



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Show Racism the Red Card

This week we had a visit from the Show Racism the Red Card team who presented a session to KS1 and KS2 children including 'Fitness for Fun' activities. They also provided training and time with parents and school staff.

We are very grateful to DCYP for funding this opportunity and to Shona and Francis for making the long journey to Mount Pleasant. We hope to have more visits from educational professionals next year to support the Mount Pleasant Curriculum.

Team Points

Team points are awarded when children demonstrate one of our 10 school values. All pupils are members of a team and receive Team Points for demonstrating the school values. The current totals for each team are:

Magellanic-653, Gentoo-735, Rockhopper-721, King-792

Year 2 Parents

Year 2 parents will probably already be aware that your children will soon take the Year 2 National Curriculum Tests. At Mount Pleasant we do not take these as a formal test but in a one to one or small table session with the class teacher. We would like to invite all Year 2 parents to a meeting to watch a short video and collect an information sheet on 7th May at 14:45. If you cannot make it at this time please let the school office know and an alternative appointment can be made for you.

Wellbeing

Congratulations to Ms Summers who attended the Mental Health First Aid England course this week. Ms Summers and Mr Margerison are now both qualified Mental Health First Aiders.

Safeguarding

Gary Margerison is the Lead and Louise Deane is the Deputy Lead for Safeguarding matters at Mount Pleasant School and James Stevens is the responsible SGC member.



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Friendships in a small community

In our small community friendships for all children are very important. As children live, learn and play together with little contact with others during the time they are at Mount Pleasant, it is important that we all work together to make their time here as enjoyable as we can and learn strategies to resolve conflict.

Did you know?

Children learn a lot about the give and take of relationships just from playing together, and they need lots of opportunities to learn to work things out for themselves. It is during play in the early years some children find they can get what they want through aggression, while others allow themselves to be dominated or not get a turn. Due to this, sometimes children need adult help to work things out.

Watchful adults can help with problems between children by helping each child to see how others feel and to say what they want. It is important to help all children express their feelings and learn the skills to work things out. Sometimes, adults might be tempted to step in, take over and tell children what to do or not to do. This may make children feel that they are not capable of working it out for themselves and keeps them reliant on adults. All children need to learn why conflict arises and how to work it out among themselves.

How can we help?

Parents can help children manage conflict by:

- Teaching children to use words rather than actions.
- Helping each child to say how they feel.
- Helping children to understand some words are hurtful.
- Encouraging each child to say what they would like to happen.
- Supporting children to think of things they could do to try and solve the problem.
- Acknowledging children doing well. This can be shown with a smile, a friendly glance, a comment (eg telling them what they are doing well and asking them to tell you how they did it).
- Following up and making sure children understand their problem solving worked well or talking to them about other solutions if things did not go so well.

Events.....

1st May FS2 and KS1 craft club and KS2 Creative Writing Club 15:15-16:00

7th May Year 2 **Parents** information meeting for KS1 National Curriculum Test 14:45-15:15

8th May FS2 and KS1 craft club and KS2 Creative Writing Club 15:15-16:00

14th–18th May 2018—KS2 Test Week

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11th–14th June 2018—Music Week with visiting Music Teacher Jon Kille

14th June 2018—2nd Annual Mount Pleasant School Eisteddfod **Parents**

18th July 2018—**Parents** Open Evening