



Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter – Issue 50 July, 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we finish another successful year at Mount Pleasant, I have so many exciting items to share with you. Firstly, I am excited and very pleased to tell you that we have achieved some of our best ever Year 6 SATs results, surpassing national averages.

These results are something the whole Mount Pleasant community should be very, very proud of. This year, we have achieved well above the national average for Reading, Writing, Maths, as well as the combined measure for all three subjects.



Subject	School Results	National Results
Reading	82%	74%
Maths	87%	73%
Writing	73%	72%
Combined (children who passed in all three subjects)	65%	61%

To provide further context, when our children first start Nursery, only 4% meet the national expectations. The results above clearly indicate the HUGE amount of progress our children make at Mount Pleasant Primary School. As such we are extremely proud of the achievements that the school has made, and we look forward to continuing achieving brilliant results every year.

As well as the KS2 SATs results, Year 1 have smashed the phonics screening with **94%** passing the test! This is truly wonderful, and we know we will be much, much higher than the national averages. Phonics is so important in ensuring solid foundations for great readers – well done to everyone.



In addition to these amazing results, I hope you have seen our new school song and video, **'Aspirations: Be The Artist of Your Life.'** We wanted to showcase our school motto of Think Big, Aim High and Achieve, and how important it is to raise aspirations for all our children. The song and video shares key messages that if you work hard and believe in yourself, anything is possible. I am so very, very proud of the whole school team in creating the most amazing video and sharing such important messages. Please do share our video with all your family and friends, here's the link:

[Aspirations: Be The Artist of Your Life! \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to the whole school community, from the children, the staff and the parents. I fully believe in the three-way partnership and that it is this partnership that makes our school so successful. We will continue working together so that we can further improve upon our successes and continue to ensure that all children receive an excellent primary school education. As always, I am very grateful for the parental support we receive and look forward to continued excellence.

Finally, I hope all our families and the whole school community have a wonderful and well deserved summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Nazir
Head Teacher

Awards Ceremony 2024 & Year 6 Graduation

This last week of term we have celebrated the achievements of our pupils with Awards Ceremonies for both KS1 and KS2 children. Parents of the prize winners were invited into school to watch their children receive their reward certificates and trophies.





All Year 6 parents were invited into school to see the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony when all pupils received their Graduation Certificates. We wish them all continued success and happiness in the next stage of their lives in High School.



Take this thought with you –

‘Think Big, Aim High and Achieve’.

You can do it!

Aspirations Day 2024

We had a wonderful afternoon on Aspirations Day when 20 visitors from the world of work came into school to deliver exciting, interactive and informative sessions for the children in every year group, from Nursery up to Year 6. Many different professions were represented, as you can see in the photos below. Aspirations Day was extra special this year as it was also filmed by Class Dynamix to include in our new school video. It really did give the children the chance to broaden their horizons and demonstrated our commitment to encourage them to *'Think Big, Aim High and Achieve'*.

Year 6



Emeritus Professor Anne Gregory from the University of Huddersfield told Year 6 about the work of the World Health Organisation in health emergencies such as epidemics, natural disasters and war. The children realised how difficult it was to communicate in situations with no internet and with language issues and they asked important and intelligent questions. They made outstanding posters of how to communicate difficult messages such as 'only drink bottled water' without using words! The session was thought provoking and really made the children think.

'Think Forensic' company set up a crime scene in our small hall and the children learnt all about the forensic evidence that can be left behind after a crime.

They were fascinated to learn about the work of a CSI team and how they gather the evidence. (Crime Scene Investigators).



Staff from the Transpennine Alliance engaged the children with a presentation about the Transpennine Route Upgrade project and the work taking place.

The children then got to work with some colour coding robots called Ozobots. They worked in small groups to learn how to code using coloured marker pens.

Year 5



Dentist, Dr Nisar gave a brilliant presentation to the Year 5 pupils and explained the various jobs related to dentistry. He showed lots of images and videos that the children loved and they had an engaging afternoon understanding the difference a dentist can make to people's lives.



