



Newsletter

October, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back! We have had an excellent start to the new school year. We officially became part of the Heathfield Academy Trust and will look forward to working with our partner schools.

It was great to see so many come to Parents' Evening.

If you need any help or advice about anything, please call in and ask.

Mrs Blackham

New Assistant Head Teacher Appointed

We would like to congratulate Mrs Telfer, who has taken the new position as Assistant Headteacher of Mount Pleasant.

Mrs Telfer has been working hard to promote 'Friends of the School', who are a group of parents supporting fundraising and other activities. The Macmillan coffee morning raised over £130.00. Thanks to all who made donations of cakes and who attended the event.

Harvest Celebrations

Many thanks to all who sent in donations of food for our harvest celebration. Y3 put on a fantastic assembly which they presented to parents on Thursday, 20th October. Along with singing there was a retelling of the Little Red Hen story showing the importance of working together. All of the food donations will be sent to the Darlington Food bank.



Dates For Your Diary

Friday, 21.10.16- school closes for half term

Monday, 31.10.16- school re-opens

Thursday, 1.12.16- Christmas Fair

Friday, 2.12.16- school closed for PD day

Friday, 16.12.16- school closes for the Christmas holiday

Wednesday, 4.1.17- school re-opens for children for the Spring term.

Friday, 17.2.17- school closes for half term holiday

Monday, 27.2.17- school re-opens

Friday, 7.4.17- school closes for the Easter holiday

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Other News



Brilliant Bowes Museum

KS1 had a brilliant day visiting Bowes Museum in September. As well as finding out about toys from the past,

the children had the chance to play with some toys and make one of their own. Aimee and Julia, the museum curators, told them lots of interesting facts about the materials toys were made from and what toys were popular in the Victorian Era. They came away full of knowledge. They also had the chance to see the silver swan.



Little Learners News

Little Learners celebrated harvest this autumn. They grew their own potatoes, dug them up and made a vegetable soup, they also made tasty herby bread too. Every day, the children learn through play and hands on experience. They use all of their senses to explore, develop their language skills and work together in a group. If you would like any information about Little Learners, please ask at the office.



What's been happening?

Journey Through time with visitors from History

Many visitors from different periods of history have been to Mount Pleasant this half term.

Y5 were extremely excited and surprised to meet a real life Anglo-Saxon named David. He told them what it was like to live in the Anglo-Saxon period which lasted from 410 to 1066. They spent a fun day learning and finding out strange facts. Did you know that Anglo-Saxons would wash their weapons in urine to keep them clean?



Then, an ancient Greek soldier called Davidos came to class and told the children about his life in ancient Greece. The children helped him to act out the story of Helen of Troy and the Wooden Horse. Mrs Telfer was amazed at the brilliant actors in Class 4T. Did you know that the Greeks invented the Olympics and the alphabet? The whole day brought History to life!

Sir Anton Du Beke, a knight from Auckland Castle, visited the reception children to tell them all about knights, princesses and castles. He told them about his chain mail clothes, his helmet and his sword, which was very heavy to hold!

Sir Anton explained about the things that he ate and drank and the jobs he had to do for the King in the olden days. There were lots of questions and information about, 'How to be a knight'.



Wilfred Owen, WW1 poet, showed the children real artefacts from the war- a rifle, soap tin, trench shovel, webbing and lots more. He told the story about the brothers from Darlington who were killed in the war and the 12 year old boy, Sidney Lewis, who snook into the army as a messenger boy.



Finally, Professor Cahun came to visit 3S to talk about the Stone Age. They discovered which weapons were used in Stone Age times and they were shocked to see that the spears were very small. Charlotte said, "My favourite fact was what they used for toilet paper."



And Finally....

Dazzling Disco Fun

On Thursday, October 20th, Children enjoyed a brilliant fancy dress disco. There were some amazing costumes ranging from super heroes to princesses and Halloween. Others looked fabulous in their best party outfits.

There were prizes for good dancing to all the favourites- Cha Cha slide, Gangnam style and the Macarena. A brilliant time was had by all- particularly the staff!



Have a lovely half term holiday from all at Mount Pleasant

