

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Parent Newsletter – Issue 37

8th April 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful term at MPPS, I would like to share some of the exciting events and activities which have taken place.

It's been lovely to reinstate external trips and visits again, and this term we have had so many, from local visits to the university and Tolson Museum using our school minibuses, as well as visits further afield such as Manchester Sealife Centre and Kirklees Light Railway. Children are always so excited and look forward to these visits which they can share with their teachers and friends in school.

We are, however, conscious that this can be an additional financial burden for families, and therefore we will produce a plan in September for the whole school year's trips. This will allow families to plan well ahead. We also aim to continue using our school minibuses to lower costs for families even further.



Looking ahead into the summer term, I am really pleased that we will be having the following exciting events.

1. **Aspirations Day - Tuesday 28th June.** During this event we invite professionals from many organisations and ask them to speak to our children about their chosen careers. By doing this, we aim to raise aspirations for all our school community. Think Big, Aim High and Achieve!
2. **Queen Jubilee Garden Party** - We are excited to announce that at MPPS we will be celebrating the Queen's fantastic reign with a celebration in the school grounds. We will invite families and members of the community to enjoy the various activities and enjoy a great family occasion.
3. **PSHE Week** - This will start on Monday 18th July and continue for the whole week, where children will be taking part on various activities aimed to supporting children's personal, social and health education. It will culminate on Sports day on our final day of school.
4. **Awards Ceremony** - we are pleased to announce that we will be restarting this excellent event which celebrates our children's achievements at Huddersfield University. Date will be confirmed soon.

I am so proud to be the Head teacher at this amazing school and I am really looking forward to such exciting and wonderful events to celebrate such a great school and a fantastic year.

Finally, this is such a special time of the year, as we celebrate very important religious festivals. On behalf of myself and all the staff, I would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak, Happy Easter, and Happy Vaisakhi. I hope families have a wonderful time enjoying these special celebrations with their family and friends.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs N Nazir
(Headteacher)



World Book Day



World Book Day was a huge success with children really enjoying and engaging with their year group's book. The day was jam packed with activities related to the texts and time was given to children to make props to go with their costumes. The day included world book day assemblies where children were able to share some of their work and show off their costumes! Winners for best costumes were chosen who received a £10 a voucher to spend at Waterstones to buy their favourite book.



Turning Mount Pleasant Pink



This is Eden, a 6-year-old girl who has been diagnosed with stage 4 Neuroblastoma, a very rare childhood cancer.

On Thursday 10 March we joined lots of other Schools and Businesses in the area who were 'Turning Kirklees Pink' to help her family raise over £300,000 for Eden to receive a bivalent vaccine which is only available in America.

What a fantastic day!

The children and staff wore pink, the kitchen very kindly made pink themed desserts, the Nursery children made pink hearts for Eden and one little boy gave up his money that he had been given for Eid. What a lovely thing to do!



We raised over £1060 plus money from selling the wristbands and pens. We cannot believe the amounts that have been generously donated by the families and staff at our amazing school.



Nursery Memorable Experience

This half-term in Nursery, we have been learning about transport and journeys. The children enjoyed learning about the different land, sea, and air vehicles. They have enjoyed exploring the school's minibus. Children had the amazing opportunity to sit inside the minibus, and even had a go at getting into the driver's seat and honking the horn.



Over the last two weeks the children have been learning about the Life Cycle of Chicks. The children have carefully observed the eggs hatch, and the baby chicks grow over time. They have enjoyed drawing chick pictures and even made collage chicks.



Reception Memorable Experience

Reception had a fantastic day at Kirklees Light Railway. The children went on the steam train from Shelley to Scissett. They retold our 'Train Ride' story as they travelled through the countryside past the rolling fields and through the dark tunnel. After lunch they played in the castle playground, visited the engine shed and had a ride on a little train around the duck pond.