Greenhead College Psychology teacher Mrs Wike gave a presentation explaining what psychology is. The children enjoyed learning about the different fields of psychology.



The Fresh Futures charity staff came into school to talk to the children about the various job opportunities within the area of charity work.

They asked our children what subjects they enjoyed and what they would be interested in doing when they were older. They explained how those skills and interests could be reflected in charity working.

This year it is the charity's 50th birthday and they asked children to design a poster to celebrate.

Year 4

Engineers from Suez Recycling company came into school to tell Year 4 all about recycling in Kirklees and about producing energy from waste. The children loved it when they emptied black and green bins out onto the classroom floor for them to sort back into the correct coloured bin. (the waste was clean!) They also brought in a model toy turbine for the children to take a look at and have a go with and explained how the turbines were used in energy production.





Andy Booth, along with other staff from Huddersfield Town Football Club came along to describe the wide variety of jobs involved with the running of a football club. They included jobs such as a videographer, referee, commentator, line guard, ballboy, ticket office, first aider, store assistant, sponsorship department, grass maintenance, chef and kitchen staff.

The football enthusiasts in the class were pleased when their teacher suggested a short video of Andy's goals!

GP, Dr Azam brought along his *doctor's bag* and the children in Year 4 were fascinated to learn all about the different pieces of equipment, their technical names and what they were used for. They even got to try them out themselves.

Many of the children said they wanted to be doctors when they grow up.

Year 3

One of the Project Sports trainers came into school to engage the Year 3 children in sporting activities, including a tug of war and archery.



The children had a fantastic session with him and learnt a lot about team work and various sports they could become involved in.



Lawrence Batley Theatre staff came to talk to the children about the theatre and the different job opportunities within that kind of setting, for example front of house staff, the performers, the stage staff, lighting staff etc.

The children were also able to take part in some fun interactive drama, dance and singing.



Kirklees recycling officers came into school to talk to Year 3 about the jobs in recycling.

They brought ipads with a very interesting recycling game that the children loved. They learnt lots of new things.



Year 2



A group of staff from Switalskis Solicitors came to talk to Year 2 children about the law and what it is. After a brief introduction the children enjoyed a little quiz on real or fake laws.

They then took part in a mock trial – ‘The trial of Goldilocks’ and saw the *evidence* of the spoon and the bowl!

Anas in 2C said *‘I enjoyed dressing up as a judge!’*

A volunteer from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance team came into school and gave a presentation about the work they do and the different job roles.



Graphic Designer/illustrator Diane Barker came into school and showed the children some of her work. Anvi in 2C said *‘I loved looking at the artist’s paintings’*.

Year 1

Veterinary Surgeon, Zak, came from Donaldson's vets to talk to the children about a vet's job. He showed them a brilliant presentation and they learnt a lot about the different equipment a vet uses. He brought some furry fake pets and the children enjoyed examining them and learning how to take care of them.



Fatima in 1A said 'I loved putting the bandages on the pets because it reminds me of looking after my cat'.



PCSOs from West Yorkshire Police came with their police van, small uniforms, police hats and various pieces of police equipment to engage the children in Year 1.



At the end of the afternoon, they all wanted to be either a policeman or a vet when they grow up!



Reception and Nursery

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Red Watch from Huddersfield station came with their engine. The children from Reception and Nursery had a wonderful afternoon looking at all the fire fighting and rescue equipment and dressing up as fire fighters.



'When I grow up, I want to be a fire fighter!' –
Yahya, Willow class.



Veterinary Surgeon, Lisa, from West Mount Vets came into school with her lovely dog *Maggie*.

She told the children about her job and brought some pieces of equipment for them to try, including a stethoscope.

Haris, Willow class said *'I heard the dog's heart beating!'*



Reception Memorable Experience

Reception had a wonderful beach day this half term. The children got to explore lots of different seaside activities and enjoy having a glitter tattoo. It was so lovely to see all the nursery and reception children and parents exploring together and the children told us that they want to have beach day every day!

