



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

## Parent Newsletter – Issue 24

### 19th July, 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so pleased to be able to end 2018-19 with so many fantastic success stories. Firstly, as you all know, the end of Year 6 SATs results are published every year as part of the Government's league tables, and every year we have been beginning to compare favourably with other schools. However, this year, we have achieved some of our very BEST results, especially with Reading, and achieved above National expectations. This given some of our children's low starting points, with many children starting school with no English, is truly amazing, and has meant that our children have made OUTSTANDING progress! I am so very proud of the committed efforts from everyone in ensuring we can compare favourably with schools not just in Kirklees, but nationally.

<b>Year 6 SATS - Subjects</b>	<b>MPPS 2019</b>	<b>National 2019</b>	<b>MPPS 2018</b>
<b>Reading</b>	76%	73%	62%
<b>Writing</b>	78%	78%	77%
<b>Maths</b>	83%	79%	85%
<b>SPAG</b>	78%	78%	75%
<b>Reading, Writing, Maths</b>	68%	65%	58%



My vision for Mount Pleasant children is that they have the very best education in order to give all our children a secure educational foundation to build their future education and careers, and have successful lives. We believe in a 'no excuse' policy and that every child can succeed and be the very best they can be. This includes children's Reading, Writing and Maths knowledge and understanding but also their creative and sports aspects. To this end, I was delighted to hear all our Year 3 children play their violins in an amazing performance, as they demonstrated their musical abilities. Many of you watched Year 6 perform a musical version of 1001 Arabian Nights, which highlighted our children's acting, singing and dancing skills, with two amazing and very brave solo performances from Anya and Tolani. At our Annual Awards ceremony, held at Huddersfield University, Year 6 performed one of their many songs from their performance, and Ayaan Masood, winner of our Talent Show this year also performed his truly unique beat boxing. The audience were extremely impressed and I am so pleased and proud that he has been invited by the Mayor of Kirklees, to perform at a fund raising event in Kirklees this forthcoming year!

To celebrate such a successful year, we had a wonderful Summer Garden Party to which all parents were invited with their children – ice creams, ice pops and savoury foods; water blaster battles; bouncy castles and assault courses for both the children and their parents; mendhi, face painting; photo shoots; Project Sport events such as archery, tug of war and lots of other sporting activities.

Hope you all have a wonderful and much deserved summer holiday. All the very best to our Year 6 children moving on to their new schools – you have been a fabulous Year group.



Mrs N Nazir  
Head Teacher





Garden  
Party  
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## Awards Ceremony



The Mayor of Kirklees, Cllr Mumtaz Hussain attended our Annual Awards Ceremony, held at the University of Huddersfield Lecture Theatre where awards were issued to Year 6 children for achieving the best ever SATS results in the school's history.



Children from Years 3,4 and 5 also won awards for Maths, English, Creative Arts, Sports and 'Being Brilliant'. The event was attended by all the Year 6 pupils and the very proud parents of all the award winners. We were so pleased to see so many parents there to support their children and share in the celebration.

Our guests this year also included Inspector James Kitchen from West Yorkshire Police; Poet Mr Donovan Christopher; School Games Organiser and SPIN Manager Ms Linda Stacey, and the Chair of the Governing Body's Standards Committee, Mr Paul Tonner.



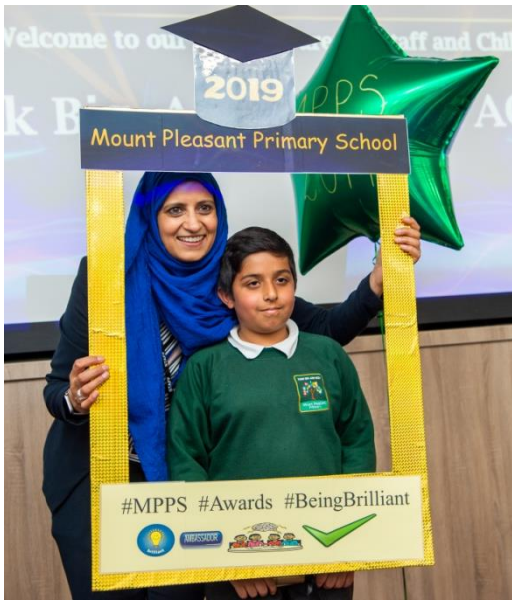
Pupils, staff and parents were entertained by Musica Holme Valley String Quartet who played 'A Million Dreams' and School Talent Show winner Ayaan Masood who amazed everyone with his beat boxing.



Year 6 pupil Omotolani Adeboyejo sang a wonderful solo, then was joined by the brilliant Year 6 singers.







**English Award Winners:** Ibraheem Hoseen 3A, Aiza Rehman 3B, Aleena Ali 3C, Alishba Usman 3A, Malak Radhi 4B, Zakariya Ameen 4C, Safa Hussain 5A, Adrian Slupik 5B, Ikrash Ahmad-Noreen 5C, Ishaac Ali 6A, Eshaal Kaysher 6B, Elaf Cheema 6C



**Maths Award Winners:**

Meerab Aslam Latif 3A, Muhammad Hasher 3B, Subhaan Ahmed 3C, Muhammad Khan 4A, Zainab Anwar 4B,

Ruqayyah Chowdhury 4C, Fatima Chaudhry 5A, Owais Akram 5B, Vivien Gabor 5C, Moiz Ahmad 6A, Hassan Ali Anwar 6B, Mohammed Hasaan 6C.



