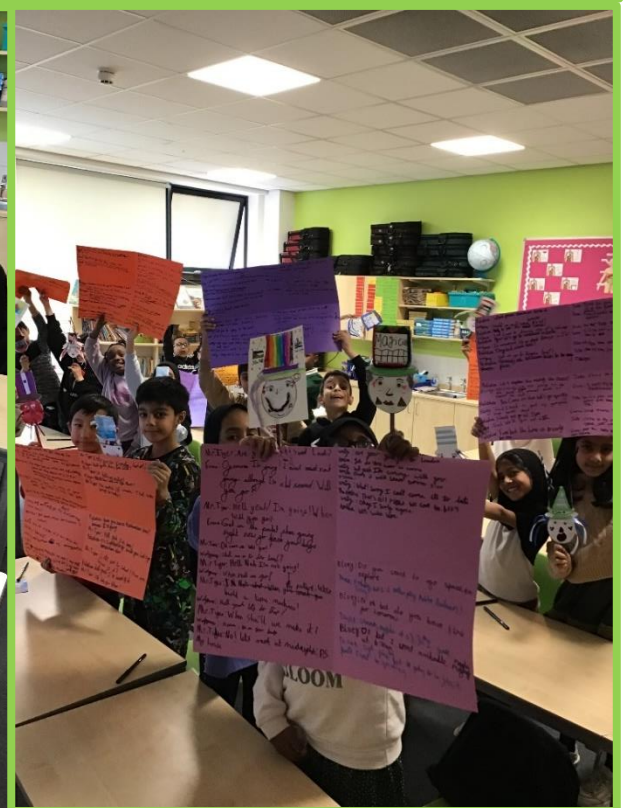
Lots of roaring tigers appeared in Reception and they all went on a parade around school with their bubble machine, banging drums & music, and generally having fun making lots of noise! Needless to say they have been reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'.



4A enjoyed a crafting day, designing and making their own character. They created their own comic strips about their character.



In 4B the children created their own potato characters, which they then used to create their own scripts. They worked with different members of the class to create four different scripts.





Year 5 chose a book character to make, then the children hot-seated and thought about

what questions to ask each of the characters. The person who made each character had to answer the questions!

British Science Week

The British Science Week event at MPPS was a resounding success! This year's theme, 'Time,' provided a captivating backdrop for a multitude of engaging activities and learning opportunities. From hands-on experiments to thought-provoking discussions, the event ignited curiosity and enthusiasm amongst the children. Through interactive presentations and educational workshops, children gained invaluable insights into the concept of time and its significance across various scientific disciplines. The event not only

celebrated the wonders of science but also fostered a deeper appreciation for learning and exploration. Overall, the British Science Week festivities at MPPS were a triumph, leaving participants enriched and inspired by the boundless possibilities of scientific inquiry.



Match Day



Huddersfield Town vs West Bromwich Albion

On Sunday we had an amazing day watching the match! It was rainy, but the football blew us away! Then at half time Andy Booth (HTAFC Royalty!) led us onto the pitch to show off our amazing banner that showcases our message and the connection we have with Huddersfield Town.

It was Mother's Day and International Women's Day, so our message was that girls/women can do anything, but more specifically, they **can** play football!

Hafsa Hussain 6B was interviewed, and she amazed us all with her speech:

*"The banner was fun to make, we used our school value, 'connected', because we feel really connected to HTAFC due to the work they do with us. We used 3 stars to show that you can achieve anything, and girls can play football too! We also came up with the motto **One Community, One Goal!**"*



Biggest Football Day Ever

On Friday 8th March, 50 girls came together to celebrate #LetGirlsPlay. This is a day when girls all over the world come together to celebrate equality in the sport!

It was amazing!



Year 1 Memorable Experience

Year 1 loved their memorable experience of London! We went to the holodeck room for an immersive experience of London. We saw all the famous landmarks and took photos with them - it felt like we were really there! Afterwards we had afternoon tea and pretended we were having lunch with the King! The children loved it.





Nursery Memorable Experience



This half term, the children have learnt about transport and journeys. The children enjoyed exploring the school minibus, pretending to drive the bus, turning on the radio and singing transport songs. They also learnt how to keep themselves safe in a vehicle.



We have also learnt about chicks. The children cared for the chicks; they fed them and gave them water.



They also enjoyed stroking and holding the chicks carefully, following the chick rules!

Reception Memorable Experience

Reception children had a wonderful time at Whistle Stop Valley. They learnt all about how steam trains work and took a picturesque steam train ride through the West Yorkshire countryside. They also enjoyed a ride on a little train around the duck pond and had a fantastic time in the park. It was the first trip that most of the children had ever made without their parents but they all enjoyed themselves and their new found independence.



