



Newsletter

July, 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is the end of another year and thankfully, we have had a more normal year than the previous two. The children have been excellent, once again and have continued to work so hard. Our SATs and Phonics results were really good and reflected the effort and diligence our teachers continually show to achieve the best for our pupils.

We have two new members of staff joining our team– Miss Clayton, who will be a Y3 teacher and Mrs Hawkins, working in Nursery.

Thank you to all who completed the parental questionnaires. The response was overwhelmingly positive and great to know that you support the work we are doing. I have also had some lovely messages on Dojo from parents– always great to read.

As always, if you ever have any worries or concerns, please come and discuss it. There is always a solution!

We hope that the Y6 children enjoy the next part of their school careers and take the necessary tools that we have instilled in them to maintain the excellent progress they have made over the years. Good luck, Y6!

Have a great summer and we will see you in September.

Mrs. J. Blackham

Returning to School in September– Housekeeping

School will open for children on **Monday, September 5th, 2022**. Breakfast club will be open, as usual.

Please have the correct uniform, particularly PE kits. We have plenty of spare to recycle, if needed.

The office is now cashless and we operate SIMS pay for all money transactions. If you need help for this, please contact the office.

Please pay for dinners, Breakfast Club and Nursey 30 upfront, so that arrears do not build up. If you need any help, please come in and have a chat.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday, 5th September: Start of Autumn Term 1

Friday 21st October 2022: End of Autumn Term 1

Monday 31st October 2022: Autumn Term 2 Commences

Friday 2nd December 2022: Teacher Training Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 20th December 2021: End of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 4th January 2023: Teacher Training Day (School Closed)

Thursday 5th January 2023: Spring Term 1 Commences

Friday 17th February 2023: End of Spring Term 1

Monday 27th February 2023: Spring term 2

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Out and About

If you go down to the woods, today...

Little Learners have been reading the story "Toddle Waddle" by Julia Donaldson. To develop physical skills the children went on their own "Toddle Waddle" around the garden, exploring in bare feet. This sensory experience improves walking, balancing and strengthens joints and muscles. We encouraged the children to use key words and phrases from the story during the activity developing their speech and language skills.



On Wednesday, 20 July, the children and parents went to the 'Teddy Bears Picnic'.

Mrs Pratt and Mrs Briggs prepared a super picnic of teddy bear sandwiches and snacks. Thanks to the parents who attended and good luck to those who will be moving up to Nursery in September.



Fun In Reception...

The children in Reception have had an excellent term and completed lots of fun activities. Their topic has been 'Water, Water, Everywhere' and they have read many different stories about water and creatures that can be found in our seas, ponds and rivers. Activities for learning involved a trip to Hardwick Park, where they did some pond dipping to discover what lived in ponds. Many of the creatures had funny names such as pond skater and water boatman. Lots of tiny creatures were found that even our guide did not know the name of, so they named them 'leaflers' as they looked like tiny bits of leaf! Part of the visit was based on our class book of the week, called 'Bog Baby'. They followed a trail and were very excited when a 'Bog Baby' was found, hidden in the woods. They enjoyed lots of water play outside and made boats that needed to float



and carry a little toy across the water tray. The children had lots of brilliant ideas and didn't give up, even if the boat sunk first time. Wonderful Water learning!



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Y3 visit to Grinton Moor - Let's Learn Moors.



This term, year 3 went on a trip to Middleton-in-Teesdale, to attend the annual 'Let's Go Moors' event.

The event was organised by the Raby estate as a way to teach the



children about life on the moors and how people care and live off the land.

Here, they took part in a range of activities such as: learning about bogs and peats, firefighting, farming and the wildlife on the moors.

The children had the most brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed it! Also, unlike last year when it rained and was miserable, the weather was amazing!



2D present local historical knowledge.

This term in addition to exploring school and coastal habitats, 2D have been finding out about holidays in the past. Having discovered that the famous Darlington man Henry Pease was responsible for the development of Saltburn, the children researched the changes he made. They went on to make 'Victorian style' posters to tempt people to visit the newly developed coastal resort where they would

find Italian Style gardens, a pier, a cliff hoist which later became the cliff lift, and the luxurious Zetland Hotel with its very own railway platform. The children took delight in sharing their findings with Mrs Blackham, who was very impressed with their knowledge. After all their hard work they all deserve a summer holiday!



Super Sports Week

During the summer term, a sports week was organised to take place in school. It was a great chance for the children to try new sports that they may not have experienced before.

The activities began with Archery. Each class had the opportunity to fire a few arrows at the target.



On Tuesday, the children worked with Nathan to complete a jungle problem solving trail.

Wednesday was a fantastic day as we had the wonderful coaches from Drumba, leading a dance workout routine involving drums and aerobic dancing.

This was so much fun that the staff wanted to have a go– they had the most fun!



On Thursday, Yoga was on the menu. Even the hardest of Y5s, who thought they wouldn't like it, loved it. The yoga teacher had a great range of activities to engage all ages.

The week ended with the school's KS2 annual sports day where a carousel of many different athletic activities took place. All of the children scored valuable points for their team resulting in Mrs James' team winning the overall competition.



Congratulations go out to all of the children for a fantastically successful week!



And Finally....

Congratulations and Good Luck

Many children received awards today, in our final assembly, for 100% attendance, our virtues and excellent behaviour. Congratulations to them all.



The Y6 delivered very emotional leavers' assembly, not a dry eye in the house. We wish them every success in the next part of their adventure.



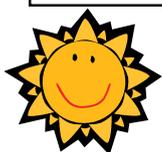
Super Summer Fair fun

On the hottest day of the year, Mount Pleasant held the Summer Fair– the first since 2019. Despite the heat, many parents and carers and family members came along to enjoy the fun and raise some funds for school.

We had a range of activities provided by the Y6 children, penalty shoot out and a brilliant bouncy castle. There were cakes, crafts, raffle, tombola (always popular) and the gardening club plant stall. Mr Foulds took the hit from the wet sponge throwing activity.

Refreshments provided a welcome snack and cool ice cream and the fabulous 'Chris Little Band' played some brilliant music to entertain the crowd.

Thank you so much for braving the heat and coming along to join in. After all expenses, we made £625.00, which will go to subsidising trips and treats for the children.



Have a lovely summer holiday from all at Mount Pleasant