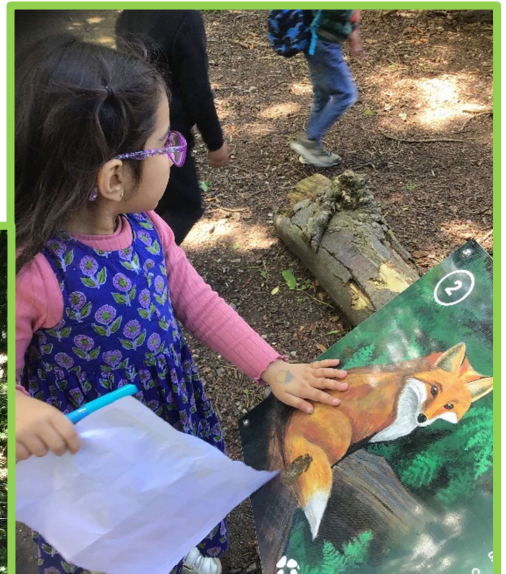


Nursery Memorable Experience

We had a very exciting day at Cannon Hall Farm. The children enjoyed looking at the farm animals, going on the tractor ride, watching the sheep race and playing in the playground.



We also went to Beaumont Park and the children had a wonderful time taking part in the nature trail, playing in the playground and playing games.



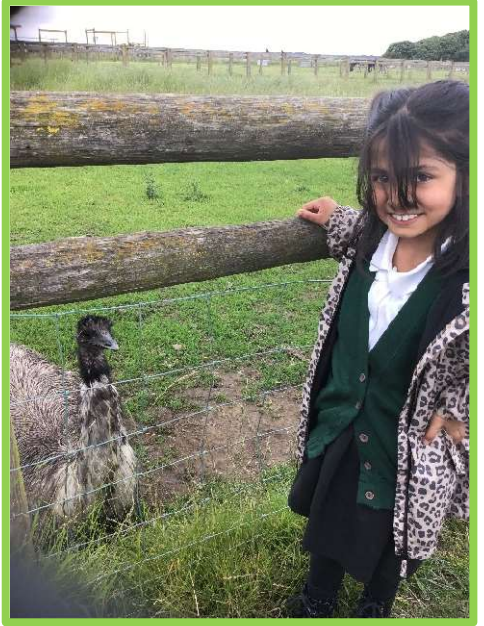
Year 1 Memorable Experience



Year 1 went to Yorkshire Wildlife Park for their memorable experience this half term! We had an amazing time; we learnt lots of new facts about the animals; looked at their diets and habitats and we were introduced to some new animals we hadn't heard of before. The polar bears were amazing and we got an amazing view of newborn cheetah cubs! The children particularly loved the Red Pandas and Lions!



Year 2 Memorable Experience



Year 2 had an amazing trip to Swithen's farm this half term. Every child experienced bottle feeding a lamb. They were also lucky enough to feed cows, sheep, goats, pigs and many other animals. It was such a lovely experience for the children; one I am sure they will remember forever.

Year 3 Memorable Experience



Year 3 had a visit from the Nature Park programme. We looked for habitats in the school environment. We thought about how we could improve our grey spaces to bring more wildlife.



ITV news came to see what we had been doing and filmed us for the local news. We had a fantastic time and we're looking forward to adding some new things to our school grounds in September.

