

Dear Parents/carers

The Christmas countdown is upon us! The festive excitement at MPS is ever increasing and yet the children remain as focussed as ever on their learning and as busy as bees! Well Done everyone for keeping up with the pace of learning!



Dress the Tree

MPS Christmas tree will be up in the hall on Monday 30th November, ready for our 'Dress the Tree' event on Tuesday 1st December at 2pm. We invite you to bring in your home made decoration to make our tree look as festive as possible. Refreshments will be served and we hope to see you there.

After 14:30pm the children can leave with parents, providing their teacher is informed.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th is our Christmas Jumper Morning. You don't have to buy anything special! Trim up a jumper with: bells, bows, Santa, a Christmas tree, Rudolph, or elves, as long as the children join in and enjoy themselves, anything festive goes!

E-Safety Awareness

KS2 will have their e-safety awareness session on Wednesday with Cpl John Orr who has kindly offered his time to visit the children and update their skills on how to stay safe when using the internet. While we strive to practise safe internet use every day, it is always good to have a reminder from a visitor of how important it is and the seriousness of maintaining excellent e-safety practice.

Volunteers/visitors

We do love visitors and volunteers at Mount Pleasant School so if you do have an area of expertise that you can offer or share with the children and staff, please get in touch with the school on: mps.office@modschoools.org



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Safeguarding

Last week we had our 'Safeguarding' visit from Kareen Brand the Senior Social Worker for BFSWS. Kareen asked 7 members of staff multiple questions to check their knowledge and understanding of the recent 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' Govt. document and garnered evidence that the process we have in school to identify, discuss with the appropriate staff, record and maintain confidentiality are of an excellent standard. Kareen was pleased that children were happy and attentive as well as friendly and polite.

'In summary, as Safeguarding Lead for BFSAI, I am extremely confident that the school operates to the BFSAI safeguarding and welfare of the children as per the DCYP/BFSAI legislation and policies. There was an overall atmosphere of warmth and calm and the staff and children were very welcoming. Through observations I find this school to be very safe with a high quality of provision and care towards their pupils.'

Karen Steen—Executive Head, Stanley.

On Thursday we had the pleasure of Karen Steen the Executive Head of Stanley schools, who is also one of our school governors. Mrs Steen spent some time with Miss Seer looking at the quality of the work and the standard of our books. Mrs Steen also carried out a joint assessment to ensure that we are assessing our children correctly against the National 'Age Related Expectations.' She was very impressed with our continued high standards and expectations and validated our professional judgements.

Reports

Autumn term reports have been given to the children today so please make sure to look in book bags and school bags if you haven't received yours.

Diary Dates Reminder

Christmas Performance — Monday 30th November 13:30 to 14:30 hours. **All welcome!**

After the performance children can, after informing their class teacher, go home with parents. If the costume belongs to school, your child can change before they leave or return it to school on Tuesday 1st December.

Please remember that any photographs taken are for personal use only and we would ask that you do not share or publish images on social media or elsewhere online.

Christmas Tree Dressing —refreshments available — Tuesday 1st December 14:00 to 15:00 hours

Children's Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 9th December

Christingle at the Church with Padre Caroline—Wednesday 9th December - details to follow.

Christmas Jumper Day — Friday 11th December

Last day of term—Friday 11th December 13:00 finish

PADRE LUNCH

We have had the pleasure of meeting our lovely new Padre this week. Padre Caroline dropped in on us on Wednesday and again today to meet all the staff and children.

It was also the perfect day for Padre to enjoy our delicious, healthy school lunches! Fish and chips—what a feast!



Headteacher's Awards

The awards this week go to: **Tilly Pummell, Willow Keenahan and Maren Jenkins** for using super handwriting with capital letters and full stops. Super perseverance with tricky spellings too!

Anna Chohan for using a range of fantastic descriptive language.

Sofia-Holmes-Sancho for having an amazing week! Sofia has set a great example for others in class which led her to be awarded the accolade of being able to 'fly the rocket' which is very hard to achieve! Well Done!

Golden Awards

Felicity Bale, Morgan Scott, Anna Chohan, Logan Keenahan, Charlie Dunn, Isabelle Allen and Freja Chohan.

Have a GREAT weekend!
From all of us at Mount Pleasant School.