



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Enjoy half term

We have had a wonderful half term at Mount Pleasant Primary School with many visitors coming to school, as well as undertaking many educational visits off site. Children have been developing their already good skills and making them even better across all the year groups and I have been impressed again with the lesson observations I undertook this week. We have also welcomed several members of our School Governance Committee into school to share lesson time with children and teachers, and we have worked on the SGC notice board to provide parents with the information they asked for via our SGC parent reps.

Web site feedback

After taking a look at www.mountpleasant.school we have taken some feedback to make the web site a 'one stop shop' for information

- Andy Watson is developing the SGC area further with photos and more information about SGC members;
- We have included two years worth of new curriculum assessment outcomes data;
- We have included a video, made by the children, to give new children a feel of the school;
- There is a clear link to our uniform supplier;
- There is a line taken from the CEAS website which says "MOD schools are intended to, as far as possible, provide the same pattern of education as that provided in England and Wales. This may not be the pattern your child has previously experienced".

If you have any more feed back please let us know and we can make this an invaluable resource to improve transition from previous postings to Mount Pleasant Primary School. www.mountpleasant.school

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. This will allow us to start our leaving transition programme with your child before they leave.

Information about schooling in other locations can be obtained from Children's Education Advisory Service which is a MOD department and part of Directorate of Children and Young People, they have a help line 01980 618244 and an email address dcyp-ceas-enquiries@mod.uk

SSAFA Social Worker can also provide advice and support around transition and how to support children in the moving process.

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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Termly Reports

Don't forget that at Mount Pleasant Primary School we provide you with termly reports, this is above and beyond the reporting requirements set out by the Department for Education in England. We do this to keep you informed over the year of the progress your child is making.

We also hold regular launch pads and open afternoons for you to see the learning your children are undertaking. Don't forget, if you want to chat to your child's teacher just pop in to make an appointment or catch them at the end of the school day.

In Foundation Stage and Early Years, we also hold a session each term for you to contribute to your child's learning profile with information about home learning which may contribute to their Early Years Outcomes Assessment.

Events.....

12th–16th February 2018 Half Term

22nd February 2018 —**Sorry NO Southern Strikers**

27th February 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only and by invitation

27th February 2018- Stay and Play

1st March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym

2nd March 2018—FS1 and FS2 parents contributions to profiles 08:45-10:00

6th March 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only and by invitation

6th March 2018- Stay and Play

8th March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym

13th March 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only and by invitation

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 and by invitation

20th March 2018- Stay and Play

22nd March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym

After school activities

Thank you to each member of teaching staff who gives up their time to run afterschool and community activities. Mrs Deane runs stay and play, Miss Schofield runs our School Choir and Brownies, Mrs Eaton-Bell has run a maths club and is now running hover games, Mrs Margerison ran paper craft in the first term and is now offering digital animation and Ms Summers helps with the football club. Children also have access to Beavers and Cubs who, as with Rainbows and Brownies, we have worked with them to ensure children can access resources to gain more badges.

Do you have a skill that you could share with the children. We are looking to offer additional choices in our after school activities but to do so we are looking at what you can offer. Please call into school with your offers of activities.



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Safeguarding Culture at Mount Pleasant School

The safety and security of your children is our main concern at Mount Pleasant School.

Previously circulated to parents on 6th October and available on the school web site

Information

The DCYP Policy on school visits explains that as visits are part of the school curriculum there is no option for parents to opt children out of curriculum visits.

Visits considered to be a greater risk will require a reply slip—an example at Mount Pleasant would be a Battlefield tour or a helicopter trip.

We hold information of allergies where it applies.

We hold risk assessments in school for all in school activities and out of school visits.

End of day routine

No child will be released at the end of the school day to an adult other than their parent unless school has been informed by the parent.

Parents must inform the school office before 15:00 if a child is to be taken home with anyone other than them.

The school day will always end at school. If children are being taught away from the school site, they will always be returned to school.

Site safety

School site is protected with a locked gate.

