



Newsletter

July, 2018

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 80% 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. We have had a wonderful year and I thank you all for the constant support you give. Have a super summer holiday.

Mrs Blackham

Y3 Join the Carnival Fun

On Saturday 30th June, some of the year 3 children took part in Darlington Community Carnival. The children had worked with local artist, Yvonne Preston to design t-shirts and produce a box head of Stephen Hawking. The theme of the carnival was Heroes and Heroines and our theme was science heroes. All of the children enjoyed taking part along with their parents and siblings too. Many other schools were involved. It was a great and very hot day. Thank you to parents and family who were there to support.



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4T become Roman Warriors

Class 4T enjoyed visiting Segedunum Roman Fort. They found out how hard life was for a Roman soldier. In the morning we practiced our shield handling techniques, dressed up as Romans and then said our battle oath "We will do whatever maybe ordered and be ready at every command." On returning to school we made our own shield and helmets and performed battle techniques like "The Turtle" , in the playground. Lots of fun was had by everyone.

100% attendance—all year!

Our 100% group of children and staff are to be congratulated on a outstanding attendance achievement. The children will receive a trophy and have a non-uniform day on Friday, the last day. We strive to achieve the government target of 96%. This year, our overall attendance is 96%! One huge area of improvement needed is our late children. We have 164 children who have accumulated **931 late marks**. We hope that this really improves next year.



Goodbye Y6—class of 2018

On Wednesday, 19th July, Y6 children enjoyed a trip to the cinema to watch Incredibles 2. 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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Summer Fair Fun

Mount Pleasant enjoyed the annual summer fair on Tuesday, 17th July. 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 £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 who suffered the cold to be pounded by wet sponges. We have a special treat for all of the children, on the yard, on Friday afternoon with some of the proceeds.



Diary Dates

Friday, 20.7.18: School closes tonight for Summer Holiday

Monday, 3.9.18: Staff PD Day: School closed for children

Tuesday, 4.9.18: Staff PD Day: School closed for children

Wednesday, 5.9.18: School re-opens for Autumn 1 Term

Monday, 10.9.18: Year 5 commence weekly swimming sessions

Monday, 10.9.18: After School Clubs commence this week

Tuesday, 23.10.18 to Friday, 26.10.18: Y6 Carlton Residential Trip

Friday, 26.10.18: School closes tonight for half-term holiday

Monday, 5.11.18: School re-opens for Autumn 2 Term

Friday, 30.11.18: Staff PD Day: School closed for children

Monday, 17.12.18: All After School Clubs cancelled this week

Friday, 21.12.18: School closes tonight for Christmas holidays

Monday, 7.1.19: School re-opens for Spring 1 Term

General Housekeeping.....

- ◇ Dinner prices will be increasing to £2.00 a day from September. Please pay on a Monday morning for the week ahead.
- ◇ Uniform is important. Please refer to the uniform policy on the website for information.
- ◇ 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.

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

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. The winning teams were:

KS2: Green

KS1: Blue

EYFS: They're all winners!

Y5 Transition Tasters at Wyvern Academy



Year 5 have been working alongside staff at The Wyvern Academy. They have been starting to think about transition to secondary school, and what it might involve. 5M took part in a sports day which involved lots of exciting and tiring activities such as trampolining, dodgeball, football, and rock climbing. They also visited the school later that week to take part in a science workshop, looking at how light travels and the different types of light. The class also got the amazing opportunity to visit a planetarium and watched how the rocket Tim Peake travelled to the ISS (international space station) on docked onto the satellite. The children were fantastically behaved and a credit to Mount Pleasant throughout. The staff at Wyvern were very impressed.

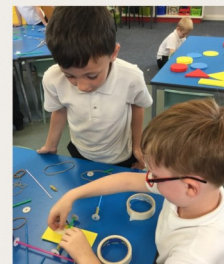
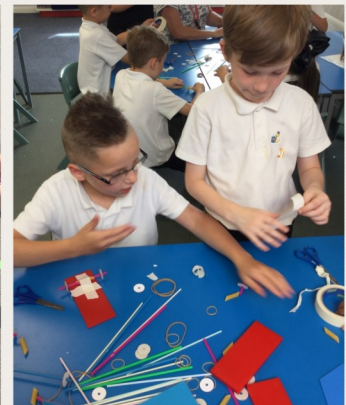
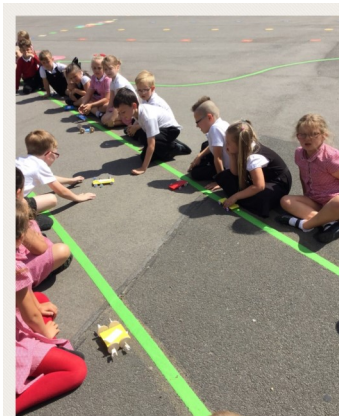
Applications for secondary school will be released early in the Autumn term.



And Finally....

2D Become Engineers

2D have worked really hard on their vehicles. Making axles to begin with proved a big challenge but everyone enjoyed working together and helping each other. All we need to do now is make them look fabulous for our trip along the promenade!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will begin on Wednesday, September 5th when the children return to school. This will run as it always has for the first week but the charge will be £1.00/day for that week.

From September, 10th we are very lucky to have been sponsored by 'Magic Breakfast' which is a charity that provides breakfast for everyone for free!

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. More details will follow during the week that we return to school.



And finally.....

'Goodbye and good luck!' to Mrs Brown, Mrs Bremner, Miss. Shaw, Mrs Davison Miss. Rumney and Mr. Newton.

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 and wish Mrs Brown a very happy retirement.

And 'Welcome' to Mrs Ward who is joining the team in the office. I'm sure that she will settle in quickly and get to know the Mount Pleasant way.



Have a lovely summer holiday from all at Mount Pleasant