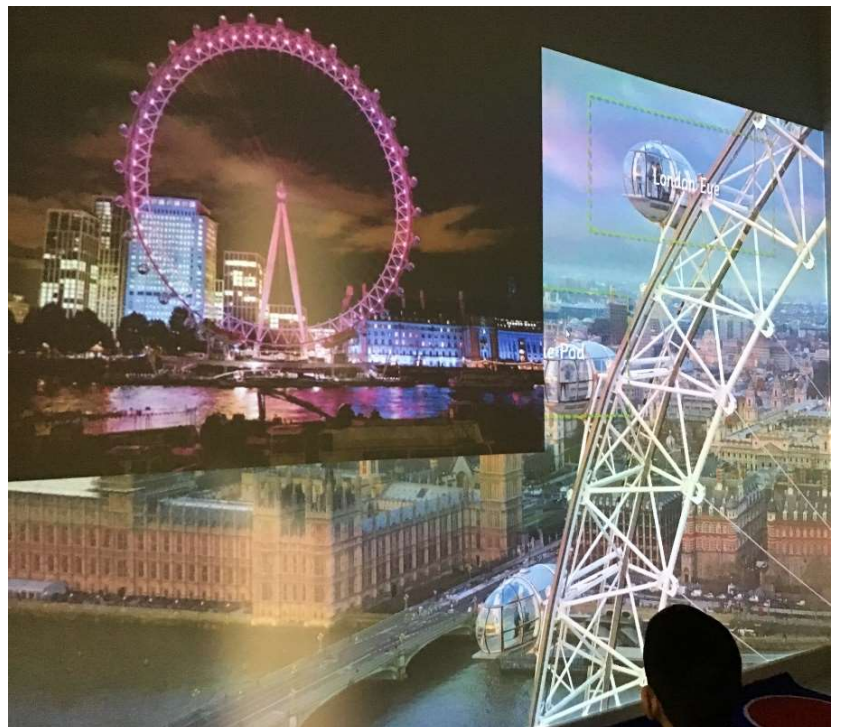
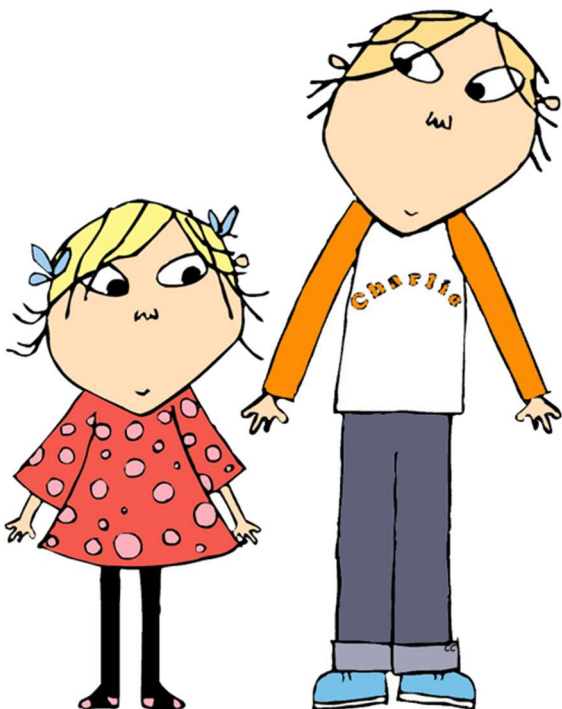


Year 1 Memorable Experience

Year 1 celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as characters and landmarks from the story "Charlie and Lola: We completely must go to London." We linked the day to our topic "London" we travelled to London led by our London bus. We experienced just how busy London is in our holodeck room and learnt about all the landmarks. We then went on a book scavenger hunt looking for various things and enjoyed a huge range of books to find the things we needed.



We had a very busy and exciting day, and we now know a lot more about London.



