



Newsletter

March, 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer,
We have had a really interesting and enjoyable half term with lots of brilliant activities going on. As always, the children and staff are working really hard and it is evident in the excellent standards of work that are being produced. Y6 and Y2 are gearing up for their exams in May and we have very high hopes for them.

Well done to all who won an Easter egg- the free raffle was to say thank you for excellent behaviour, attendance and uniform.

Have a lovely Easter break. Mrs. J. Blackham



Run a mile for Sports relief

On Friday 23rd March all the children in the school from Reception to Y6 took part in a mile run in support of the Sports Relief Billion Steps challenge. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed taking part and helped raise money for a good cause. We raised £174! Thanks to you all for your generosity.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Monday, 14.5.18: Y6 SATs begin

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

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Out and About

Delightful Dancers

On 12th March, a group of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Dance Festival at the Dolphin Centre. The children had been practising their dancing moves for weeks and gave a tremendous performance on the night. They danced to two songs themed around 'The power of words'. They looked amazing! They did Mount Pleasant proud and everyone thoroughly enjoyed performing on the stage. Thanks to the staff who supported them.



At the Café with Y1 and Y2



Y1 and Y2 had an amazing time at the Mount Pleasant Café to celebrate what Key Stage 1 had learnt over the term in their topic.



The children used their DT skills to design, make and evaluate food for the café. They used their maths skills to calculate money and change. They used their reading and writing skills to make menus and to take orders. Plus, they used social skills to work together to make an amazing team! Well done everyone, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Other News

Y3 Visit Winter Gardens



On Tuesday 20th March, Year 3 went to visit the Winter Gardens at Sunderland Museum. They had a fantastic time pretending to be different layers of the forest. They went on an adventure trail in the Winter Gardens and found out about lots of different plants in the rainforest.



After lunch, they took part in an animal workshop and found out about which animals live in the rainforest. It was a lovely way to finish the topic on the rain forest.



Little Learners celebrate Chinese New Year

Little Learners have been celebrating Chinese New Year. They dressed up in Chinese costumes and explored a variety of new textures. They especially enjoyed making marks using fine brushes on the large scroll.

And Finally....

What a load of rubbish!

It is always very disheartening to see how much rubbish collects around school and so, as part of the community litter project happening across Darlington, Year 4 went out to clean up around their school environment. They collected eight bin bags of rubbish with a whole range of packaging including cans, crisp packets and sweet wrappings. There was even a tivo box and most disgustingly of all- poo bags pushed inside the hedge. We would like to encourage more people to take their litter home if there isn't a bin near by. Keep our area clean and tidy!



Uniform Reminders

Please remember that we have a uniform policy in place which is available on the website. Please refer to this for suitable foot wear particularly now that summer is on it's way. Girls are asked to tie up long hair and use only small bows and bobbles. If you have any queries, please come and ask.



Attendance Awards

As you will be aware, we are having a big push to improve our attendance so that we can keep our 'outstanding' grade for Behaviour and Safety. Each half term, children who have been at school every day are rewarded.

There were lots of children who achieved 100% this half term- well done! The children who have had 100% for the whole term received their Spring medal.

The class who won the class award for the best attendance over the half term will receive £50 and will be announced after Easter. We hope to keep up the improvements in to next term.



Have a lovely Easter holiday from all at Mount Pleasant

