



Newsletter

July, 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I cannot believe how quickly this year has passed and another summer holiday is here again. Let's hope that the weather improves.

I would like to congratulate the Y6s on their SATs results. It was a challenge but the whole staff team rallied and got them through. We have given them the best start for their secondary school career.

I would like to thank the whole team for their dedication and hard work across all year groups. We have three new members of staff joining our team– Mrs. Wood, Miss Liddle and Miss Allen. They will be working in EYFS. Miss Weeks is leaving us to begin her teacher training so we are very pleased for her and know that she will do really well.

I am delighted to have been appointed substantive headteacher and will continue to work really hard in continuing our journey in the best school in Darlington!

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

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 **Tuesday, September 5th, 2023**. Breakfast club will be open, as usual. Doors will open for the school day at 8.50am so that we can have a prompt start to the day at 8.55am.

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 Parent Mail. All parents should have received a link to register. 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.

If your child needs medication in school, please ensure that the care plan is completed and that is handed in at the office. Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 4th September 2023 : Teacher Training Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 5th September 2023 : Start of Autumn Term 1

Friday 27th October 2023 : End of Autumn Term 1

Monday 6th November 2023 : Start of Autumn Term 2

Friday 1st December 2023 : Teacher Training Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 19th December 2023: End of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 : Teacher Training Day (School Closed)

Thursday 4th January 2024 : Start of Spring Term 1

Monday 8th January 2024 : Teacher Training Day (School Closed)

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Out and About

OH, WE DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE!

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Saltburn, where they walked along the pier and travelled on the UK's oldest, working water powered cliff lift. They found out that it was Henry Pease, one of the famous Pease family from Darlington, who decided to make it into a seaside resort in 1861. The class looked at what Victorian's would have done when they visited the seaside and compared it with what people do today. They looked at some historical artefacts borrowed from The Railway Museum and tried on some swimsuits that would have been worn in the past. Finally they found out that Queen Victoria used a bathing machine to get ready in when she went for a swim in the sea off the Isle of Wight. The children made



ing to today's users. It has been a fun and very interesting topic.



Adventures in Reception

Reception have had another busy term. Their topics have been 'Around the World Adventures' and 'Water, Water Everywhere.' The children learnt about different places in our world including the cold places at the north and south and the hotter countries around the middle.. They learnt about different animals and plants that grow live depending on the weather conditions. On a visit to Hardwick Park, they explored a real pond, learning about seas, rivers and ponds. They used nets to search for living things, hoping we'd find a Bog Baby. Unfortunately, the Bog Baby wasn't in the pond, but they did find him hiding in the trees on our adventure through the woods. Learning in Reception is based around books



and so a trip was planned to Cockerton library. It was fabulous having the chance to look at so many books and be able to pick one to take back to school.

Good luck in Y1.



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 an exciting Circus day. Each class had the opportunity to practise their balancing skills.

On Tuesday, the children took part in an amazing Golf day. They practised their putting skills.

Wednesday was a fantastic day as we had the wonderful coaches from Sensei martial arts, teaching us defensive skills.

On Thursday, Quidditch was on the menu. The Harry Potter fans were in their element although they were a bit disappointed there was no actual flying involved!

The week ended with the school's KS2 annual sports day where a carousel of different athletic activities took place. All of the children scored valuable points for their house team resulting in Birch 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 yesterday 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. Many thanks to all

of the parents, carers and special visitors who were able to attend and join in our final celebrations. We value the support that you have shown in their time at Mount Pleasant.



Year 5 at Wyvern Academy



This term, year 5 have been working on building links and relationships with Wyvern Academy. The class have been on a taster transition day and experienced lessons in history, drama, art and music. We also had a sporting event which included races, balancing events, throwing, teamwork activities and bonus bacon sandwiches for the staff! The children thoroughly enjoyed both of these events and represented the school superbly.



Super Summer Fair fun

On the wettest day of the year, Mount Pleasant held the Summer Fair– the first time it has rained at one of our fairs since 2011!



Despite the rain, many parents, carers and family members came along to enjoy the fun and raise some funds for school. Stalls included: face painting, cakes, tombola (always popular) and the Gardening Club jam stall. Mr Foulds & Mrs Reece took the hits from the wet sponge

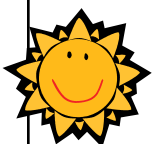


throwing activity.

Thank you so much for coming along.

The bouncy castle has been postponed until September when we will have a bouncy castle day– details to follow.

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

