

# Mount Pleasant Primary School

## Parent Newsletter – Issue 54

### April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I hope everyone who celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr had a wonderful celebration with their families and friends. Our Year 1 children performed an amazing Eid assembly, as they told us about the importance of Ramadan, followed by Eid celebrations.

As always, it has been a very busy term at Mount Pleasant. We particularly enjoyed World Book Day, where the staff and children dressed up as their favourite characters and created the most amazing door jackets and shoe box stories. It is so important that children have a real love for reading as this is the key to success and to a great education and successful future for our youngsters. You may have seen reports that love for reading in the UK is sadly declining, so we are trying our very best to promote reading. Please do encourage your children to read as much as possible as well.

I am also pleased to inform you that we are continuing with upgrading our school facilities even further. As shared above we want to promote reading as much as possible and therefore will be upgrading our KS2 Library with further shelving, seating and books for the children to enjoy.

You will be very impressed to learn that our Governors have agreed to massively improve our school MUGA to an astro-turf pitch. This will greatly enhance this facility, creating a great sports pitch for the children to enjoy, as well as possibly letting it out to organisations. Watch this space!

Looking forward to next term, we have so many of our wonderful annual events happening such as Aspirations Day, Annual Awards Ceremony and Summer Fayre to look forward to, just to name a few!

I hope everyone has a great holiday, and for our families celebrating Easter, from myself and all the staff, we hope you have the very best celebrations!

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs N Nazir (Headteacher)



The children enjoyed their Eid parties on the last day of term. Thank you to parents for providing lots of lovely food for them.

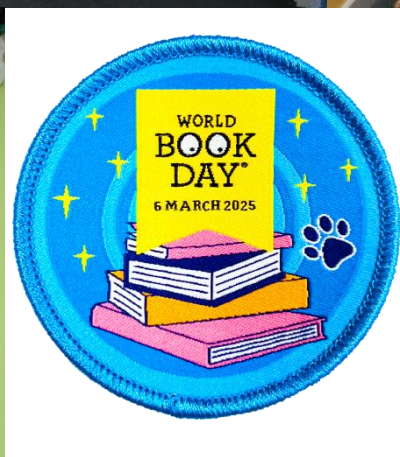
## World Book Day

The children had a wonderful time on World Book Day. All classes decorated their doors and staff and children dressed up as their favourite characters.











## Eid Assembly

Year 1 performed an assembly to the rest of the school and parents, sharing what they had learnt about Eid and Ramadan. All the children did a fantastic job; they read their lines confidently and clearly and sang beautifully. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and show your support - it really means a lot to the children.



## British Science Week



This year, our school took part in British Science Week, exploring the theme '*Change and Adapt.*'

This theme offered a fantastic opportunity for our children to engage in hands-on learning, sparking curiosity and creativity.

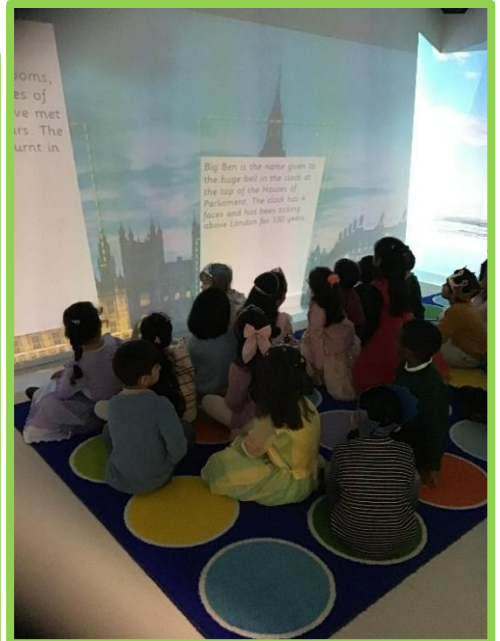
### Why 'Change and Adapt'?

