



Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter – Issue 53 February 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a lovely end to this half term, seeing all our wonderful families during Parents' Evening. I always find this is the perfect opportunity to spend good quality time talking to your child's teacher to find out how your child is doing in school with their learning, progress and attitude. It also provides our teachers time to talk to you about what your child is like at home and share positive strategies with each other. We had many services and organisations attend to share with our families the facilities available to the local community such as Kirklees Keeping in Mind. School Uniform Exchange also provided many pieces of school uniform for families to take away with them.



When we return after the holidays, it is an extremely important religious and spiritual time for our Muslim community with the start of Ramadan. Due to the lunar calendar, Ramadan is approximately 10 days earlier each year and as such daylight hours are shorter. I appreciate this means that fasting times are much shorter than the summer months, but as always if you have agreed for your child (mainly UKS2) to fast, please have that good communication with the teacher so it can be recorded and managed appropriately.

It has been the Chinese New Year this half term and the Reception children had a fabulous time parading around the school in celebration, showing the rest of the school the masks they had made.



We have many fun events to look forward to next half term such as World Book Day, which we will be holding on Thursday 6th March. Please do look out for the School Ping where further information will be shared with you.

Yours faithfully
Mrs N Nazir
Head Teacher

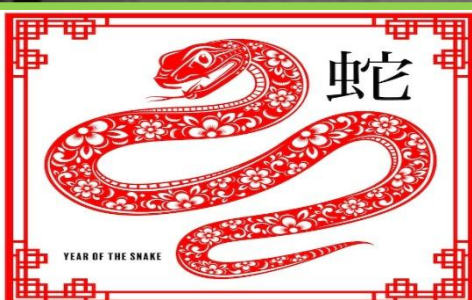
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Happy Chinese New Year 2025!

Our Reception children have been extremely busy celebrating the Chinese New Year.

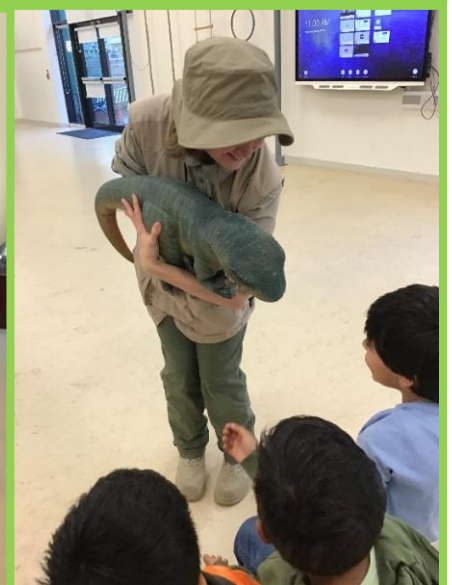
This year it is the Year of the Snake!

They created their own Chinese lanterns and masks and even took part in a dragon parade around the school. We had lots of fun learning all about the Chinese festival.



Year 1 Memorable Experience

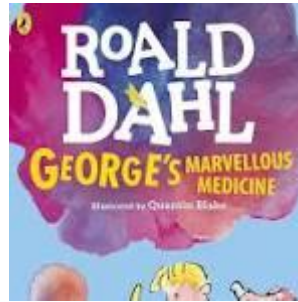
Year 1 had an amazing day meeting two dinosaurs! We met a baby velociraptor called Snap and a T-Rex called Rex. We learnt all about what they eat and where they live. We were lucky enough to stroke them and ask the ranger any questions we had! They were much friendlier than we expected. We loved meeting and learning all about them!





Potent Potions Day!

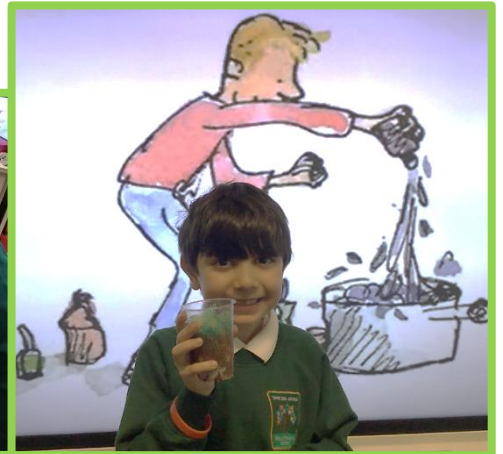
The children in Year 2 have enjoyed reading all about George's Marvellous Medicine and finding out all the affects it has had on Grandma when she drank it, so they decided they wanted to make one too.