Year 2 Memorable Experience

Year 2 had a fabulous, memorable experience! We walked around our local area to see what physical and human features we could find. The children enjoyed looking at the local church, the parks, and the beautiful blossom trees. We also looked at the caravans and discussed which one Ossiri could live in!

On the way back the children found graffiti on the walls; they then discussed whether that was the best way to look after our beautiful world!



Year 3 Memorable Experience



Year 3 had a visit from Reverend Lovell. He shared the story of Easter with us and shared some artefacts to represent different parts of the story. We looked at a palm cross, 'wine' and bread, a cross and a large rock. We talked about what Easter means to Christians and how they celebrate.



Year 4 Memorable Experience



This half term, the children have learned the importance of teeth, as well as the different role of each type of tooth. As part of this half term's memorable experience, the children were given a plaque disclosing tablet along with a brand-new toothbrush.



The plaque disclosing tablet released a dye which helped the children identify parts of their teeth which needed particular attention whilst brushing. This was a valuable experience for the children and highlighted the importance of looking after their teeth!

We were visited by nurses from the University of Huddersfield, who carried out various workshops around teeth and oral hygiene, and the children learned the proper techniques for brushing teeth. They also carried out a sorting activity where they had to organise foods into two groups; foods which are good or foods which are bad for teeth. The nurses also shared interesting videos and facts – for example – *did you know that a snail has 14,000 teeth!*



Year 5 Memorable Experience

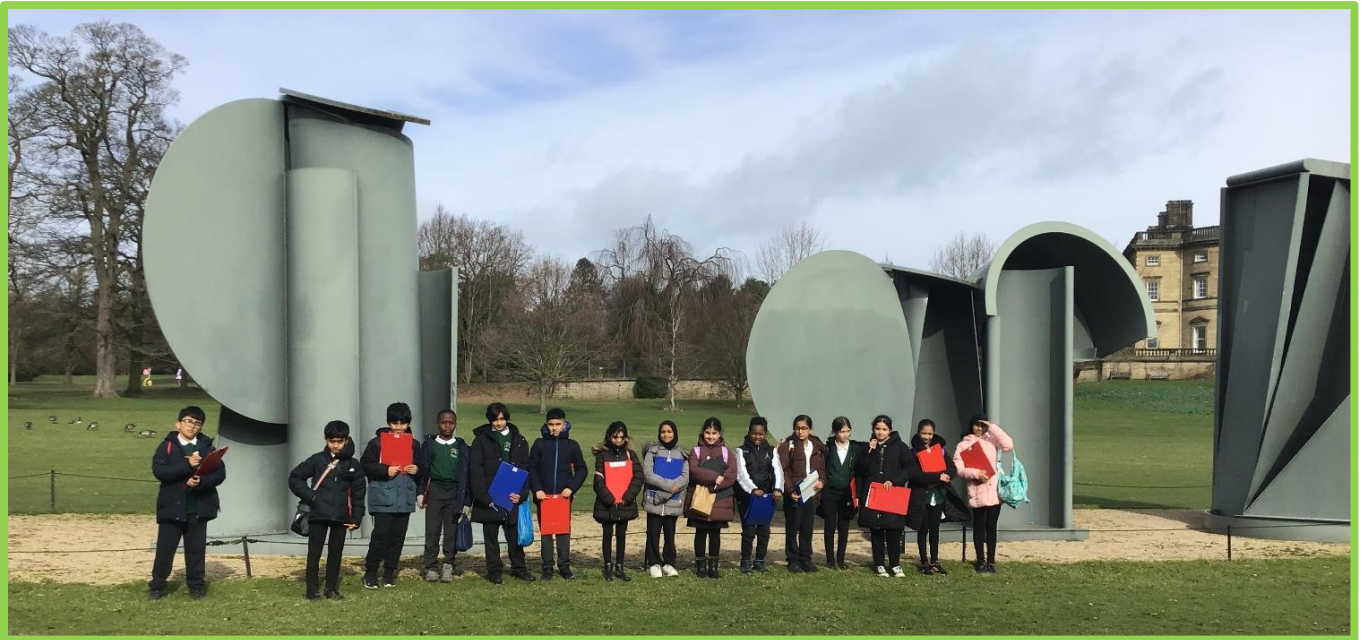


During this half term, Year 5 visited Yorkshire Sculpture Park. They had an insightful day observing, sketching, analysing and interacting with different sculptures by famous artists.