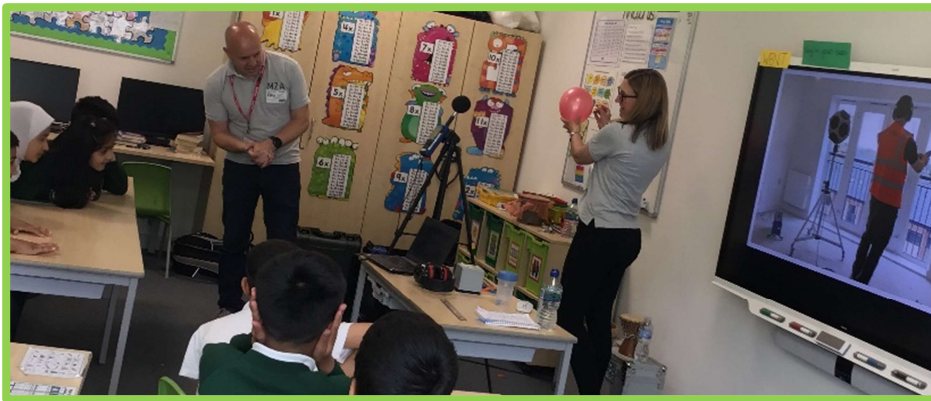


Year 4 Memorable Experience

Year 4 children were visited by two acoustic engineers from MZA Acoustics. They began by scientifically explaining how sound is created. They then demonstrated how vibrations as well as echoes of sound can be seen using a slinky.

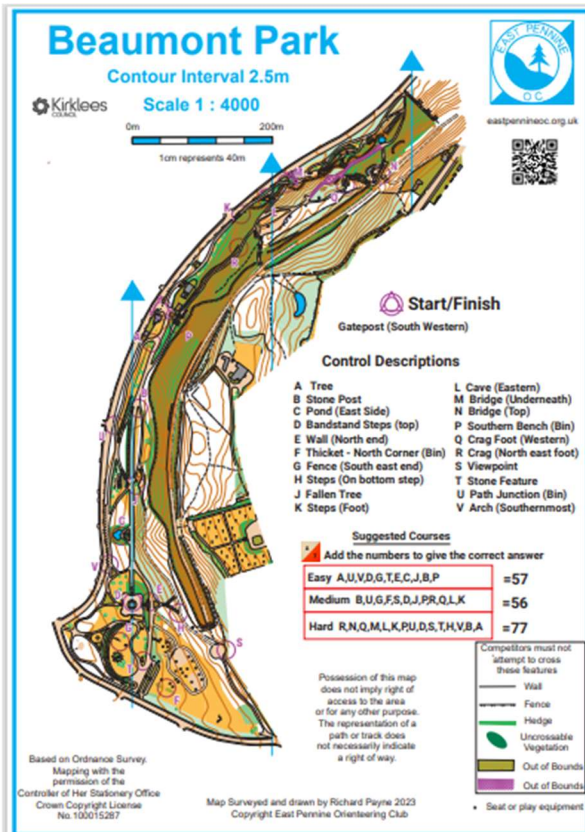
Thereafter, the children were quizzed around the measurement of sound. Specific sounds were created within the room to be measured by a special programme.

Finally, the visitors shared interesting facts on how Mount Pleasant Primary School underwent specific sound checks to ensure the building was soundproof.



The engineers also explained how the design of the classroom contributes to a perfect acoustic learning environment because of the way sound is projected from the front to the back of the classroom.

Year 5 Memorable Experience



Linking in with their Geography unit (Fieldwork and Map Skills), Year 5 visited Beaumont Park to carry out an orienteering exercise. Whilst exploring this unique, spectacular, Victorian park, the pupils had to locate letters, using their map and compass to help them, and record the corresponding number. They could use the control description to check where they needed to search in order to find the letter. Once they had all the numbers recorded, they totalled them up to see if it matched the answer to that given on the map.

Year 6 Memorable Experience

After a hard year of work, the Year 6 children were able to enjoy a trip to Filey and enjoyed a water fight. For both events, we were able to avoid too much rain but the children had an amazing time! *"We are so proud of Year 6 and we would like to wish all of the children the best of luck in high school"* – Mr Lamph.

This half term the children have worked so hard rehearsing, making props and learning their lines for our Year 6 production 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'.





Carry My Story Celebration Ceremony

On Thursday 27th July class 2B took part in their final chapter of the project. After plenty of researching, resourcing and rehearsals we set off on the school minibuses to present Ryad's story to other Kirklees schools.

