



Newsletter

July, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we are the end of another fabulous year at Mount Pleasant. Well done to Y2 and Y6 who completed the SATs tests with excellent results! They worked so hard and it certainly paid off. Y1 completed their phonics screening test and over 74% passed-fantastic!

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:

'I have loved my two days in Mount Pleasant school. Wonderful staff and wonderful children'. Mr. A. Hunter from DfE

'I can't praise everybody at the school enough...' Mr H. Hutton from Hutton Fire Protection

'We loved working in your lovely school.' Durham students

Thank you for all of the support you continually give. Have a lovely summer holiday.

Mrs Blackham

Summer Fair Fun

Mount Pleasant enjoyed the annual summer fair on Wednesday. There was the usual range of stalls with the addition of the brilliant hampers made up from the many donations we had. Friends of the School worked hard to make it all happen. We thank them very much! Over £700 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.



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Mount Pleasant Officially Rights Respecting Level 1

Mount Pleasant school is proud to announce that the UNICEF Assessor, Mrs Hinton, spent the day at school, and has awarded the school the level 1 Rights Respecting Award. She told school council, Rights Respecting Team and staff how much she had enjoyed talking with the children and what a fantastic atmosphere there was in school.

She spent time looking at the work linked to the Articles of the UNICEF Children's Charter and speaking to staff and children about how they are embedded across school. We

would like to thank all parents and carers for working with their children to complete the 'Meerkat Article Books' at home.

Brilliant Buddies of Mount Pleasant

Mount Pleasant must have the best buddies in the world. Ethan Bethell, current Buddy of the Year nominated Johnson Durham as 'Buddy of the Year, 2017' for his enthusiasm and commitment to the role. He will be keeper of the cup until next year when it will be Johnson's turn to nominate.

Leah Hunter won an award for her exceptional organisational skills, which she will continue to use next year.

New Buddy interviews will be taking place in September.



Goodbye Y6-class of 2017

On Wednesday, 19th July, Y6 children enjoyed a trip to the cinema to watch Despicable Me 3. 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!

We congratulate them all for their hard work and wish them well on the next part of their journey to secondary school.



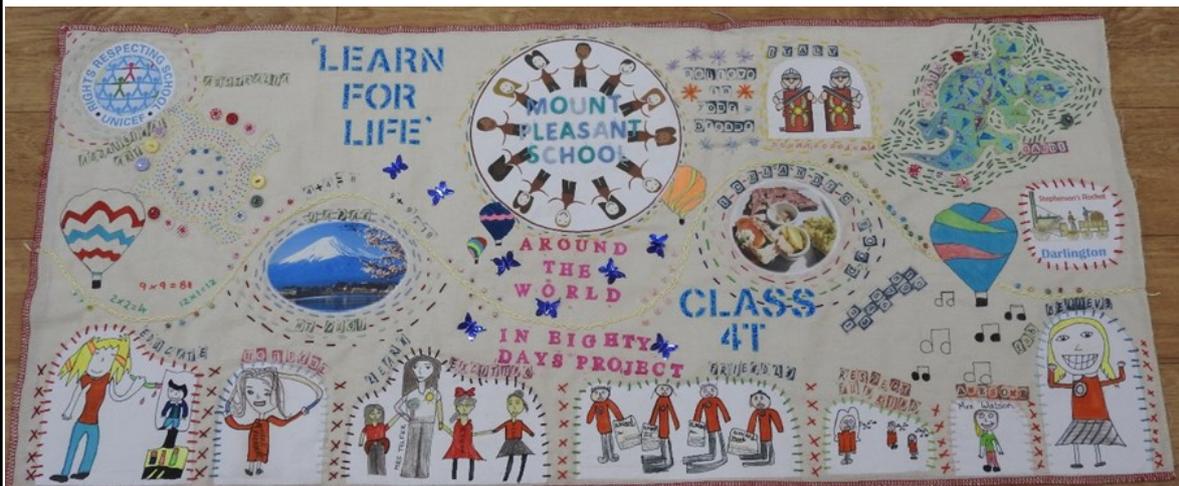
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100% attendance—all year!

Our 100% group of children and staff enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Keys restaurant and then topped it off with a big box of sweets from the traditional sweet shop in Darlington. Huge congratulations to them all. We will be continuing our drive to improve attendance next year and reach the Government target of 96%.