Change is everywhere – from the evolution of cities and towns to how plants and animals adapt to survive. Adaptation lies at the heart of STEM, and with ongoing technological advancements, our world is constantly evolving. Even our behaviours are adapting as we respond to challenges like climate change. By encouraging our children to explore these changes we are helping them see science as a dynamic, ever-evolving field that impacts every aspect of their lives. British Science Week allowed us to raise essential science skills, foster curiosity, and inspire creativity.



## Year 1 Memorable Experience

This half term for our memorable experience Year 1 had a kings and queens day. We celebrated by dressing up as kings and queens and then spent the day preparing for our royal tea party. We made sandwiches and visited our amazing holodeck room to learn all about different landmarks in London. We then had some amazing party food and ended the day by playing lots of party games!





## Nursery Memorable Experience

The nursery children have been learning about transport this half term. We explored our school minibuses. We looked at the outside and the inside and learnt all about where it might take us on an adventure. We then built our own minibus outside to play with.



Nursery children ended the term with hatching chicks. We looked after the eggs, then watched them grow into chicks. We've fed and cleaned them everyday whilst giving them plenty of cuddles.



### Reception Memorable Experience



Reception had a fantastic day at Whistlestop Valley. They learnt about steam trains and got to ride across the Kirklees countryside on a beautiful steam train. We then explored electric trains and took a trip around the pond on their 'Little Train'. The children showed excellent behaviour



throughout the day and all the teachers and Whistlestop staff were very impressed with how well the children did with their first school trip without their parents.



### Year 2 Memorable Experience



Year 2 spent the morning trying to solve some mysterious clues in order to find the Bala Mengro's treasure. The children worked as a team, created directions and walked around Lockwood finding human and physical features. Their final clue led them to the solar dome where each of them received a golden coin for all their hard work.

Year Two did a great job in their Easter Assembly. 2C retold the Easter story; 2A explained how Christians in England celebrate, followed by 2B explaining how the rest of the world celebrate this very special religious festival.

All children tried hard to remember their lines and spoke with confidence in front of other pupils and parents. Well done Year Two.



## Year 3 Memorable Experience

For their memorable learning experience this half term, Year 3 visited Beaumont Park to carry out activities linked to their Geography (OS Map skills and Fieldwork) and Science (Forces and Magnets) units. Pupils accomplished an orienteering activity by using their compass and map to navigate around the park in order to locate lettered signposts. After locating the specified signpost, they recorded the number which corresponded to the letter shown on the map. Once complete, they totalled the numbers and checked if it matched the answer given on the map.



Later in the day, pupils spent some time in the playground looking at different forces in action, which they have been learning about in class and investigated how friction affects the speed of an object, when wrapped in different materials, on a slide.

On their journey back to school, pupils identified physical and human features in the local environment.



## Get Set Goals Healthy Eating Workshop



On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Huddersfield University healthcare students from Get Set Goal delivered a Healthy Eating workshop to our Year 3 pupils. During the workshop, pupils learned about the importance of healthy eating and having a balanced diet. They learned about healthy and unhealthy foods, the different food groups, the consequences of having too much sugar in their diet, and designed their own healthy food plate.



## **Year 4 Memorable Experience**

20 children from Year 4 went to Newsome Academy to join with children from other local schools for the annual 'Let's Sing' event. After an afternoon rehearsal they performed a range of songs to a large audience, as well as listening to brass, ukulele and piano performances. They sounded fantastic and all had a great afternoon.

In Year 4, we have been learning about the importance of our teeth and how we need to look after them. We have had a workshop with visitors from the University of Huddersfield who discussed the importance of healthy teeth and how we can look after them. The children really enjoyed the workshops and the race at the end!

