



Mount Pleasant Primary School Parent Newsletter – Issue 55 May, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Whilst this half term has been a short one it's also been a very busy one, with so many activities and events happening; one of the most significant ones being the KS2 SATs. I am so proud of the Year 6 children as they worked brilliantly all year and then worked so hard during their tests. They showed incredible resilience, confidence and maturity throughout the week, and as a reward they spent the whole day at Beaumont Park.

We also had a wonderful Aspirations Day where over 20 professionals came into school to talk to the children about their careers. We will report on this in our next newsletter and share photos of the event with you. But whilst thinking about aspirations and our school logo of 'Think Big, Aim High', I was delighted when a former pupil, Hamza Sohaib (now at College) had the extraordinary honour of speaking at the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2025 (April 2025), held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.

The ECOSOC Youth Forum is the United Nation's largest annual gathering of young leaders, providing a platform for youth to engage in dialogue with Member States and other stakeholders. Hamza was selected to attend as an individual delegate - through a highly competitive direct application process. His speech, delivered with confidence and clarity, focussed on the importance of youth engagement in leveraging science and social inclusion to achieve sustainable development.



After A levels Hamza is hoping to further his education at a prestigious university. Hamza embodies our school values and vision of 'Think Big, Aim High and Achieve'. During my interview with him, he recalled how his education at Mount Pleasant had been paramount in building solid foundations to a successful future.

We would love to continue hearing from any former Mount Pleasant students who would like to share how Mount Pleasant supported them with their future education and career.

Nursery and Reception Memorable Experience

Nursery and Reception had a fabulous beach day to end the half term. Parents joined the children with glitter tattoos, craft activities, rock-pooling and donkey scooting. We had some glorious weather and everyone had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the parents for joining us and sharing this experience with the children.



Beach
Day

Year 1 Memorable Experience



For our memorable experience Year 1 made fox dens in the woodland, linked to our new book 'The Fox and the Star'. We created a lovely space for fox to huddle in his den, when he's feeling like he needs to hide!



We really enjoyed it!

Year 2 Memorable Experience

This half term the children in Year 2 went to Beaumont Park for their memorable experience. Before setting off the children discussed in small groups about how to use the minibus and walk around the park safely, relating to their road safety lessons. On the minibus to the park we looked out for many human and physical features in our local environment, such as the zebra crossing. Once we reached the park the children were amazed at the history and the lovely views. They passed many beautiful flowers, sculptures, waterfalls and statues. Luckily, the fierce lion was sleeping as we passed!

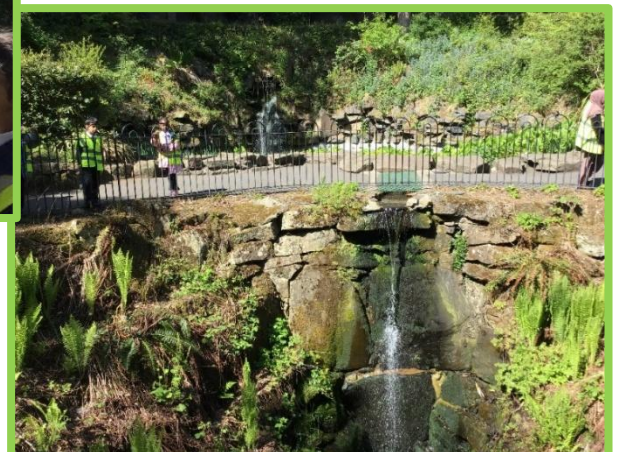


The teachers were so impressed by the children's physical development and strength as they whizzed across the monkey bars, climbed the rope ladder and had no fear as they zoomed down the slides.

Next, we began the nature hunt, answering questions and looking for statues. We discussed the animals and their habitats

that we might see or hear in the park during the day and night.

We all got back into the minibus to return to school in time to refuel at dinner time. The children had an amazing time and want to go back to the park soon.



Year 4 Memorable Experience

For their memorable experience Year 4 visited Bagshaw Museum to find out about The Ancient Egyptians.

We learnt how archaeologists dig for artefacts and all about the process of mummification.



We also got the opportunity to take part in the mummification of a model. Everyone learnt lots.

Year 5 Memorable Experience

Year 5 enjoyed an informative visit from the Speed Watch team. They learnt about important safe driving practices. The session covered key topics such as the importance of wearing a seatbelt, sticking to the speed limit, and avoiding distractions like eating, drinking, or vaping while driving.



Pupils also gained insight into how busy Lockwood Road can get and observed the types of vehicles most commonly seen in the area.

It was a valuable opportunity for students to better understand road safety and the impact responsible driving has on the community.



Year 5 Violins at Huddersfield Town Hall

In our last newsletter we told you about 40 of our Year 5 children being invited to go and play their violins at the Kirklees Children's Social Work Conference at the Town Hall in front of 200 people. They were simply amazing; they were so confident and played beautifully! We didn't have photos to show you before but we have now received some and thought you might like to see your children in action.



Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Well done to our School Council who organised a fundraising event in school for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Pupils were invited to bring £1 into school and were allowed to break a school rule for the day (from a list provided). We have received an email from the team, thanking us. Please see below:

‘Yorkshire Air Ambulance would like to say a huge heartfelt thank you to all at Mount Pleasant Primary School for this kind donation of £329.00.

Your donation really is a life saver. It helps us provide a rapid response emergency service to 5 million people. On average, our crews respond to around 1,700 incidents each year-that’s nearly five missions a day across Yorkshire. We help people like Jules Collett from Halifax, who suffered a heart attack when out running with his son Henry. Since his cardiac arrest, Jules has resumed cycling, running, and taking part in the couch to 5k challenge with his son:

“The swift work by Henry and the medical teams on-scene gave me a far better chance of recovery and I’ve been able to resume an active life. I’m very thankful for all their help.”

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is an independent charity and receives no direct government funding. As such, we rely on the generosity of people like you to help save lives 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Thanks to generous donations like yours we now have plans to improve our service by expanding our fleet to include a 3rd helicopter to act as a cover for when one of our two helicopters are down for maintenance. We are now also employing our own Technical Crew Members. All this means we will have greater operational availability and is another reason why your donation is so important to us, our patients, and the people of Yorkshire.’

Term Time Dates 2024 - 2025

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

TERM DATES 2024 - 2025	
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.

Overleaf are the holiday dates for the next academic year.

Mount Pleasant Term Time and Holidays 2025 – 2026

Autumn Half Term 1 (8 weeks)

- **Wednesday 3 September – Children return to school**
- **Thursday 23 October - School closes for October half term**

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 20th March (INSET DAY) 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**