



# Newsletter

April, 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I can't believe we are breaking up for the Easter holidays. The term has flown by.

Thank you for your support with Comic Relief and the Easter egg raffle. We gave out 64 egg prizes.

We wish Mrs Swan a very happy retirement and a big thank you after completing 20 years at Mount Pleasant. We hope she enjoys the next part of her journey.

Looking forward, Y6 and Y2 will be sitting their SATs tests in May, we have an extra bank holiday and there will be trips and sports events planned throughout the summer term.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Blackham



## Growing in Reception

'Things that Grow' has been the Reception topic this term and the children have had great fun learning about lots of different living things that grow. They read Jack and the Beanstalk, planted bean seeds and tried to make beanstalks that would reach up to the sky! 'What the Ladybird Heard' is set at the farm and they were so excited to visit Bland Close Farm. The children fed the piglets, looked after tiny chicks and ground wheat into flour. On



another visit, the children went to Cockerton Methodist Church to see the Knitted Bible and to learn about the Easter story. They were superstars and shining examples of the Mount Pleasant way, asking lots of interesting questions about what they saw and being brilliantly behaved. Well done, Reception.

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: End of Spring Term 2  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023: Summer Term 1 Commences  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023: Bank Holiday (School Closed)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Bank Holiday (School Closed)  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Y6 SATs Week  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Carlton trip Year 6  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Carlton trip return Year 6  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023: End of Summer Term 1  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023: Summer Term 2 Commences  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023: Teacher Training Day (School Closed)  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023: Year 6 Transition  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Fayre  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023: Year 6 Transition  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023: End of Summer Term 2



Our Rights Respecting Team have been educating children and staff about the term 'right holders' and 'duty bearers'.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) applies to all children and they are **Rights Holders**.

**Duty Bearers** are accountable for ensuring that children experience their rights.

Please visit our website to explore this terms and look at some examples:

<https://www.mountpleasantschool.com/rightsrespecting>

# Out and About

## Y2-Calm and Relaxed

Y2 completed their science work on healthy bodies and minds with a fun session of yoga and mindfulness with Kate. Josh said, "I felt like I was controlling my nice thoughts."

James liked the different poses, "My favourite was Upward Dog." Marnie-Leigh enjoyed the relaxation session at the end. Everyone gave it a thumbs up and said they would love to do it again.



## Rainforest Magic

Year 3 have been learning all about the rainforest! Throughout the term they have completed lots of fun activities. The children have been on a school trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens Museum which they thoroughly enjoyed and learnt all kinds of facts. They have also painted their own pictures of the rainforest and made their very own rainforest houses!



# Other News

## Mount Pleasant do Comic Relief

Well done to all the children who supported this year's Comic Relief day.



We had an array of messy hair and faces and raised £155.70.



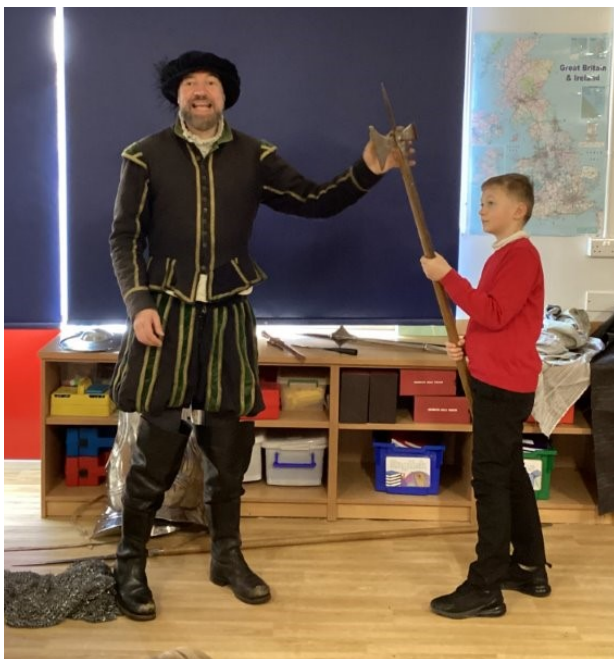
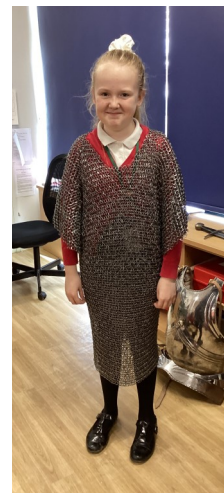
**THANK YOU!**

## Terrific Tudor Visits School

In Year 5, an historian visited for a day which helped our understanding of the Tudor topic. The children found out more about The Battle of Bosworth that led to the succession of Tudor monarchs. They had the opportunity to try on some armour and examine replica weapons.



The children found out more about Henry's wives and what life was like in Tudor times. It was really interesting to think about Tudor eating habits and look at some different utensils and 'trenchers' (plates) which were used at the time. The historian was really impressed with our children's knowledge and complimented them on their enthusiasm, interest and knowledge of this historical period.



# And Finally....

## Delightful Dancers Take the Stage

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, children in year 5 and 6 took part in the Darlington Dance Festival at the Hippodrome. The children had been learning the dance for a couple of months before performing it to a packed out theatre. The theme of the dance was exploration and discovery. There was every kind of dance moves including lifts. Miss Hewitt was so proud of every single one of them, well done! Thank you to Alison Coleman, the choreographer and teacher, and to Miss Hewitt and Mrs Watson who accompanied the children on the night. FAB-U-LOUS!



## Online Safety is one of the biggest concerns we have in school at the moment.

There is not a week that goes by when a concerned parent notifies school of inappropriate content on their child's phone. This may be a bullying incident, inappropriate images or

### Internet Safety Tips

1. Make sure your internet connection is secure.
2. Choose strong passwords.
3. Enable multi-factor authentication where you can.
4. Keep software and operating systems up-to-date.
5. Check that websites look and feel reliable.

comments or threats, not to mention links to unknown adults.

It is so important that you check what your child is accessing on their phone or tablet so that they are not exposed to anything you do not want them to see.

Harmful content can include: violence, self harm, suicide content, pornographic content and impersonation.

If you would like any support with this, please get in touch.

Need advice about online safety?

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can also contact our trained helpline counsellors on 0808 800 5000.

**NSPCC**



Have a lovely Easter holiday from all at Mount Pleasant