Throughout the day the other schools performed their stories for us. They had many strong themes such as hope, belief, bravery, kindness and heroes.

We found out that not all heroes wear capes and we can all be heroes in many ways. We explored the other school's tabletop presentation, where we saw how many different people can live together and have so many different experiences in life and how with the right support and help, we can bloom, blossom and become great again.

This was the similar theme to our presentation; Ryad had told us, "Without the bees there would be no nature, no life and no world." Therefore, we took on the challenge to explain to the other schools how bees are endangered, how we can support the bees and make a difference to our world. The children made posters and spoke about their ideas and feelings to a variety of children and adults from Kirklees.



After dinner it was our turn to perform Ryad's story, how he was a well-loved educator of people and bees in his hometown in Syria until the civil war broke out. This made him lose everything and he made the decision to flee with his family and move to England, where, with the right support, he is now putting all his knowledge and passion into Bee Keeping and has set up a very successful business in Marsden.

We are so proud of our amazing children in 2B, they spoke loudly, performed with confidence and represented Ryad's powerful story in their own way. They called this story, 'The Boy That Lost His BUMBLE.'



Sports

This year we had the most amazing Sports Day event! The children were lucky to have the sun come out for them, and they made the most of it! From the determination to not drop the egg and the amazing jumping skills on the hurdles from all the children, it was amazing, and we are extremely proud of them all! The goal kick was very popular and I'm sure we have some promising footballers in school!



The RED team were the overall winners; certificates, medals and an extra treat were provided! Roll on next year!

Brass Bands England

Children from Years 3 and 4 worked with Brass Bands England over two fun and engaging days. On the first day, the children were visited by Brass Bands England and had a short assembly before creating a puppet and learning to play the cornet.



The second day took place at the University of Huddersfield. During the day the children became brass band detectives! They delved into archives to explore the historical past of brass banding in Kirklees. Pupils became researchers, discovered artefacts, listened to live brass band music, and enjoyed creating visual arts. Have a look at the lovely photos taken from the day the children visited university.



Reading Challenge

Reading Challenge Winners

Children who completed their year group reading challenge enjoyed a trip to Waterstones where they were able to purchase a book of their choice - of course within budget!



For some children it was their first time visiting a book shop so you can imagine their excitement at the sight of all those brand-new books!

Some very hard decisions had to be made about which to buy but everyone was happy with their purchase in the end.

Summer Fair

What a fabulous afternoon we all had at the Summer Fair when the sun shone for us. Thank you to so many parents who came and enjoyed all the stalls, activities, cake competition (won by Hibah Fatimah 5A) and of course all the delicious food.

The children had a wonderful time bouncing on the bouncy castles in the fruit garden and the Nursery woodland area. It was a perfect day to indulge in the ice creams that were being sold in the hall. Reception staff did a roaring trade with their face painting and we had lots of spidermen and butterflies wandering around. These, along with the glitter tattoos made everyone look fantastic

With your wonderful support we raised over £2000 for our school fund, which will go towards lots of extra curricular activities and equipment for our children to enjoy.









Administrative Notes

- School meals will be £2.75 per day from the beginning of term in September 2024. Please make sure that you have at least £13.75 in your child's dinner account at the start of each week.
- Please note that only Reception to Year 2 children have universal free school meals. Once your child moves into Year 3 they will have to pay for school meals if they are not on benefits related free school meals. This should be paid for via Parentpay. All parents have been given Parentpay log ins, but if you need assistance please contact the office.
- If your child is not going to be in school for any reason, it is important that you telephone first thing in the morning to let us know why – you can leave a message on our absence line or speak to the office. 01484 223198. Phone lines open at 8.00 am. We have a duty under safeguarding to ensure that there is a reason for children being absent.
- We have a lot of lost property in school and we are unable to return these items to their owners because there are no names on them. Please could parents remember when buying new school uniform over the holidays to put their children's names into clothing, bags, lunchbags, water bottles etc.

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

- **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)**