

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Parent Newsletter – Issue 34

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first Parent Newsletter of the year. What a great start it has been, with so many wonderful and exciting learning and activities taking place.

Whilst we still need to be responsible regarding Covid-19, and ensure we continue to mitigate risks as much as possible, it's been lovely being able to have some mixing in the school, including physical assemblies. The children have also enjoyed being able to play together as a year group. Please continue to look after each other, and if anyone has any of the covid-related symptoms, please follow all government requirements.

At the start of the year, we shared our wonderful School Anthem and Video with all our families. It was amazing to see so many of you come and watch the preview. Your views and comments were so positive and heart-warming, and really appreciated. Children are at the heart of the school, and we all work hard to ensure they have a positive, happy time at school, where they can flourish in all aspects of themselves. This is our core aim, and I am proud that we do this extremely well at Mount Pleasant Primary School. It certainly is a school for everyone involved to be extremely proud of. The video is available to watch on the school website www.mountpleasantschool.co.uk

We shared our pride of the school through the Saturday Open Morning event. The turnout was fantastic, with so many of our families attending and bringing along friends and other family members to show them just how Mount Pleasant Primary School is the BEST SCHOOL. Parents were overwhelming in their support of the school; you were delighted with observing the many excellent facilities your children have access to, such as the Holodeck Room, the Fruit Garden and Woodland Area, to name a few. It's also fantastic that we have families who travel from a distance away, who are happy to travel just so their children can enjoy our wonderful school.

Parents, I am sure you will join me in thanking our staff who came in on their day off to show you our school; without them the event would not have been possible. Thank you staff!

I hope everyone has a wonderful half term holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all back, safe and sound on Monday 1st November.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Naeem Nazir
Headteacher







Memorable Experiences

Nursery & Reception

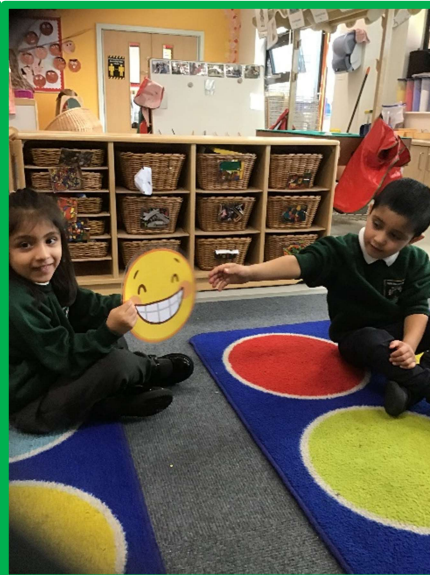


A mysterious friend came to our Reception classrooms and left a selection of different footprints and a suitcase with lots of objects for a journey. When we looked closely we discovered a book called 'The Journey Home'. The children learnt all about Hattie Peck, a caring chicken who looked after abandoned eggs. The children have really enjoyed rereading the story and joining in with the actions. We are very impressed with the story maps that they created to retell the story in pictures!

There's no stopping us in Nursery! We love playing in our woodland playground whatever the weather. During our woodland playground session, the children went on a shape hunt which they thoroughly enjoyed. They worked together, helping each other to find the hidden 2D shapes in the environment. We are sharing

some pictures from our shape hunt with you. We hope you enjoy them.

For World Smile Day, we passed a smile around the circle and smiled at each other, whilst sharing something kind about our friends. We also talked about things we can do in nursery and at home to make the people around us smile.



