



# Newsletter

March, 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am delighted that the full return to school on March 8th went smoothly and the children have settled in really well.

The teachers and teaching assistants are working hard to ensure that any catch up of the curriculum is in place and there are lots of exciting activities planned for the summer term. Our particular focus will be reading and using the outdoors to enhance learning.

Covid has had very little impact on the return and attendance has been excellent across all classes during March. Please be reassured that we have all safety procedures in place and now have the added level of checking through lateral flow testing. Let's hope that the summer will bring more relaxing of restrictions and we can enjoy a more normal life.

I also want to say a big thank you for the incredible work that you put in over lock down. During recent pupil progress meetings, the teachers were so complimentary at the sheer volume of work families achieved. This was backed up by the super comments we received about the online learning offer. It makes me proud!

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs. J. Blackham



## Super Spring in Little Learners

Little Learners have been learning all about spring. They created some lovely observational paintings of flowers and have planted a variety of flowers to brighten up the outdoors.

Don't forget that the clocks go forward one hour on Sunday, Spring Forward!



## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020: End of Autumn Term 1  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020: Autumn Term 2 Commences  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020: Teacher Training Day (School Closed)  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020: End of Autumn Term 2  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021: Spring Term 1 Commences  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021: End of Spring Term 1  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021: Spring Term 2 Commences  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021: End of Spring Term 2  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021: Summer Term 1 Commences  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021: Bank Holiday (School Closed)  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021: End of Summer Term 1  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Summer Term 2 Commences  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021: Final Parents Evening

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# Out and About



## Fantastic Rainforest Fun in Y3

Year 3 have been learning about and investigating the rainforest. They took their learning outside to collect a range of materials. They replicated the layers of the rainforest using sticks, grass and mud. Along with this, they made rainforest animals using clay.

Using bits of our environment, they added to the creatures to give them features. The children were encouraged to be creative and blend parts of different animals together.

They created butterflies, caterpillars and even had a hybrid parrot-sloth!



On Tuesday 23rd March, the bug man from 'Bugsnstuff' came to school to show the children a range of creatures that are indigenous to the rainforest. They saw a poison dart frog, giant stick insects and a tarantula. They even got to touch the Boa Constrictor– amazing! The children absolutely loved it and haven't stopped talking about it.





# Other News



## Mount Pleasant– Fabulous Fundraisers

The children (and parents) of Mount Pleasant never fail to amaze during our fundraising events and this year has been no different.

For Comic Relief, the children came to school with crazy faces and hair and looked amazing. We raised £193 for this fabulous charity.



March is brain tumour awareness month so as a school to show our support, we took part in a 'Caps for Coppers' campaign. It was greatly supported by all of the children and staff across school. As a school, we have been affected by this so to see the children showing such support was incredibly heart warming!

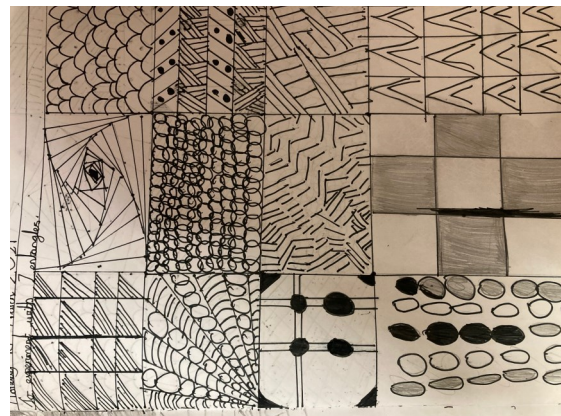
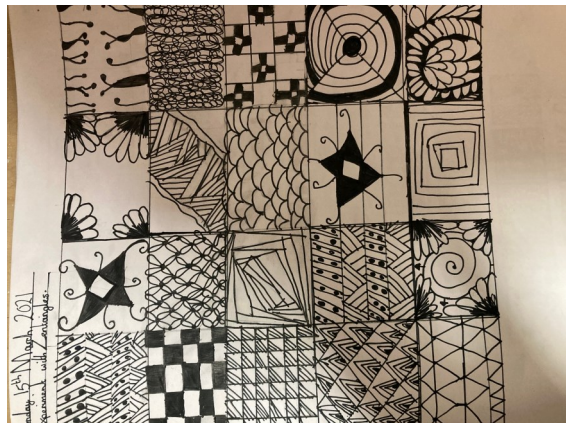
Well done to everyone who helped raise £180.

Congratulations to all of the Easter Egg winners. We gave out about 50 eggy prizes. The staff donated a huge amount so thanks to them. We raised £182 for school.

A huge thank you for the kindness and generosity you consistently show.

## Have you ever heard of Zentangles?

Zentangle art is spontaneous and free-flowing so you can focus on each stroke and not worry about the result. Think of it as meditative doodling. Have a peak at the Zentangle art work in class 6T! They have been learning about this type of art to help with mindfulness and well-being. Did you know that Zentangles increase self-confidence, relieve stress and anxiety, improve eye-hand coordination and they nurture and develop creativity!? They have enjoyed following designs and patterns and then making their own.



# And Finally....



## Jack & the Beanstalk in Reception

RW have been reading a story called Jack and the Beanstalk. They enjoyed acting the story out in the role play area and using the story language from the book.

They also grew their very own beanstalk, watering them and making sure they had lots of light. A big thank you to Mrs Stein who made a magical beanstalk that has grown so tall, it is as high as the ceiling.

## The History Man brings the Tudors to life



Y5 have been studying a fabulous topic on the Tudors and have welcomed the History Guy to bring it to life. He brought in a whole range of artefacts from the Tudor period and explained how life was.

The children got the opportunity to dress up and investigate Tudor weapons through enacting the Battle Of Bosworth. They learnt about Tudor medicine, played games and tried archery!

The Tudors have provided a great topic for the class to develop their research skills in geography. They compared maps from the Tudor period with those from the modern era and discussed reasons for those differences. In fact, the Tudor topic has developed all areas of the curriculum including portrait art work based on the great artist Holbein. Y5- Tudor experts!



Have a lovely Easter holiday from all at Mount Pleasant

