



# Mount Pleasant Extra!

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## Stranger Danger and Fiji Day

There were more highlights this week in school when we continued to enhance our curriculum with a talk about 'Stranger Danger' for children in KS1 from the Community Police. JSPSU are very supportive of school and we are pleased to be working together to build a programme of events to promote the theme of keeping children safe at Mount Pleasant.

Fiji Day is a very special time for the Fijian community, I have been fortunate to enjoy celebrating this occasion in a number of MoD Schools around the world. It is always moving to hear how very proud of their home country and the children really enjoyed seeing and hearing about some Fijian customs and traditions.

## Children's University

In previous years, MoD Schools took part in the Children's University Programme. Unfortunately, MoD Schools no longer support this programme. However we realise that some children have diligently noted their activities and would like to receive a certificate in recognition of their hard work. We will arrange a celebration as part of the next Golden Assembly—this will take place on Friday 2nd November. Anyone child who would like to be recognized must hand their passport to the school office on Monday 29th October. The scheme will closed on that date.

## Remembrance and the Tommy Statue

In the last academic year, the Mount Pleasant School Council undertook some fundraising to purchase a 'Tommy' Statue from the 'There but no There' initiative.

With some help from the supply chain in Bicester, we have managed to have the statue delivered to school and next week you will see this placed in the sensory garden.

When we return from the Half Term break, all classes will be visiting the garden to view the statue and talk about remembrance. On the Friday before remembrance Sunday we will hold a service in the school garden, lead by the Padre to which everyone will be invited to attend.

As always, we will also be selling a range of British Legion fundraising items, these will be placed in the school entrance area and you are welcome to browse, shop and donate.



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## WOW—Walk on Wednesday

Last week, Mrs Eaton-Bell wrote to all families (FS1 to Y6) to tell you we are supporting WOW. Although called, Walk on Wednesday, children can walk on any day of the week, one way, to earn a tick in their WOW chart. The WOW chart is on the last page of the school reading record and has dated weeks and days listed in a chart. Please complete this once your child has walked to, or from, school.

At the end of each month, in Golden Assembly, the children who have walked to school on 4 occasions in that month will be given a walk to school monthly reward badge. There is a badge for every month of the school year.

## Tombola

At the BFSAI Open Day we will be running a tombola stall. We would be very grateful if you would consider sending in a Tombola Prize for the stall. We cannot accept alcohol but we could use any other new goods you are able to donate.

We have a very special prize from the Dog Section—an opportunity to take one of the dogs for a stroll—so, come and see us at the open day to have a chance to win.

## Events....

19th October-Golden Assembly (by invitation)

22nd–26th October—Half Term

29th October to 2nd November—Parents to Lunch week

30th October-Enrichment session 1: 15:05-16:00

6th November—Enrichment session 2: 15:05-16:00

7th November—Parents Open Evening: 15:15-17:15

13th November—Enrichment session 3: 15:05-16:00

20th November—Enrichment session 4: 15:05-16:00

30th November-Golden Assembly (by invitation)

30th November—Dress the Tree—bring in a home made decoration for the school tree—hot drinks and mince pies for adults. 15:05-16:00

6th December—Christmas Production at 11:00

7th December—End of term 13:15



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## Snacks, Parents to Lunch and Staying Healthy

### Morning Snack

We are pleased to make available a portion of fruit or a vegetable to all pupils across the school for morning snack. Fruit is peeled and cut at the start of the day and is then eaten in the classrooms in Nursery and FS1/FS2 and shared in the playground for children in KS1 and K2. Pupils should not bring in their own snack.

### Water bottles

Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day, with the addition of milk being made available to pupils in Nursery and FS1/2 for morning snack and for all pupils at lunch time.

### Parents to Lunch week

We would like to invite you to join your child for lunch during the week starting Monday 29th October. We will be starting our new look menu and I am sure you will want to sample the food served. Please call in to the school office to book ahead by Thursday 18th October at the latest; numbers are limited, due to space in the school hall to 5 adults per day.

Each day, in addition to the hot choice indicated on the menu list sent home, pupils are usually offered one portion of either pasta, jacket potato, rice or chips. Chips are now served only once each week and children are served a vegetable such as peas, sweetcorn or beans as well as salad. Dessert for three days each week is a choice of a piece of fruit, on one day yoghurt and one day is a cake.

As an example, on Tuesday of this week, the menu was pasta with cheese and bacon, sweetcorn, salad (cucumber, tomato and lettuce) and a green apple. Milk and water were made available.

### Packed Lunches

As a reminder, parents can select to opt between hot lunches and packed lunches depending on the child's preferences.

### Staying healthy

It is sometimes difficult to source fruit and vegetables in the Bulk Issue Store, but school attempt to provide fruit, vegetables and salad to pupils every day. We follow, where possible, the school food guidelines for England - the new menu matches the guidelines with the exception of the availability of providing a wholegrain starch item and wholemeal bread and this is currently beyond our control.

## Outdoor Learning

Learning Outdoors is very important and the children in Foundation Stage spend some time each day outside. This week, our Falkland's weather meant, they were able to paint using mud and you can see from the photographs a good time was had by everyone.