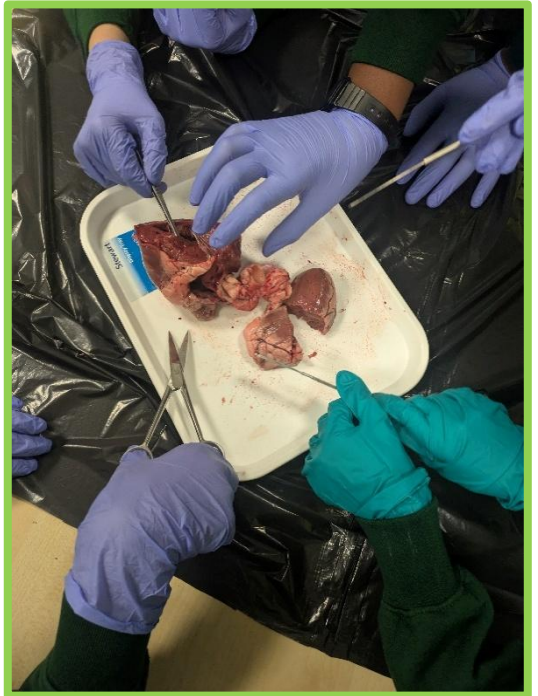


## **Year 5 Memorable Experience**

This term Year 5 have been learning violins with Mrs Kelly. They have been making such amazing progress that they were invited to perform at Huddersfield Town Hall! 45 brave children stood on stage in front of 200 people attending the Kirklees Children's Social Work Conference and did an incredible job. They sounded fantastic and should be so proud of their work. Ben Newsome, Service Manager for the Youth Engagement Service said "Your pupils performed wonderfully at the town hall in front of, what could have been, an intimidating crowd! Their enthusiasm and enjoyment was infectious . . . I'm sure, as a school, you must be very proud of them"

## Year 6 Memorable Experience

As part of their Science unit on *Animals, including Humans*, the Year 6 children eagerly gathered around the dissection trays, ready to explore the inner workings of a sheep's heart. Wearing gloves and safety goggles, they carefully followed instructions as they used scissors and forceps to cut through the heart's outer layers. The children marvelled at the heart's size and shape, identifying key parts such as the atria, ventricles, and valves. As they carefully examined each section, they learned how the heart pumps blood around the body, supplying oxygen and nutrients. The hands-on activity sparked curiosity and deepened their understanding of the circulatory system, with many students excited to ask questions and share their observations with the class



## School Council

This half term, the School Council were very lucky to be invited to meet the Mayor of Kirklees. We sat in the council chambers and learnt all about the history of the Mayors of Kirklees, how you would become a mayor and what the job entails. The councilors were very excited to learn that the current mayor, Nosheen Dad, is the first ever female Muslim Mayor of Kirklees.



On the last day of term the Easter Bunny bounced into Mount Pleasant Primary to say hello to the children. The children were all very excited to find the Easter eggs that were left behind for them!



### Diary Dates

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

TERM DATES 2024 - 2025	
Friday 4 April	School closes for Easter holidays.
Tuesday 22 April	Children return to school.
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday.
Friday 23 May	School closes for May half term holidays.
Monday 2 June	Children return to school.
Friday 18 July	School closes for the summer holidays.
Wednesday 3 September	Children return to school.

Term Dates for 2025 – 2026 overleaf.

**Mount Pleasant Term Time and Holidays 2025 - 2026**

**Autumn Half Term 1 (8 weeks)**

- Monday 1 September – (INSET Day 1)
- Tuesday 2 September (INSET Day 2)
- Wednesday 3 September – Children return to school
- Thursday 23 October - School closes for October half term
- Friday 24 October – (INSET Day 3)

**Autumn Half Term 2 (7 weeks)**

- Monday 3 November – Children return to school
  - Friday 19 December – School closes for Christmas holidays
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**Spring Half Term 1 (6 weeks)**

- Monday 5 January – Children return to school
- Friday 13 February – School closes for February half term

**Spring Half Term 2 (5 weeks)**

- Monday 23 February – Children return to school
  - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March (INSET DAY 4) possible Eid day
  - Friday 27 March – School closes for Easter holidays
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**Summer Half Term 1 (6 weeks)**

- Tuesday 13 April – Children return to school
- Monday 4 May – Bank Holiday
- Friday 22 May – School closes for May half term holidays

**Summer Half Term 2 (7 weeks)**

- Monday 1 June – Children return to school
- Friday 17 July – School closes for the Summer holidays
- Monday 20 July – (INSET Day 5) disaggregated