



# Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter 5 | 27th September 2017

## Weather, fund raising, fruit and vegetables....

We have had snow, rain and sunshine this week but outdoor learning does not stop at Mount Pleasant, and with coats/hats/gloves on, children across EYFS have been enjoying digging, counting, drawing, painting and riding bikes. It is good to see such a wonderful use of the outdoor space and that the children are able to make the most of the weather conditions rather than hide away from it.

We have been very lucky again this week with support from the BFSAI community. On Wednesday I was asked to attend ISS who were making the draw for their fund raising raffle, I was delighted to learn that they were able to raise over £430.00 and are donating all the money to the school. I have asked the school council to think about extra things for playtime that they would like the money spending on. ISS tell me they are continuing their fund raising activities and the total could well be much more. Thank you to all parents, and the wider community, for purchasing raffle tickets.

Next week, will be the first week in October, and we are looking forward to seeing how our plants grown in school have developed. Children have had an opportunity to plant, dig and water over the past few weeks and with just a little more sunshine (and a bit more heat) we should have a wonderful collection of vegetables to eat as well as flowers to brighten up our school grounds. If you have any cuttings of plants you would consider donating to school please drop them off in the office and the children will plant and grow them.

## Cakes for Macmillan

Thank you for your donations, CRS provided some delicious treats which were enjoyed at break-time; the money will be added to the BFSAI total to be sent to the charity. The children enjoyed the treat, and made a worthwhile contribution to the wider community as a result.



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## Stay and Play

Stay and Play is open on Tuesday afternoon (15:15–16:00) to any child in EYU or FS1 but parents must accompany their children. If you have a friend or neighbour who has a child from birth to 4 who would like to join in with Stay and Play please feel free to bring them along.

## Events.....

3rd October - 'Welcome to Nursery with Mrs Deane' - all parents with children in EYU in the mornings are invited to this session where Mrs Deane will be able to tell you more about Nursery sessions and will also collect valuable information from you about your child to ensure we can best care and educate them at the very start of their journey through education.

3rd October—Enrichment session 3 15:15-16:00

3rd October —Stay and Play 15:15-16:00

4th October—School Choir 12:30-13:00

5th October—**School Photographs**

5th October— **Turban Day**

5th October—Southern Strikers

9th October—EYU (Nursery), FS1 and FS2 parents interactive outdoor activities 08:45-09:30

10th October—Enrichment session 4 15:15-16:00

10th October —Stay and Play 15:15-16:00

11th October - MT Road Safety Day

11th October—School Choir 12:30-13:00

12th October—Southern Strikers

23rd—27th October—Half Term

## News direct by e-mail

Would you prefer information such as this newsletter and the information we currently post on the BFSAI Families Facebook page sent directly to you by email? We would like to consider this as a viable system and have it up and running by October Half Term. If you would be willing to receive information in this way please email with the subject NEWSLETTER to [mps.office@modschoools.org](mailto:mps.office@modschoools.org) This will only work if the vast majority of families are happy to use this as the primary form of communication—we will collate the responses and let everyone know the outcome.



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## School Photographs

On Thursday morning I had confirmation from the station photographer that he has been given permission to come to school to take individual school photographs of the children. He will take these on the morning of **5th October 2017** and they will be available to you soon after.

There will be three options for the photographs:

- Donation for a digital copy of the photograph
- Donation for a printed copy of the photograph
- Donation for both options

I will give more details on dates the photographs will be available once the photographer has been in school.

We already hold permission slips to take photographs of all the children in school, and we plan to have a photo taken of every child. If your child is in Nursery and does not attend on that day please feel free to come to school any time between 10:00 and 12:00.

## Turban Day

Manpreet Lally has kindly given his own time to come into school during his posting to MPC, to share his love of Bhangra Dancing through an afterschool club, and to talk to the children about his Sikh beliefs. This has greatly enhanced the children's learning about Sikhism which is prescribed in the MoD Schools Agreed Syllabus from FS2 to Year 6.

Manpreet has organised a station wide 'Turban Day' (and event which is held annually across the world) to celebrate the values of Sikhism and share awareness of them with the wider community. I am delighted to say that he has arranged for our school to be involved in this event, and will be in school on Thursday 5th October to talk to children about Sikhism and them tie a Turban for each child and present them with a Kara. After lunch, the whole school will walk along the corridor to the church where other members of MPC will gather in this effort to raise awareness of Sikhism and celebrate equality and diversity in our community.



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## School Council—notice for all children in school

### Mount Pleasant School Council 2017/16

#### A note to candidates:

All candidates for Mount Pleasant School Council will be required to give a short speech about themselves during the assembly on Wednesday 4th October.

This speech should be a maximum of 60 seconds long (but can be less) and should cover such topics as your positive qualities and what you will bring to the role.

What are you like as a person?

How will you help the School Council to be amazing?

You may write what you wish to say down and read it out, but you do not have to.

After the speeches there will be a vote to elect the candidates for Mount Pleasant School Council 2017/18