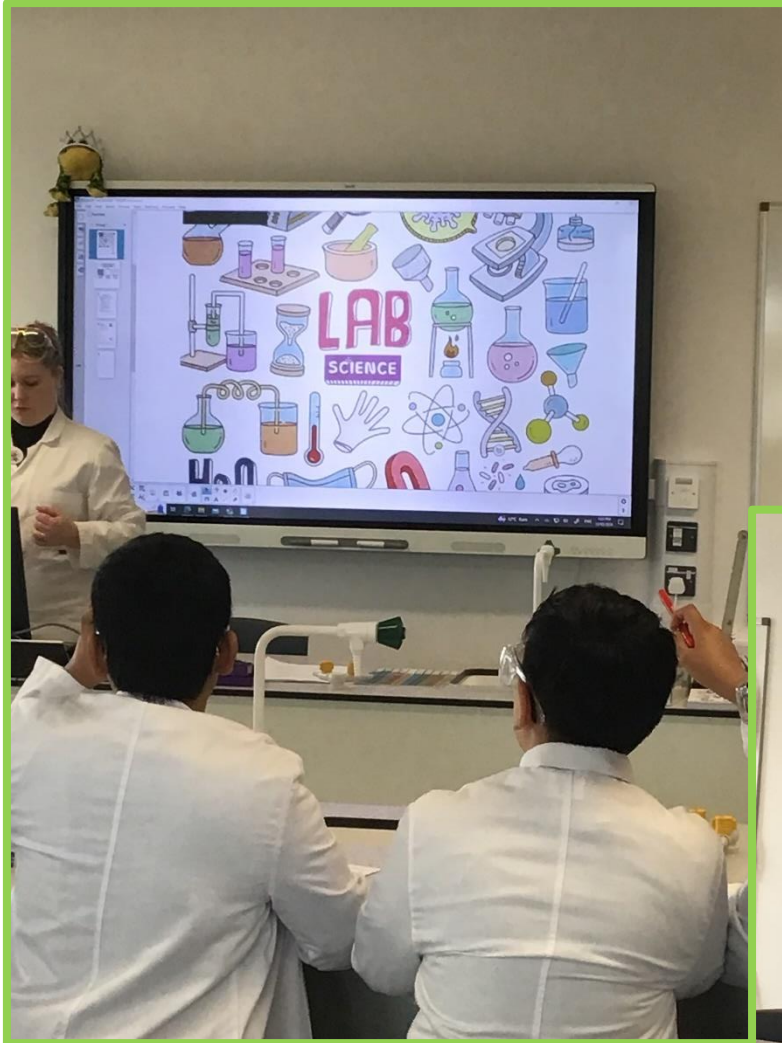
The artists included Damien Hirst, Henry Moore and many more!

They were also privileged to explore the work of Erwin Wurm - Trap of the Truth. After visiting this exhibition, the children dressed up and had a go at creating their own sculptures in the style of Erwin Wurm.



