



# Newsletter

July, 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year has flown by and what a year we have had in Mount Pleasant. Well done to Y2 and Y6 who completed the SATs tests with excellent results! The best results ever! They worked so hard and it certainly paid off. Y1 completed their phonics screening test with 83% passing—fantastic! Ofsted visited and the report we received backed up everything we already know— that Mount Pleasant is a truly brilliant school. Please read the report on Facebook or the website.

Thank you for the extremely positive response we have received from the parent questionnaires. This is also reflected in the huge amounts of praise we have from any visitors who come in to school. We have had a wonderful year and I thank you all for the constant support you give. Have a super summer holiday.  
Mrs Blackham

## ‘Wrong Direction’ appear for one day only.....



Staff and pupils were delighted when the group, ‘Wrong Direction’ appeared in the hall for the final assembly. Along with the resident cheerleaders, the group comprising of Mr Swan, Mrs Wallis, Miss Hewitt, Mrs Spink and Mrs Blackham, did a fantastic routine to Craig David’s ‘No Drama’. It certainly was a drama and very entertaining. A super way to end the year.

## Ancient Egyptians visit Y3

Class 3T enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt. As part of D.T. and topic, the children designed and made death masks. Great fun was had by all! To finish of the term, the children visited the Oriental Museum in Durham. The workshops involved looking at real Egyptian artefacts and learning about mummification. There was even a real mummy there.



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# Other News

## 4T become Roman Warriors



On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 4S visited Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum at Wallsend. The children found out about the life of a Roman soldier. First of all, they learned how to march like legionaries. They also practised how to attack the enemy, clean shields and try on a typical soldier uniform. The children learned how to recite the oath of the Roman Soldier, "We will do whatever may be ordered

and be ready at every command." After lunch, the children enjoyed exploring the museum and seeing the Roman fort from the viewing tower.



## 100% attendance—all year!

Our 100% group of children and staff are to be congratulated on an outstanding attendance achievement. The children received a trophy today. We strive to achieve the government target of 96%. This year, our overall attendance is 96%! Well done everyone and keep up the hard work next year.



## Goodbye Y6—class of 2019

On Monday, 15th July, Y6 children enjoyed a trip to the swimming baths and then to the cinema to watch Toy Story 4. This was part of their leaving celebrations, which the children enjoyed immensely. Afterwards, they ate a delicious lunch at Nandos and had a fabulous day with their friends out of school! The MAFTAs were a huge success. It was so lovely to see the children dressed up and speaking so well about their time at Mount Pleasant. We congratulate them all for their hard work and wish them well on the next part of their journey to secondary school.





# Anniversary Celebrations



Mount Pleasant welcomed many parents, Governors and neighbours, as well as old pupils

to our 50th anniversary event. Each class gave a super performance of a song before cutting a brilliant anniversary cake made by our kitchen staff. The sun was shining and it was a lovely afternoon.

Following that, we enjoyed the annual summer fair. There was the usual range of stalls with the addition of the brilliant Laser Quest and inflatable assault course provided by friends of the school, the Menacing Lads.



The children had great fun— and so did the teachers afterwards. We thank them very much! A special 'thank you' goes to Sue Wallege, who is instrumental in the setting up of the fair. She is brilliant!



Over £900 was raised which will go towards a project decided by the school council. Many thanks to all who donated—it is very much appreciated, and to all those who



came along on the day. Special thanks to Mr. Swan and Mr McManus, who suffered the cold to be pounded by wet sponges. We will be holding another event in October, inviting past pupils to come and look around the school.