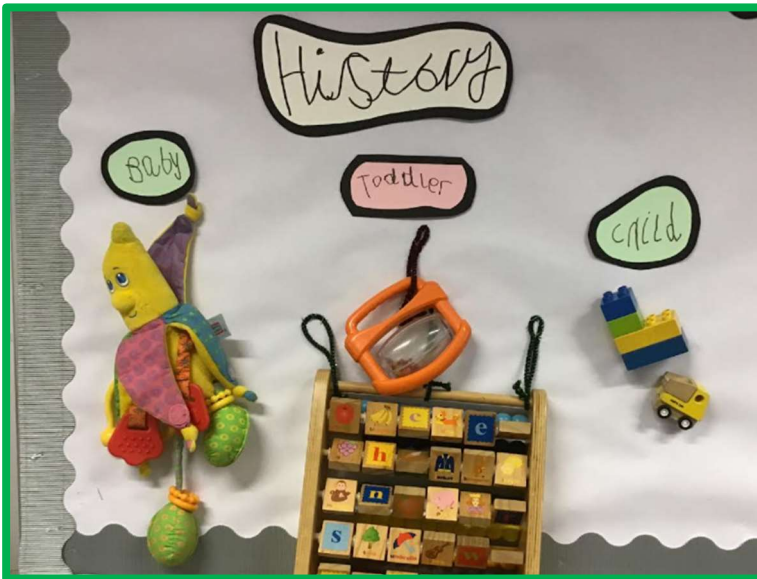
Year 1



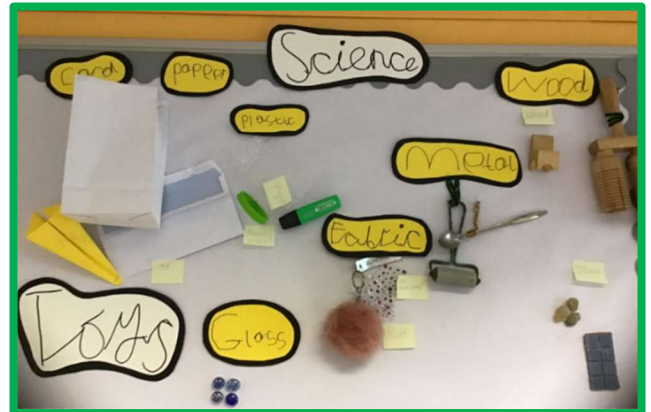
This term, the children in Year 1 had the task of creating their very own toy. To gain some much-needed inspiration they brought in their favourite toys from home and in groups shared their ideas explaining why they loved their toys so much!

In history, the children thought about the toys that they used to play with in the past. They discussed how toys have changed since they were a baby or a toddler, and even the toys they played with in nursery. The children discussed why they are different and the purpose of each toy for their age ranges. They explained, "Babies need toys that are big; toys that have sounds and squishy material. Some baby toys make sounds too." "When I was a toddler, I needed

something to help me walk. I pushed a big car and it had numbers and shapes on it." "I am now a child. I don't need to have stabilisers on my bike now."



Once the children understood the purpose of the toys they played with, the next job was to investigate the materials that toys are made of. During their science sessions, they found out that toys can be made from lots of different materials such as wood, plastic, and fabric. The children investigated and described the properties of these materials. "Wood is very hard and stiff." "Fabric is bendy and not waterproof." "Plastic can be hard or bendy and would make a good umbrella."



Finally, the children had enough knowledge to be able to start to design and create their new toy. In their designs, the children thought about the purpose of their toy and who it would be suitable for. The children visited the school haberdashery and chose all the materials, accessories, and tools they would need to follow their own plan.



The children created a template and began the process of joining the materials together. All the children worked hard to achieve their planned affect and all the children seemed very pleased with their end product. The children completed an evaluation too; "I love my toy because a child would be able to play with it and I managed to staple on 8 legs for the spider. My Mum will be so impressed with me!"

Although, the children impressed all the adults with their toys and how hard they worked on them, there is always room for improvement. The children thought about how they could improve their toys and make them better next time. One child said, "I would sew my toy instead of stapling it, because it was a bit sharp for a toddler to use."

Year 3

As part of our topic this half term, the children are learning all about Ancient Greece. We had an Ancient Greek Day where the children dressed up and took part in many different activities.



We completed a jigsaw activity, tasted various Greek foods and we also made Greek masks. The children loved designing, painting and then decorating their masks.

They had an amazing day!

Year 4

As part of their memorable experience, the children analysed Celtic and Roman shields and patterns and designed their own shields in their art book. The design was then brought to life using card, masking tape, paint, and split pins.



Once assembled and decorated the children were ready to carry out their experience at Greenhead Park.

The children marched like soldiers (in formation) to the park and took part in various strength and conditioning activities such as: circuits, capture the flag and tug of war.



