



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Educational Visits and Visitors

At the end of last week, we were visited by the Deputy Chaplain General who was given a tour of school and this week we had more visitors: the Indian Navy Sailing Team and members of the Indian High Commission in London (more on the last page).

KS1 children have been able to visit the Fire Station and our EYU children were very lucky to be able to visit the Met Office to find out more about the weather. Mount Pleasant School gets outstanding value from the local military and visitors to the island; we would like to thank you to everyone who took a part in the visits this week and a thank you in advance for those visits to come in the future.

MOD Employee Voucher Scheme

In September 2017 the UK Government introduced a new Tax-Free Childcare scheme to replace all salary sacrifice schemes. As a result the MOD Childcare Voucher scheme, currently run by Sodexo, will close to new joiners on 31 March 2018. From 1 April 2018 you will not be able to join the Childcare Voucher scheme, instead only the new Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) will be available.

Swimming

Last week I went to the pool to watch the swimming lessons. I was amazed at the level of participation, progress and achievement in our swimming lessons. The three teachers who are leading the sessions had thought about the needs of all the children and were encouraging in their approach to the lessons.

Web site—soft launch and feedback

Thanks to the Army Media Team in Andover and the BFSAI photographer we have a new school web site. Please take a look at www.mountpleasant.school and let us know what else you would like to see on the site before we launch our site to the wider world.

Safeguarding

Gary Mangerison is the Designated Senior for Safeguarding at Mount Pleasant School. Louise Deane is the Deputy and James Stevens is the responsible SGC member.



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Gentoo, Magellenic, Rockhopper and King

These are the four house team groups which you will have seen the children working in on Sports Day. Children receive points for good work and good actions which go to their team.

Children are regularly updated as to the progress of their team and encouraged to try their best in order to support the outcomes for their teams. There are no individual awards or prizes this is all about working collectively to keep their team ahead of the others.

Events.....

- 6th February 2018—Enrichment Activity
- 6th February 2018- Stay and Play
- 8th February 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym
- 12th—16th February 2018 Half Term
- 22nd February 2018 —Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym
- 27th February 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only
- 27th February 2018- Stay and Play
- 1st March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym
- 6th March 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only
- 6th March 2018- Stay and Play
- 8th March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym
- 13th March 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only
- 13th March 2018- Stay and Play
- 14th March 2018—Parent Open Afternoon
- 15th March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym
- 20th March 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only
- 20th March 2018- Stay and Play
- 22nd March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym

Are you leaving?

If you are leaving between now and the end of the summer term please call into the office for an information sheet.

Indian Sailing Team

It was wonderful to meet some of the sailing team from the Indian Navy. The team inspired our children and staff with their tales of sailing round the world. They were accompanied by members of the defence team from the Indian Embassy in the UK who were very impressed by our children and the creative learning environments they saw during their tour of the school.

At the end of the morning, school was presented with a painting of an Indian Elephant which will remind us of their inspirational visit.