**Creative Arts Award Winners:** Aisha 3B, Hanzala Imran 3C, Iqra Afzal 4A, Chen 4C, Abdulrahman Hoseen 5A, Abu-Khan 5C, Muskan Akram 6A, Asma 6C.

Taimur 3A, Sabah Rehman Mawada Abdulla 4B, Xinyi Hurairah Sharif 5B, Ibrahim Munawar 6B, Angel Sibanda 6C.



**Sports Award Winners:**

Zohaib Mohammad 3A, Jaheim Panton 3B, Hadiqa Imran 3C, Jawaria Hussain 4A, Abdulaziz Mrabet 4B, Yahya Mubeen 4C, Elyas Kechiche 5A, Alisha Hussain 5B, Maryann Ogunsowo 5C, Ahmed Nasef 6A, Saphira Houlbrook-rogers 6B, Zahra Hussain 6C.



**Being Brilliant Award Winners:**

Sahil Majeed 3A, Saim Riaz 3B, Yusra Adnan 3C, Musaa Ghani 4A, Hasan Munawar 4B, Heera Khan 4C, Muhab Hejjaji 5A, Mariam Rehman 5B, Ayaan Masood 5C, Tolani Adeboyejo 6A, Hassan Nadeem 6B, Mostafa Abdulla 6C





## Aspirations Day

The children had a fabulous afternoon of interactive activities, science experiments, role playing and inspirational talks from professionals from our community; all were invited to encourage the children to THINK BIG, AIM HIGH and ACHIEVE'.



All Year groups were involved in the activities of the day and the children were enthralled with all of them. Staff from Lawrence Batley Theatre attended and the children loved drawing their own sleeping beauty and dressing up in pantomime costumes. **Alena Irfan, Year 3, said "I enjoyed learning about things people do in theatres behind the scenes and the costumes are cool!"**

Switalski's Solicitors did a mock trial 'The Trial of Goldilocks'; Community Police Officers showed a video and the children got to handle equipment such as handcuffs and radio, and Red Watch from Huddersfield Fire and Rescue Service attended with their engine and fire-fighting equipment. Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service got the children involved in role playing and told them all about their service. **Muhammad Sahil, 1C said incredulously "They work 365 days a year!"**





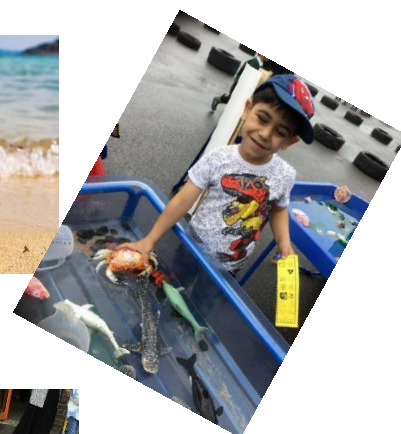
Yorkshire Bank staff attended and gave talks to pupils, as well as a drop-in session for staff financial wellbeing. Children were visited by dentist Dr Sohaib Nisar, midwife Chloe Longden, Greenhead College Science Teacher Usman Anwar, Medicare Pharmacist Malak Shahein, Clinical Psychologist Dr Manreesh Bains, NHS Project Manager Murray Forrest, Regional Charity Co-ordinator Geoffrey Render, and Huddersfield University Students Naomi Pearson, Mohammad Abu-Bakr, Matthew Goring and Isabel Gatenby.



*Aminah Khan, Year 6 said "Aspirations day was amazing!  
We had visitors coming to our school who all had unique jobs and inspired me to start thinking  
about the career I want to pursue in the future".*

### Beach Day

Reception and Nursery celebrated another successful Beach Day. The children enjoyed all the activities and looked fabulous in their summer outfits and face paint. The event was really well supported by our parents and it was great for the parents and children to be able to use the woodland playground.



# Summer Fun



## Sports Day

Sports Day was held on a lovely sunny day this year in the MUGA. Pupils were placed in 6 teams, named after the School Games values: Honesty, Determination, Teamwork, Self-belief, Self-esteem and Respect. All were encouraged to think about these values during the day. All pupils took part in the two track events – a sprint and an obstacle race. Team members raced against each other to find their fastest runner who then went into the final. There was also a speed bounce competition where everyone took part and completed as many speed bounces as possible in 10 seconds. Well done to all pupils who got involved with great enthusiasm and tried their very best.



Grow to School CIC were back in school at the beginning of May delivering the second growbag session. They worked with classes in Years 1 – 5, sowing lots of seeds, planting vegetables, fruit and flowers. The school garden has seen a lot of activity with a new shed and water butt, new apple trees have been planted and the existing fruit garden is in full bloom. The vegetables planted back in March have grown fantastically well.



