



Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter – Issue 51 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the first half term comes to a conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for their continued support of the school. It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Parents' Evening, where you were able to look through your children's workbooks and spend time talking about your child's learning with their class teacher. Our next Parents' Evening will be in February 2025.



I was really pleased that we took part in the Wear Red Day last Friday, along with other local schools, as the importance of anti-racism was highlighted within the school. One of the things I love about our school is that we have such a rich diversity of ethnicities, cultures and religions. This is so important in helping children understand that the colour of one's skin, religion or ethnicity does not matter and that we are all human beings living together. We want our children to grow up in a society which celebrates and respects diversity. The charity *Show Racism the Red Card* has been established for 10 years and they carry out great work in supporting anti-racism. I am pleased to say that together we raised £165 for this charity- thank you!

Yours faithfully,
Mrs N Nazir
Head Teacher



Nursery Memorable Experience

Nursery have been getting used to their new classroom, enjoying PE and exploring the outdoors. They have all settled well and are getting used to the new routines.



Reception Memorable Experience



The Reception classes have had a wonderful start to the year. We are working hard to be more independent and do our busy jobs without our parents' help. We have been trying hard to get dressed by ourselves for our PE lessons. We have loved learning about our Everywhere Bear. We had to hunt high and low to find him around school and he kept popping up in different places! He is very excited to be going home to the children's houses each weekend until the end of the year.



Year 1 Memorable Experience

Year 1 had a fabulous memorable experience! We brought our favourite toys to school and shared them with our peers. We discussed why our toys are special to us and how we related them to our new book 'Toys in Space'.



Year 2 Memorable Experience

To celebrate the end of our Healthy cooking topic, most of Year 2 managed to visit Swillington farm. At the farm the children split into groups to safely explore the working farm. One group went up to the orchard, harvested many apples from the trees and then worked hard to prepare them to make fresh apple juice. All children had a job, washing, transporting, cutting, churning and then pressing the apples in the machine. The children pressed just over 2 litres of fresh apple juice to try. They then explored the poly tunnels where they picked salad leaves and tomatoes to bring back to school to use in class. All children said it was the best they had ever tasted! After a quick lunch stop, the groups swapped over to the second activity where they set off to explore the farm animals. The children took apples to the cows, explored the pigs and sheep, and fed carrots to the goats. They also got the chance to stroke the goats. Finally the children passed by the ponies and then went to collect the freshly laid eggs from the chickens. The children had a great day and learnt lots about animals and how our food gets from farm to fork.

Year 3 Memorable Experience

In Art & Design this half term, Year 3 were taught how to use a variety of painting techniques, including tonking, impasto and sgraffito. Pupils explored how to combine techniques to create texture and shape. At the end of the unit, pupils listened to and responded to a story about an imaginary creature, then, combining all previously learned skills and techniques, they used paint and drawing marks to create a portrait of an imaginary creature.



We have now started our printmaking unit and children have been creating experimental marks with rollers using ink on paper. They will continue with this unit next half term, creating monoprints before making their own printing blocks and printing on different surfaces!



Year 4 Memorable Experience

In Year 4, the children have been busy cooking this half term. They have made pizzas, bread and soup.



The children have really enjoyed cooking and enjoying the delicious food!

Year 5 Memorable Experience

Y5 were thrilled to attend the **4ever active** event hosted at Moor End Academy. We got the opportunity to compete alongside and against the other local primary schools. It was a great day for sport, competition, collaboration and making friends.



Year 6 Memorable Experience

This half term in Year 6 we had the pleasure of having Chester Zoo visit us virtually. Children were able to have a look at a wide variety of animals such as hornbills, cheaters and jaguars. In 6B and in 6C, children were engrossed when the zookeeper brought out a snake and its skin! Children were captivated by all the activities involved and answered questions on how animals have adapted to suit their environments. It was the perfect way to learn, all from the comfort of our classroom. Below, is a screen capture of a cheetah in its habitat eating its prey!



Parental Support / Courses / Involvement

We are running a parent workshop to show you the *myHappyMind* parent app. This will reinforce the information and techniques the children are using in school.

Miss Holt will be running the workshop alongside staff from Kirklees *Keep In Mind* team on **Tuesday 19th November at 9am until 10:30am**. Please arrive promptly at 9am.



Administrative Notes



- ❖ The School Photography Company is coming into school on Tuesday 12th November to take individual photos. There will be a short window of time in the morning when parents can book for a limited number of group/family photo slots, first come, first served. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.
- ❖ There is now an online form for you to request school uniform from the Uniform Exchange. Please go to www.uniform-exchange.org/free-school-uniform.

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)**