They began the day by taste testing lots of different liquids, like tomato juice, sparkling water, vinegar, salt and Worcestershire sauce. Next, they used their results to decide what would make a good or bad potion and what might happen if they fed it to Grandma. Some

children made 'Super Green Glow' that would turn Grandma green like an alien.

Whereas other children weren't quite so kind and put spices in their potion to make her breathe fire. The children put their potions to the test and evaluated them afterwards too. One child even said, "That's the worst thing I have ever had, I would rather have George's Medicine from the story."



After they had a well-earned lunch, the children came back to a carousel of messy mixtures activities. They created their own coloured bubbling potions; slippery slime; explored colour mixing and made their bubble wands too. The next day the children used the experience to write a recipe and instruction card for their potion. Just in case any other Grandmas need some special medicine, just like George's in our story.

Year 3 Memorable Experience



Year 3 memorable experience this half term was a visit to Mr Willy Wonka's chocolate factory! Pupils took part in a range of activities throughout the day related to their English text 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

Pupils learnt about diffusion and concentration gradient during a skittle experiment which was very exciting to watch.



The pupils did so well resisting the urge to eat the skittles!



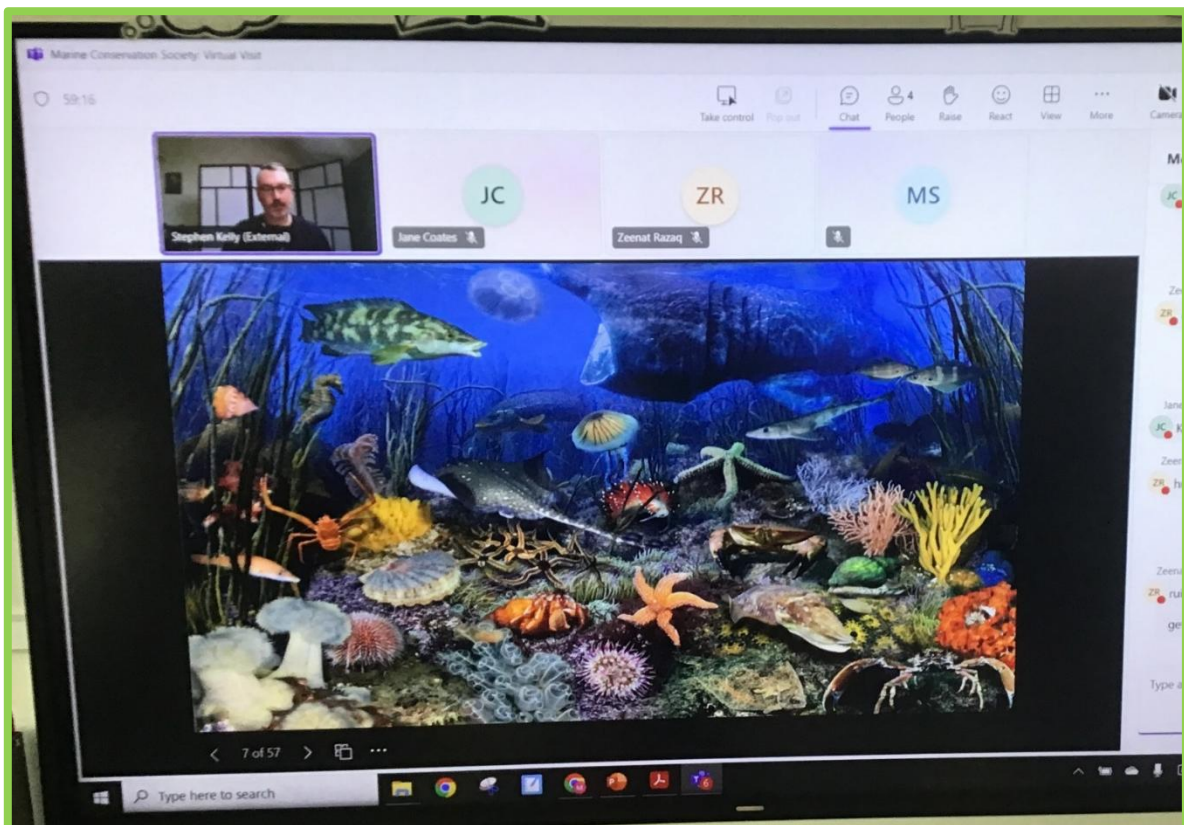
Pupils invented their very own Wonka inspired chocolate bar. They melted chocolate and added their own ingredients to it, including popping candy.

Following this, pupils created wrappers for their inventions which they labelled and bagged up ready to take home!