The children learnt about tool safety, which vegetables grow in which vegetable family bed, and why we grow vegetables in families to create a healthy garden. They helped to get the fruit bed ready for strawberries and raspberries.

We also planted onions, lettuce, coriander, carrots, leeks, peas, calendula seeds and flowers, radish, cabbage, kale, purple sprouting broccoli, potatoes, pumpkins, courgettes and cucumbers. The school is lucky to have a poly-tunnel where we also potted some tomato plants in large pots.

The children all really enjoyed gardening and worked so hard to get the vegetable beds planted



## Leeds in Bloom Design a Flowerbed / Edible Bed Competition 2019



Haleema Afzal 5B was Highly Commended in the Leeds in Bloom competition; you can see her certificate and wonderful drawings here.



## Year 6

**Year 6 Production:** The Year 6 children put on a wonderful end of year production of Sheherazade - based on the tales of the Arabian nights. Their amazing acting and singing blew everyone away, especially the solos. Alongside rehearsing, the children (and their teachers) worked hard on making props and creating amazing backdrops for the set. All their hard work and effort paid off when it finally all came together and was enjoyed by everyone who watched it.

**Year 6 Graduation – Leaving Assembly:** A graduation assembly was held in school where each child was given a trophy and certificate in recognition of all the hard work they had put in which has resulted in them achieving amazing results. Their parents watched proudly and there were a few tears too!



## Community Hub Logo Competition



The Community Hub competition was open to pupils from all the schools within our local community; Moor End Academy, Beaumont Primary, Oak Primary and Mount Pleasant Primary. Congratulations to Hamza Sohaib 6B whose fabulous design, shown here, is our school's finalist for entry into the overall competition. We are very proud of his creative design.



## Messages from the Office

**Dinner money:** Please note that school lunch prices will increase to £2.25 per day from September, 2019. Kirklees Council require dinner money to be paid in advance so dinner accounts must be kept in credit. The School Office will contact parents if they fall into a debit balance. If an outstanding debit balance remains unpaid we are required to pass this on to Kirklees. The Council advises that children who have unpaid debts in their account should bring a packed lunch from home.

Parents of children currently in Year 2 should note that once their children move into Year 3 in September they will need to pay for school dinners via parentpay. If you are unsure of how to do this and/or do not know your parentpay password or username, please call into the school office so we can help you.

For those pupils who bring their own packed lunches please can parents make sure that the food is healthy, lunchboxes appear to be becoming more unhealthy with sweets etc.

**Paperless School:** From September we will no longer be printing barcode letters for parents to pay for trips or dinner money. All parents will need to log in to parentpay to pay for these items online. If you need any assistance to log on for the first time please call into the school office.

Also, we will no longer be sending any letters, newsletters or information out to parents on paper, parents will need to log in to School Ping to receive information. Again, if you require assistance to log on for the first time please call into the school office.

All these measures will ensure we are able to meet our commitment to become a green school to help the environment and save money so we can spend more on resources for the children.

**Lost Property:** Please can we remind all parents to write names on all property and clothes that your children bring to school. Every year we collect lots of coats, clothing and other items in our lost property box and are unable to return these items to you because we don't know who they belong to.

## Attendance



Please see listed below our latest Attendance figures:

94.2% - current attendance

4.6% is authorised absence

1.2% is unauthorised absence (including unauthorised leave of absence)

A massive congratulations to all our children who achieved 100% attendance this year. We held a special assembly and parents were invited to celebrate their children's fantastic achievement.

All the children with 100% attendance received a trophy and a special certificate. Class 2C and 5A won the overall best class attendance and they too received a certificate and a super cool gel pen!

## Staffing Changes for September 2019

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sharon Winter who is retiring from teaching and Mr Adam Greenhalgh who will be working in Malaysia. We wish them all the best for their future.

We welcome the following wonderful new teachers:

Miss J Horton - Willow

Mrs L Stokowski - 1C

Miss O Donlon - 5A



## Diary Dates

Date	Activity
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>	<b>Last day in school. Children break up for the summer holiday.</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019	INSET DAY
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019 & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	INSET DAYs
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	<p><b>First day back in school for children in Years 1 - 6.</b></p> <p><b>School CLOSED for Reception children who attended Mount Pleasant Nursery.</b></p> <p><b>School OPEN 8.50 am – 11.30 am for children from other settings.</b></p>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	<p><b>School CLOSED for Reception children from other settings.</b></p> <p><b>School OPEN 8.50 am – 11.30 am for children who attended Mount Pleasant Nursery.</b></p>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	All Reception children to attend 8.50 am – 11.30 am.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	All Reception children to attend 8.50 am – 11.30 am. <b><u>All parents to join their child for lunch at 11.30 am</u></b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Full days for all Reception children 8.50 am – 3.10 pm <b>All parents must stay with their child for their first session.</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip.
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>	<b>Last day in school for children before half term.</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>	<b>Children return to school.</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	<b>Last day in school for children before Christmas Holidays.</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>	<b>Children return to school for the Spring Term.</b>