# Diary Dates

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019: End of Summer Term  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019: Autumn Term 1 Commences  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019: Class 2D Trip to HMS Trincomalee  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019: End of Autumn Term 1  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019: Autumn Term 2 Commences  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019: Teacher Training Day (school closed)  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019: End of Autumn Term 2  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020: Spring Term 1 Commences  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020: End of Spring Term 1  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Spring Term 2 Commences  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020: End of Spring Term 2  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Summer Term 1 Commences  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020: May Day Bank Holiday  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020: End of Summer Term 1  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020: Summer Term 2 Commences  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020: Teacher Training Day (school closed)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020: End of Summer Term 2

## General Housekeeping.....

- ◇ Dinner prices will remain the same at £2.00 a day. From September, our office will be 'cashless' so all monies will need to be paid online. Please ask at the office for details or support.
- ◇ Uniform is important. Please refer to the uniform policy on the website for information. Please donate any clean uniform which is in good condition to school.
- ◇ **The car park can be a dangerous place** and we have had some very near misses. Please do not drive right up to the front of school. These places are for staff and the taxis.
- ◇ We now offer 30 hours provision in the Nursery. If you think you may be eligible and there are a number of variations for eligibility, please check the Gov.uk website.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask in the office.



# What's been happening?



## Super Sporting and Activity Days

A huge thank you for all your support with our 'Teddy Toddle' fun day. The children enjoyed making all the teddy bear crafts, the teddy toddle and the big running races at the end. Joshua Rogers won the 'Name the teddy' in the morning and Ryan Ponsford won it during the afternoon session. With selling the ice lollies and the 'Name the teddy' we raised nearly £80 which will go towards buying some new Small World equipment, so again, a huge thank you to all the EYFS team, volunteers but most of all, to the parents and carers for your never ending support. Have a great and safe summer from the EYFS team.



## KS 1 & KS2

KS1 finally got to have a great time on Sport's Day on Tuesday, 16th July.

All teams competed really hard to be overall winners but in the end Red were the champs! Thanks to all who supported.

Many parents returned for the afternoon activities for KS2. There was a range of challenges for the children to tackle and it was very hot. The winners were the Green team. Well done and thanks you to everyone who attended.



# And Finally....

## A word from Ofsted.....

An important component in your recent success is the close relationships you are building with parents and carers. Parents are welcomed to the school through weekly class breakfasts, rewards assemblies and 'stay and play' sessions in the early years. In addition, specific support is provided to parents through your home-school mentors, who provide valuable links with other agencies or simply an opportunity to discuss concerns. These strengthening relationships have helped in improving behaviour and attendance and encouraging higher aspirations among your community. One parent praised the 'amazing support staff, teachers and senior leadership team' and another wrote that her child had 'a real love of learning that the teachers help to inspire. There is always a warm and welcoming feel about the school from the teachers and pupils alike'.

The strongest advocates for the improvements you have made are the pupils themselves. They are happy and confident learners, who display a pride in their school community. They value the care and support they receive and the exciting opportunities to learn across a range of subjects. Pupils demonstrate excellent attitudes to learning and follow the simple but clear school aim of caring for themselves, others and their school. These attitudes do not simply evolve by themselves. They are cultivated through the collective actions of all staff and your wider school community.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will begin on Wednesday, September 4th when the children return to school. The charge will be £1.00/day for each week.

Our Breakfast bagels supplied by 'Magic Breakfast' will continue. Please look for the 'bagel buddies' on the yard, each morning.

Each child will have the opportunity to have a breakfast. There will be limited numbers to attend club at 8.30 but food will be available to eat on the way in to class.

Our class breakfasts have proved very popular and so they will continue next year.

**Fair Share** will continue each Tuesday, in the hall, from 3.30pm onwards.



## And finally.....

**'Goodbye and good luck!' to Mrs Telfer, Mrs Galbraith and Mrs Bowie.**



Mount Pleasant would like to say 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Telfer and Mrs Galbraith, who are retiring. They have contributed, not only to the education of children, but have been valued members of staff. We wish them a very happy retirement. Mrs Bowie is leaving to pursue a career in teaching.

And 'Welcome' to Mrs Gormley and Miss Markham, who are joining the staff in teaching assistant roles. I'm sure that they will settle in quickly and get to know our Mount Pleasant way.



**Have a lovely summer holiday from all at Mount Pleasant**

