

Dear Parents/carers

Not only the end of the week but the end of the first term already!! How quickly the time has passed and how much learning we have all done. Take a moment to think about what we have all been up to since we returned to school in September and I think you'll agree that the time has flown by so quickly because we are very busy and everyone is having such a good time and enjoying their learning.

Christingle

We had a wonderful visit to St Cuthbert's church on Wednesday and must thank Padre Caroline for all of the effort made to make the visit so special, memorable and magical. We learned how to make a Christingle and the significance of each of its parts and simply had a great time singing carols together. Thank you to parents who were able to join us; I'm sure you had as much fun as the children making your own Christingle.



Virtual Visit DCYP CEO

The Chief Education Officer of DCYP, Abrilli Phillip, had intended visiting Mount Pleasant in person this year, but of course all our best laid plans went topsy-turvy. Abrilli has been eager to look around school and still intends visiting when that again becomes possible, but unable to wait any longer, finally visited us virtually this week.

Taking a tour of each classroom Abrilli was treated to an extravaganza of learning taking place.

In Early Years Abrilli enjoyed a scrambled egg breakfast, prepared by chefs using the whole range of ingredients at their disposal and demonstrating impressive kitchen skills.



Children in KS1 were writing lists and labels for castles and rockets during their literacy lesson whilst KS2 were in the middle of their music lesson with Mr Kille of the Cyprus Music Service so provided a demonstration of the skills they have learned in Djembe drumming. We had two fantastic performances of Slam Poetry by Dillon in Y6 and Lara in Y5 - very well done to all.

Mrs Philip was only disappointed that her visit wasn't in person and so we're looking forward to welcoming her to Mount Pleasant as soon as a visit once again becomes possible.

Morning Club

Now that Morning Club has been running a while and we have been able to consider what works we are making a slight change to the drop off time.

Morning Club staff are finding it difficult to keep an eye on the children already arrived and watch out for later arrivals.

To avoid this problem and try to make sure no-one ends up waiting outside unnecessarily, we are changing the 'drop off window' for all children.

Drop-off time will now be between 08:00 and 08:10hrs.

Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday was also the day for the school Christmas dinner, the chefs at the mess provided a tasty roast turkey dinner, unfortunately (depending on your view) no sprouts were on the menu! Even so, everyone enjoyed the delicious spread with the chance to pull a cracker, wear a party hat and tell a Christmas joke.



~ What do you call an old snowman? ~

A puddle!



~ What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? ~

Tinselitis!



~ Who is Rudolph's favourite pop star? ~

Beyon - Sleigh!



And no need for expensive gifts this year - all you need is a plastic jumping frog

Solar Eclipse

A message from our School Governor and CMLO Ailsa Crichton:

A total solar eclipse will occur on 14th December 2020. A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby totally or partly obstructing the image of the Sun for a viewer on Earth.

The only safe way to look directly at the sun is through special-purpose solar filters.

Do's and Don'ts of viewing the eclipse:

- Do not look directly at the sun.
- Do not use homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark sunglasses.
- Read and follow filter instructions and supervise children.
- Inspect your solar filter before use, if it's scratched or damaged, discard the filter.

Do enjoy this rare event whilst staying safe at all times.

Christmas Jumpers



WOW!! Everyone looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers ...and hats ...and antlers ...and beards!!

We even had a Christmas hair-do!!



Rudolph the red nosed hair style might just catch on.

Merrilees, you may have started a new trend, well done!

Good Bye

We sadly say good bye today to Harriet and Catherine.

We have loved having you as part of our school community and wish you both and all of your family best wishes and good luck on your next adventure.

Diary Dates Reminder

First day of Spring term - Monday 11 January 2021

Friday 22nd January 2021 - Launchpad 09:00 - 10:00

**We hope you all enjoy a restful break during the holiday period.
Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.
We look forward to seeing everyone in 2021!**