Mount Pleasant make a panel of the World's Longest Embroidery



Children from Mount Pleasant have taken part in the Nationwide challenge to create the 'World's longest Embroidery.' The children designed, embroidered and decorated their panel with a variety of sewing techniques. The panel represented what the children have been learning about this year. Now it is completed, the Embroiders Guild members are sending the panel away to be joined to other finished panels to create a continuous collaborative piece, which will be displayed all over the country. Gloria from Embroider's Guild said, "4T are the best!! We have enjoyed working with the class".



Diary Dates

Friday, 1.9.17: Staff PD Day: School closed for children

Monday, 4.9.17: Staff PD Day: School closed for children

Tuesday, 5.9.17: School re-opens for Autumn 1 Term

Monday, 11.9.17: Swimming Sessions commence for Class 5M

Monday, 11.9.17: Afterschool Clubs re-commence this week

Wednesday, 20.9.17: Y1 and Y2 Day trip to Hartlepool Marina

Wednesday, 11.10.17 to Friday, 13.10.17: Y6 Carlton Residential

Friday, 20.10.17: School closes tonight for half-term holiday

Monday, 30.10.17: School re-opens for Autumn 2 Term

Thursday, 2.11.17: Parents' Evening 3.45pm to 6.00pm

Friday, 1.12.17: Staff PD Day: School closed for children

Wednesday, 20.12.17: Christmas Lunch – Y6 parents only

Friday, 22.12.17: School closes tonight for Christmas

Monday, 8.1.18: School re-opens for Spring 1 Term

Friday, 9.2.18: School closes tonight for half-term holiday

Monday, 19.2.18: School re-opens for Spring 2 Term

Thursday, 29.3.18: School closes tonight for Easter

Monday, 16.4.18: School re-opens for Summer 1 Term

Monday, 7.5.18: School closed for May Day

Friday, 25.5.18: School closes for half-term holiday

Monday, 4.6.18: Staff PD Day: School closed for children

Tuesday, 5.6.18: School re-opens for Summer 2 Term

Friday, 20.7.18: School closes tonight for Summer Holiday

What's been happening?



Sports Day Action
EYFS, KS1 and KS2 all enjoyed their sports days by participating in a range of different team games. Thank you to all the parents,

grandparents and carers who attended and cheered along. We will be introducing lots of sporting activities next year to improve the health and fitness the children.



Y5 Visit excellent Easby Abby

As part of our local history and river topic, 5D went on an educational visit to Richmond. They started off at Easby Abbey where they looked at the ruins as well as visiting the church, then they followed the River Swale to Richmond town centre, looking at

the different river features. By the time they got to Richmond town centre they were all exhausted and very wet, but it did not dampen

their spirits as a good day was had by all. As a reward they stopped at The Station for delicious ice-cream.



And Finally....

SNAPCHAT WARNING

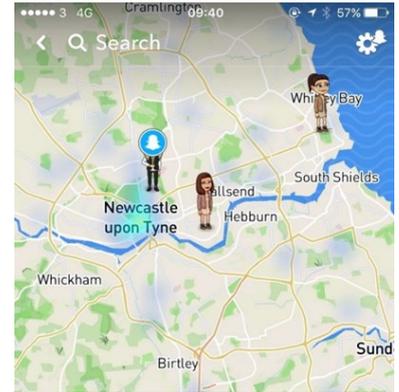
Snapchat has introduced a new tracker in the update where you can view the exact location of your friends. It can give you the area, town, and street and if you zoom in enough, it shows the house on the street layout.

Snapchat has a lot of young users. If your child is one of them, please check that they have their location set to 'Ghost' mode so no one can see where they are.

To do this make sure app is the updated version and go to selfie mode on the camera. Then zoom out. It will give you the option of changing to who can see your location.

For further information for parents/ carers, please go to.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



Information for next year.....

As you will be aware, we are not allowed to authorise holidays unless it is an exceptional circumstance. Fixed penalty notices are now being issued.

Dinner money is £1.90 per day. Please make sure that it is paid at the beginning of the week.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast club will begin on Tuesday, September 5th when the children return to school.

It is really important that children who attend are here at 8.30. Some have been arriving at 8.45 when everything has been cleared away.

Please pay on the day- it is still only 50p-bargain!!

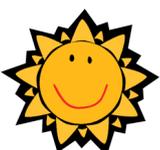
Mind Your Language *!*%*!

Please remember not to swear when on the yard. Thank you.

And finally.....

'Goodbye' to Miss Kell and Mr Hammond

Mount Pleasant would like to say 'goodbye and good luck' to our members of staff who are moving on to pastures new. They have contributed, not only to the education of children, but have been valued members of staff. We wish them well in the next part of their careers.



Have a lovely summer holiday from all at Mount Pleasant