Year 2 Memorable Experience

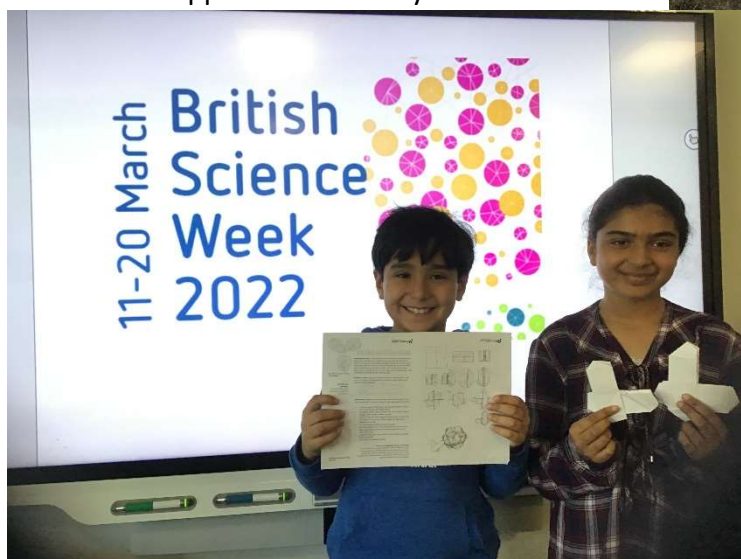
Year 2 children visited around our local area to identify the geographical features in Lockwood.

We looked at features developed by humans i.e., houses, shops, the local train station, and the bridge as well as the physical features. i.e., woodlands and hills.



Year 4 Memorable Experience

As part of British Science Week Year 4 had fun exploring antibodies and understanding the importance of physical exercise. We discussed how exercise is important for our growth and development and what happens to our body when we start moving and our heart rate rises. Through origami we also looked at how the body reacts to infection using antibodies.



Year 3 Memorable Experience

This half term Year 3 have been learning about forces in science. As part of their memorable experience, they visited Greenhead Park to carry out activities which involved investigating different forces in action.

We used the slide to test friction of different surfaces and how it affected the speed. We then walked around the park to see where else forces are in effect.