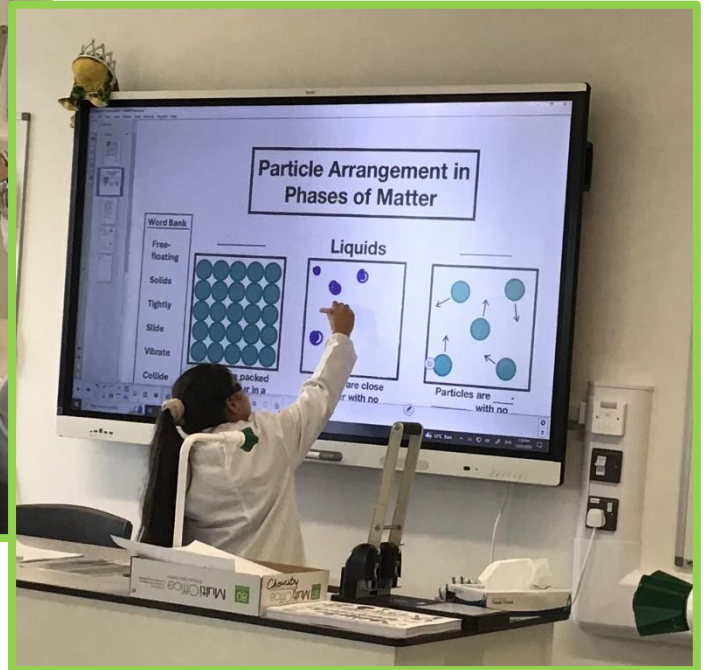


Year 6 Memorable Experience

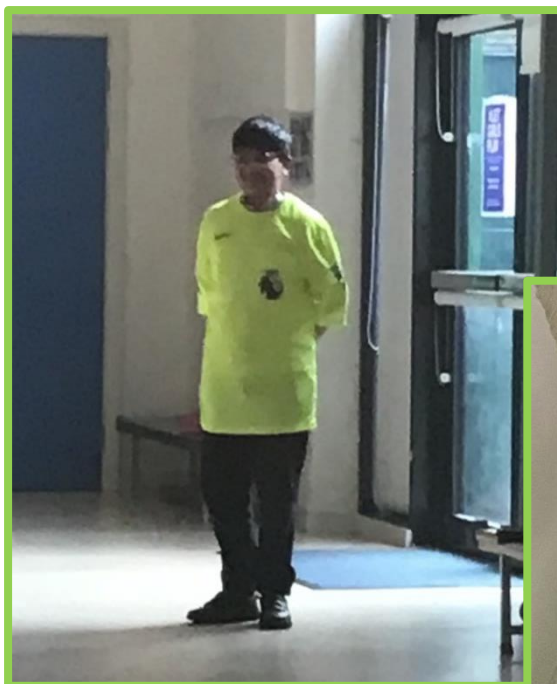


Children from Year 6 were invited to take part in the fantastic Science Lab at Greenhead College!

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; learnt what fireworks are made of and why they give off such colourful flames; made mini volcanos creating wonderful chemical reactions and handled a bamboozling non-Newtonian fluid substance!

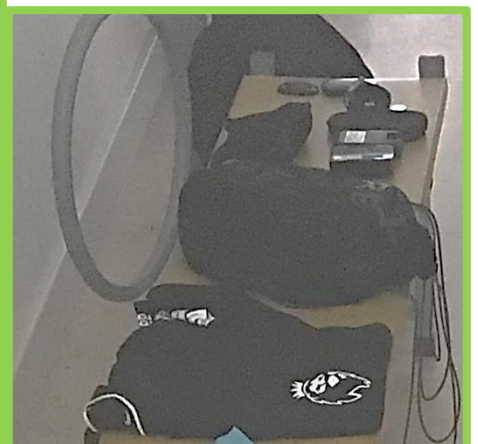


Year 6 impressed the teachers at Greenhead College for a number of reasons, with their curiosity, knowledge and behaviour. Many of them said they would love to study Science at a higher level.



Our football mad children had a once in a lifetime visit from a Premier League referee, who shared his work experiences. We were all surprised at the different types of equipment that are used during a match.

The children were able to look at, hold and wear different parts of the kit. It was an amazing experience for all!



Attendance

Guidance for Parents/Carers

What you need to do:

- Telephone the school before 8.30 am when your child is absent. You can always leave a message on the dedicated absence line.
- Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters/show text messages on your phone.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival. We will always phone you if we think your child needs to go home.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance talk to us as a first step so we can help.

What we will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Notes from the Office

- ❖ Please can parents put their child's name into their uniform and coats. Every term we have lots and lots of lost property that we cannot return as there are no names in the items. It must be very costly to keep replacing lost items when simply putting a name in clothes will make it possible to get them back.
- ❖ If you pay for your child's school meals, please can you ensure that there is at least £12.75 in your child's parentpay meal account at the very beginning of every week.
- ❖ Please see the letter sent alongside this newsletter, from the Huddersfield Town Foundation, thanking us for our donation.

Lockwood Tots Playgroup

Come along and have some fun at the Lockwood Tots Playgroup for 0 – 5 year olds. It's free, and we meet every Tuesday morning 9.15 am -11.00 am. Entrance is through the main school office.



The children and parents having a lovely time playing in toddler group.



Easter Egg Raffle



The Huddersfield Lions Club very generously donated a hamper of Easter eggs for us to raffle off to raise funds for the school. The School Council have been selling tickets in school and we have raised £341 for our School Fund. Thank you to all parents for your support. The winning ticket drawn out during assembly belongs to a very happy Laicey Hargreaves 3C.



Second and Third prizes were won by Asra Hazrati 4A and Zain Hussain 4B.

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

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



See overleaf for 2024 – 2025 term dates.

Mount Pleasant Term Time and Holidays 2024 - 2025

Autumn Half Term 1

- **Monday 2 September – (INSET Day)**
- **Tuesday 3 September – Children return to school**
- Thursday 24 October - School closes for October half term
 - **Friday 25 October – (INSET Day)**

Autumn Half Term 2

- **Monday 4 November – Children return to school**
- Friday 20 December – School closes for Christmas holidays

Spring Half Term 1

- **Monday 6 January – Children return to school**
- Friday 14 February – School closes for February half term

Spring Half Term 2

- **Monday 24 February – Children return to school**
 - **Monday 31 March – (INSET Day)**
- Friday 4 April – School closes for Easter holidays

Summer Half Term 1

- **Tuesday 22 April – Children return to school**
 - **Monday 5 May – Bank Holiday**
- Friday 23 May – School closes for May half term holidays

Summer Half Term 2

- **Monday 2 June – Children return to school**
- Friday 18 July – School closes for the Summer holidays
 - **Monday 21 July – (INSET Day)**
 - **Tuesday 22 July – (INSET Day)**