



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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PE and Swimming

This week I spent time in PE lessons and have recently spent time observing swimming lessons. In the different P.E. lessons I observed pupils working together to create fitness routines, learning basketball skills and developing their travelling and running skills.

In swimming I observed pupils from FS2 to Year 6 enjoying learning new skills while developing their water confidence skills. Due to our unique partnership with BFSAI we are able to book the pool for use every Tuesday afternoon and thanks to our dedicated teachers who spent 2 weekends attending swimming teacher certification lessons we are able to include an extensive swimming programme as part of the curriculum at Mount Pleasant School. In comparison to State Schools in England, this is significantly more swimming than is offered by the majority of schools who tend to take older pupils for a term or two in one academic year.

Parental engagement and involvement

At Mount Pleasant School we have regular opportunities for engagement with parents. This year we have already hosted **27** parental engagement events in school and have taken part or directly supported **5** BFSAI community events.

We have **5** diary dates, so far, for parental engagement this term which we would welcome you to attend. Please see the events box below.

Events.....

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

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

TBC May—EYU and FS **Parents** to contribute to profiles

TBC June—SRE information event for **Parents**.

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

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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Enrichment

At Mount Pleasant School we have regular enrichment opportunities outside school time, this year we have offered **10** different enrichment programmes for pupils. Each teacher gives up some of their own time to run these additional activities, for pupils to enjoy something that we do not normally offer in school time, and unlike many schools in England we do not currently make a charge for any of our after school activities. Research has shown that a popular school by a RAF base in the UK charges for many activities at rates between £35 and £130 per term and a second such school charges for all activities starting at £15. This year there has been an inviting range of planned activities, that pupils requested via the school council, which have included Digital Animation, Paper Craft, Craft and Hobby Club, Creative writing, Football Club, Stay and Play, Maths Magic and Hover Rings. In addition, to enable children to undertake more than one opportunity, we have run the school Choir at 12:30 on Wednesday lunch times.

If you have skill or talent that you can share with our pupils in a club or activity please let the school office know and we can look to offer this in enrichment times.

If you have a school supporting business in the UK, where you normally run a chargeable after school activity, or would like to volunteer we would be very interested in talking to you about establishing a partnership to offer your activity through school. In addition to our existing after school clubs.

We also have enrichment on Friday afternoons where we offer a range of activities including, in this half term, the opportunity to learn Makaton, Art, Cross Stitch and Outdoor Games.

Eisteddfod

Advance notice...

On Monday a letter will be sent home inviting competitors for the second annual Eisteddfod. The categories this year will be:

- Dancing- individual or group
- Playing an instrument - individual or group
- Sing a song - individual or group
- Reciting a poem- individual or group

Royal Wedding

We are planning a special learning day to celebrate the Royal Wedding. On the day children will rotate round four exciting activities which will both develop their understanding of Royalty and have a sense of fun and engagement with events in the UK.

On Friday 18th May, all children are invited to wear their choice of party clothes to school. This is a Royal party and children are encouraged to wear items which celebrate the event.

There are a number of activities planned by the community for Saturday, and I would like to remind you of the offer from Gilbert House for families to attend an event in Stanley.

