



# Mount Pleasant Extra!

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## Parents evening, home work, SGC and new web site (almost)

It was so nice to see many of you at the parent open evening. I have been reading a book called 'Tiger Teachers' which is about a school in Brent called Michaela; the school is known as being the strictest school in the country using a system they call 'no excuses': on their web site they say "Parental engagement with the school is required at Michaela". It was clear from our open evening that parents at Mount Pleasant **want** to engage with school and support the learning their child is enjoying; how fortunate we are to have worked in schools across the MoD where parental engagement is enthusiastic and appropriate. Please keep looking at this newsletter for dates when you can take part in school events and support your children with their learning.

Homework will be given out this afternoon and to give everyone the opportunity to complete their homework we distribute this on the first Friday of each half term and ask for it to be returned to school on the Monday after the following holiday.

I am pleased that the School Governance Committee is now formed and ready to work alongside school: the SGC will focus on the key issues of raising standards of achievement, establishing high expectations, and promoting effective teaching and learning, SGC members are not responsible for the day to day leadership and management of the school. Expect to see photographs of SGC members and a SGC information leaflet very soon.

We are in production of a new web site: this is a DCYP project with the Army Media Team in the UK. What would you have liked to see on the school web site that would help give you more information prior to your move to Mount Pleasant? The new sites are directed at parents as an information source. On Monday 13th November at 14:30, I will be holding a coffee and web site session and invite you to come along with your ideas. I will also be able to show you the updated web site. Our current web site holds all the statutory information required by Ofsted and is the place we are directing people to until the new site is launched.



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## Light under a Bushel

We hope to discover an area in which all children have an opportunity to shine, to facilitate their development in many fields and to experience success and recognition. There are obvious areas of the school day that provide these opportunities but there may also be things in which children have a special talent and we are, as yet, unaware.

We would like you to consider the attached form and return to us if you feel your child has an exceptional ability that may not be known to us. Perhaps they are amazing at puzzle solving or crosswords, maybe they are into motor mechanics or building scale models, expert gardeners or photographers. Anything that you feel is rather exceptional or unusual, we would love to hear about it.

All we ask is for you to bear in mind that everything is relative! Scoring a hat trick in the park with a three year old sibling in goal doesn't really merit too much recognition!

We don't want anyone to hide their light under any bushel and we hope to hear of some amazing and perhaps unusual hobbies, interests and skills. By gathering this information we will not only learn more about our children but can look at ways to nurture and encourage special skills and interests. Sometimes just having this knowledge enables teachers to find points of discussion with pupils and helps children settle and feel valued and hopefully flourish.

I would like to draw attention to my son/daughter

Name.....

Who has a special interest/talent in the field of

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## Stay and Play and Enrichment

Stay and Play and enrichment is back until 21st November. Your child has been allocated a new activity and letters have been sent home with this newsletter.

## Events.....

- 3rd November—BFSAI Forces Entertainment, Gull and Penguin 15:30
- 6th November—EYU (Nursery), FS1 and FS2 **parents** Profiles Morning 08:45-09:30
- 7th November—Enrichment session 2
- 7th November —Stay and Play 15:15-16:00
- 8th November—Choir 12:30-13:00
- 13th November— **Parents** coffee and web site session
- 14th November—Enrichment session 3
- 14th November —Stay and Play 15:15-16:00
- 15th November—Choir 12:30-13:00
- 21st November—Enrichment session 4 FINAL SESSION
- 21st November —Stay and Play 15:15-16:00 FINAL SESSION
- 22nd November—Choir 12:30-13:00
- 4th December—EYU (Nursery), FS1 and FS2 **parents** Mark Making Morning 08:45-09:30
- 7th December—Reports home and Open Classrooms for **parents** 14:30-15:30
- 7th December—Decorate the Tree - during the open classrooms please bring a decoration from home for our Christmas Tree. Children and **parents** to place one decoration on the tree.
- 12th December— EYFS Christmas Production to **parents** 10:00-11:00
- 13th December- KS1 and KS2 Christmas Production to **parents** 10:00-11:00
- 14th December—Close for Christmas at 13:15
- 9th January—School Opens following the Christmas and New Year Holiday 08:45
- 9th January—Homework hand in day.

## Forces Entertainment

There will be a special families performance from Forces Entertainment for all children and families, in the Gull and Penguin, from 15:30 this afternoon, Friday 3rd November. The show will last about an hour and will feature two singers. Parents must accompany their children at this event.



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## BFSAI Open Day

Thank you for your support at the BFSAI Open Day last week. The tombola stall raised £42.00 which will go to the school non—public fund. This fund is available to pay for additional items which we are not able to obtain from public funds. Christmas decorations and payment for entry fees on school visits are two examples, we also have a plan to purchase additional play time play equipment for the children.

The School Choir were fantastic and everyone who attended thought their performance to be a highlight of the afternoon.

## Jobs, jobs, jobs

We currently have vacancies across the school for Learning Support Assistants, if you are interested please call into school for more information.

- General Learning Support Assistants and supply cover
- Lunch time Learning Support Assistants
- Level 2 qualified swimming teacher

## Farm School

FS1 and FS2 were lucky to enjoy a sunny day when they visited Fitzroy Farm, money from the non-public fund was used to pay for admission to the farm and for a home made 'Smoko'. Following that very successful visit we are investigating holding Farm School sessions at Fitzroy for children in FS1 and FS2 in the term between Christmas and Easter.

The sessions will be in the style of Forest Schools or Beach Schools which is a very popular movement in the UK. As part of the work to establish this, Miss Schofield is looking for one parent to accompany the visit each week on a rota the proposed dates are Wed 22nd November, Wed 6th December, Wed 10th January, Wed 24th January, Wed 7th February, Wed 21st February, Wed 7th March, Tuesday 20th March, Wed 4th April and Wed 18th April. Please let Miss Schofield where you can assist.