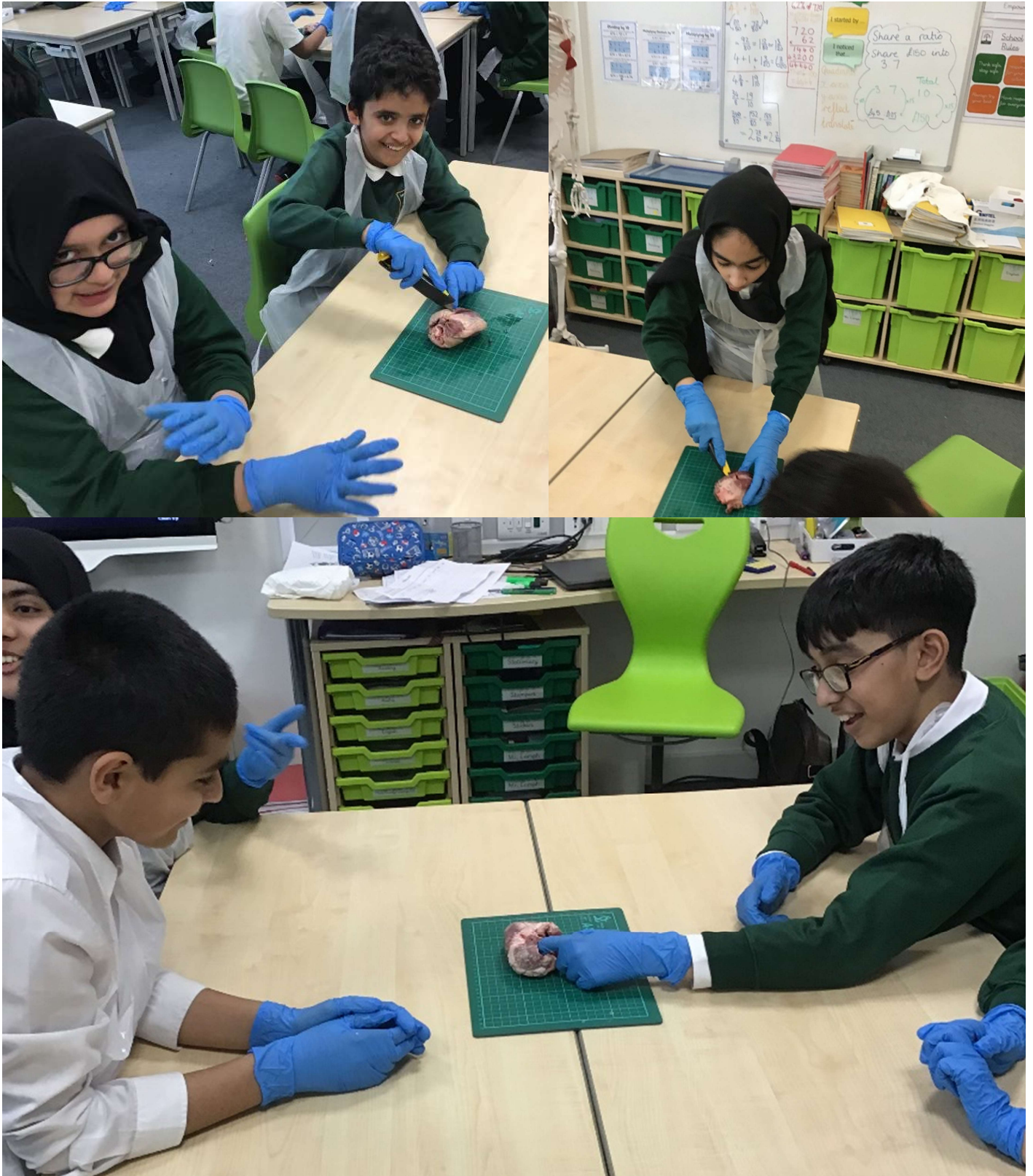
Year 5 Memorable Experience

Year 5 put their map-reading skills into practise when they went orienteering in Beaumont Park. The children enjoyed using the compasses, planning their routes, and reading their maps. It was a great memorable experience.



Year 6 Memorable Experience

Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system in science. For our memorable experience, we were able to dissect sheep's hearts! Some children were grossed out: others enjoyed cutting open and finding the different features of the heart.



Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Please use the calendar below when booking holidays. The school does not authorise ANY TERM TIME leave – parents who choose to do this are fined by the Local Authority.

Autumn Half Term 1

- *Monday 5th September 2022 – Staff INSET Day 1*
- **Tuesday 6th September 2022 – Children Start School**
- *Friday 30th September 2022 – Staff INSET Day 2*
- **Friday 21st October 2022 – Children Finish for Half Term Holidays**

Autumn Half Term 2

- **Monday 31st October 2022 – Children Return to School**
- **Friday 16th December 2022 – Children Finish for Christmas Holidays**

Spring Half Term 1

- **Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Children return to school**
- **Friday 10th February 2023 – Children Finish for February Half Term Holidays**

Spring Half Term 2

- **Monday 20th February 2023 – Children Return to School**
- **Friday 31st March 2023 – Children Finish for Easter Holidays**

Summer Half Term 1

- **Monday 17th April 2023 – Children Return to School**
- *Monday 1st May 2023 – May Day Bank Holiday*
- **Friday 26th May 2023 – Children Finish for May Half Term Holidays**

Summer Half Term 2

- **Monday 5th June 2023 – Children Return to School**
- *Friday 30th June 2023 – Staff INSET Day 3*
- **Friday 21st July 2023 – Children Finish for Summer Holidays**
- *Monday 24th July 2022 – Staff INSET Day 4 (Disaggregated)*
- *Tuesday 25th July 2022 – Staff INSET Day 5 (Disaggregated)*