All visitors to school must sign in at the school, parents wishing to drop in before or after school must do so via the school office.

The main school entrance door is for children and school staff only.

Accidents in school are always reported via a completed form to the Head Teacher and added to the accident database.

Safeguarding

All staff and volunteers hold a Level 1 Safeguarding Qualification on induction to school.

All staff and volunteers will hold a Level 2 Safeguarding Qualification.

Some school staff have a Level 3 Safeguarding Qualification.

The Head Teacher is the designated Safeguarding Lead for Mount Pleasant School. The Deputy is Mrs Louise Deane.

The school holds concern records for children and will report statutory social work concerns to the SSAFA Social Worker.

Most staff hold a full L3 Paediatric First Aid Certificate.

Office Staff hold a L2 First Aid at Work Certificate.

Every member of staff and all volunteers are subject to a current enhanced DBS check. All staff have been checked against the barred list, in addition, teachers are checked against the prohibition from teaching list.



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Mount Pleasant Primary School PTA

There has been some interest in establishing a PTA at Mount Pleasant Primary School. In order to move this forward there will be a meeting on Wednesday 21st February at 08:45 in the school hall. Should there be sufficient interest these parents will notify you of the first AGM. At the AGM you will elect your committee - chair, secretary, treasurer and ordinary committee members. The committee are then responsible for the day to day running of the association. All parents, teachers and staff will be members of the Mount Pleasant Association, and will be very welcome to join in. The PTA will have a constitution and their own accounts. The PTA will decide, in consultation with the school, what events they will put on and make sure these are risk assessed by the PTA and meet any other BFSAI requirements.

After the AGM, the new committee will send a letter to all members of the school community telling you about the new group, introducing your new committee and explaining how people can get involved. They will let you know, by letter, the date of the first PTA meeting and a list of dates they intend to hold events on. I am very keen for this to get going so please consider supporting this by attending the meeting on 21st February.

Morning registration explained...

Foundation Stage 1 and 2 and Key Stage 1

All Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage 2 children should arrive at school at 08:45 when the bell will signal the start of their school day. Registration in Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage 1 and 2 will close at 09:00.

Any child arriving after 09:00 and before 09:15 will be marked as late in the register and receive an L code in the register.

Key Stage 2

All Key Stage 2 children should arrive at school at 08:45 when the register will open. Registration for Key Stage 2 will close at 09:00.

Any child arriving after 09:00 and before 09:15 will be marked as late and receive an L code in the register.

All Children

If a child arrives at school after the close of registration, 09:00, they should be escorted by their parent to the school office. If a child is more than half an hour later than the opening time for registration then they will receive a U code in the register. A U code equates to an unauthorised absence for that session and will count towards their annual attendance which will be reported on the child's annual school report.



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Mount Pleasant Primary School Processing Data

Information provided to Mount Pleasant Primary School will be held as long as it is required by school, DCYP/MOD and DfE regulations. All records will be archived.

Information provided will be used by Mount Pleasant School to assist in obtaining appropriate education and support for each child.

It may also be used in a raw data form for MOD statistical purposes.

Mount Pleasant School may contact the appropriate education/health authorities/BFSAI command and/or social departments to share information concerning children to assist in obtaining appropriate provision for their needs.

Such information may be forwarded to other local authorities in anticipation of a family move from the current address.

Information may be communicated to the posting authority to facilitate appropriate postings and with appropriate authorities in safeguarding or civilian police investigations.

This does not affect any rights in accordance with DPA 98 section 7/8 (Right of access to Personal Data), section 10 (Right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), section 11 (Right to prevent processing for purposes of direct marketing) and section 12 (Rights in relation to automated decision taking).

Team Points

The current totals for team points are:

Gentoo	322
Magellenic	371
Rockhoper	370
King	438

Invitations to Digital Animation

Children who will be attending this enrichment activity are bringing home their individual invitations with this news letter. The children who attended in the last round of activities really enjoyed making and then showing their animations.