Year 4 Memorable Experience

Year 4 were (virtually) visited by Stephen from the Marine Conservation Society. We learnt about how plastic pollution is affecting the ocean wildlife, and what we can do to help. Did you know that a plastic bottle could take 400 years to decompose!?





Year 5 Memorable Experience

What an amazing half term! We have been able to squeeze so much into only 5 weeks!



5C went to Greenhead College to watch a play called 'The Tree Thief'. The children loved the play and some were inspired to go to drama school! The performers weren't even drama students! They were fantastic. Hopefully next year all of Year 5 will be able to visit.

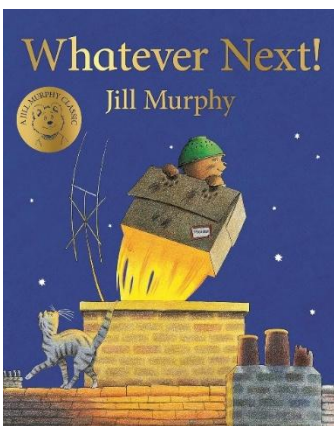
Year 5 have completed our sculpture unit this half term in Art. The children enjoyed using clay to create miniature sculptures. This included manipulating the clay of two different colours and creating coil pots using a technique called slipping and scoring.

Year 6 Memorable Experience



Year 6 had an exciting visit from two First Aiders from Kirklees, who taught the children about the life-saving importance of CPR. The session was both informative and hands-on, as the First Aiders demonstrated proper resuscitation techniques. The children were then given the opportunity to practise CPR on manikins, learning key skills that could potentially save lives in emergency situations. It was an engaging and educational experience that highlighted the value of being prepared for any situation requiring immediate first aid.

Nursery Memorable Experience



In Nursery this half term we have been looking at the story "whatever next".

We visited the moon in the holodeck room.



Then this week we made some flapjack and sandwiches and had a picnic on the moon.

It's been lots of fun!



Bikeability



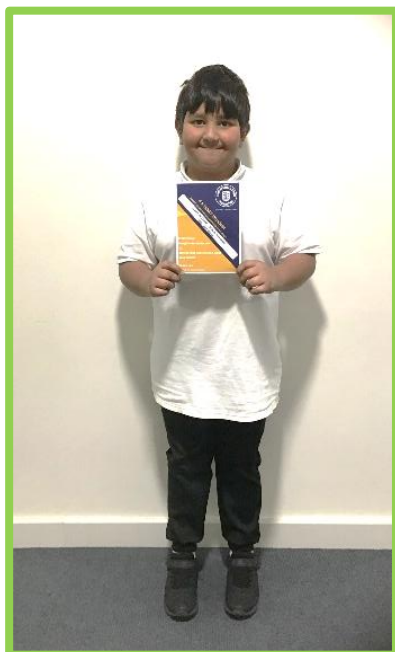
Year 5 children were recently visited by Bikeability, when they had the opportunity to learn about acquiring and maintaining proper cycling equipment. The instructors provided valuable insights on how to check and care for their bikes, ensuring that their equipment was safe and ready for riding. In addition to this, the pupils developed their cycling skills through practical lessons, with more advanced riders being given the chance to cycle around the local area. This experience not only helped them refine their technique, but it also raised their awareness of road safety and the importance of being respectful, responsible riders by following proper cycling etiquette on the roads.

Harry Potter Organ Concert



Children in Years 5 and 6 were mesmerised by the lights and sounds at the Harry Potter Organ Concert as world renowned organist Ewa Belmas transformed the Town Hall into a place of magic and wonder.

Huddersfield Town Foundation Blue and White Day



On Friday 7th February, the school helped to turn Kirklees blue and white by joining other local schools in taking part in 'Wear Blue and White Day'. This is an annual event which aims to raise money for the Huddersfield Town Foundation Charity. The charity supports schools by providing food for Breakfast Clubs across Kirklees, ensuring children have the best possible start to a day of learning.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised a huge £494.50 which we know will be greatly appreciated by everyone at the Foundation as it will help to ensure that they can continue to do this valuable work.

Aahil Hussain 4C won the raffle prize, which was a ticket for a family of 4 to attend a Huddersfield Town football match.

Diary Dates

Can parents please take note of the term times below and only book holidays in the school holiday periods.

Monday 6th January	Children return to school for Spring Term.
Friday 14th February	Last day in school. School closes for half term holiday.
Monday 24th February	Children return to school.
Monday 31st March	INSET Day.
Friday 4th April	Last day in school. School closes for Easter holidays.
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school.
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday.
Friday 23rd May	Last day in school. School closes for May half term holidays.
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school.
Friday 18th July	Last day in school. School closes for Summer holidays.