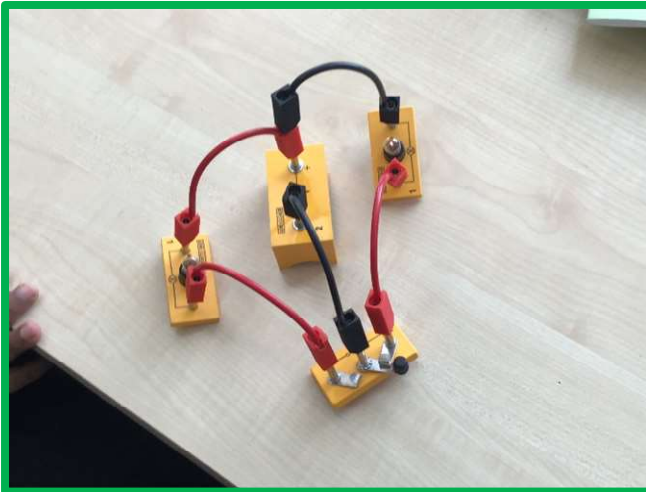
Year 5

This term Year 5 have been learning about Ancient Egypt. They witnessed the process of mummification, where a dead body is embalmed to preserve it for the afterlife. They then had a go at it themselves, by mummifying a tomato!



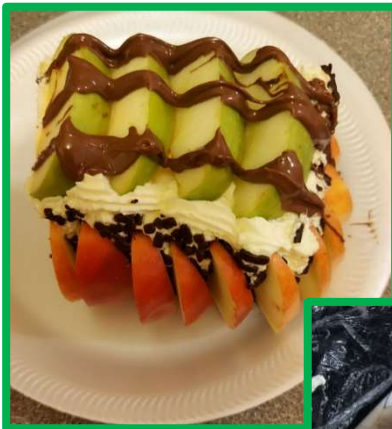
Year 6

Year 6 have had an 'electrifying time' in Science this half term using the new electricity equipment. We have been able to investigate how series and parallel circuits work. Additionally, to show off our skills, we created a simple traffic light circuit and burglar alarm.



Bake Off Competition

This year, we welcomed the return of the "Bake-off" Competition and what a competition it was! We had some amazingly creative bakes this year. Children really thought about how they could incorporate apples and plums into sweet and savoury dishes. We were very impressed to see children being inclusive and thinking about gluten-free desserts as well as keeping it healthy with apple inspired porridge. From the images that were posted onto Seesaw and some of the desserts making it into school, we could see how much effort families had put in to support children. This was lovely to see. I hope that this competition has inspired many to get into the kitchen and think about how we can eat healthy food in a fun way as well as thinking about where our food comes from.



The apples and plums used for some children, came from our very own school fruit garden!



World Smile Day

Thursday October 7th was World Smile Day and everyone got involved in the celebrations as part of our PSHE learning in school. World Smile Day is a lovely concept where the aim of the day is to spread smiles, by everyone performing one simple act of kindness for one other person.



On the day, a Smile Day themed lunch was provided free of charge for the children. Children had lessons on feelings, friendship and kindness that fit well with this theme.



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**FREE OCTOBER MULTI-SPORT
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL - MONDAY 25TH OCT
MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL - TUESDAY 26TH OCT
MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL - WEDNESDAY 27TH OCT
MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL - THURSDAY 28TH OCT
MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL - FRIDAY 29TH OCT

MORNING SESSION **AFTERNOON SESSION**
10AM - 12PM 1PM - 3PM

SESSIONS ARE FREE TO ATTEND & OPEN TO
8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

To book your child's place on the October camp, please send all the information asked for below to:

PROJECTCOMMUNITIES@OUTLOOK.COM

Child's name; Child's age; any medical information; venue (Mount Pleasant Primary School); contact phone number; date; state am or pm session, or both.

No lunch is provided. If children wish to attend both sessions they will need to be picked up for lunch and dropped off again for the afternoon session.

All sessions are outdoors.

Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Friday 22nd October 2021	Last day in school for children before half term.
Monday 1 st November 2021	Children return to school.
Friday 17 th December 2021	Last day in school for children before Christmas holidays.
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Children return to school.
Friday 18 th February 2022	Last day in school for children before half term.
Monday 28 th February 2022	Children return to school.