



Newsletter

July, 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Once again, I cannot believe how quickly this year has passed and that we are breaking up for another summer holiday.

I would like to congratulate the Y6s on their SATs results. They have been an excellent Y6 cohort and the staff are really going to miss them. We have given them the best start for their secondary school career.

Our thoughts and sympathy lie with Leah's family at this time. The strength and kindness they have shown to our school is incredible. It shows how powerful a community is in the face of adversity and for all of your kind words and gestures, I thank you.

I would also like to thank the staff for their endless drive in supporting our pupils. They are amazing!

As always, if you ever have any worries or concerns, please come and discuss it. There is always a solution!

Have a great summer and we will see you in September.

Mrs. J. Blackham

Returning to School in September– Housekeeping

School will open for children on **Wednesday, September 4th, 2024**. Breakfast club will be open, as usual at 8.15am. The cost of Breakfast Club will be increasing to £1.50 a session. Doors will open for the school day at 8.50 so that we can have a prompt start to the day at 8.55am

Please have the correct uniform, particularly PE kits. Full details are listed on our website. We have plenty of spare to recycle, if needed.

Please pay for dinners, Breakfast Club and Nursery 30 upfront on Parent Mail so that arrears do not build up. If you need any help, please come in and have a chat.

If your child needs medication in school, please ensure that their care plan is completed and that it is handed in at the office. Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 : End of Summer Term
Monday 2nd September 2024: Teacher Training Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 3rd September 2024: Teacher Training Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 4th September 2024: Start of Autumn Term 1
Friday 25th October 2024 : End of Autumn Term 1
Monday 4th November 2024 : Start of Autumn Term 2
Friday 29th November 2024 : Teacher Training Day (School Closed)
Friday 20th December 2024 : End of Autumn Term 2
Monday 6th January 2025 : Teacher Training Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 7th January 2025 : Start of Spring Term 1
Friday 21st February 2025 : End of Spring Term 1
Monday 3rd March 2025 : Start of Spring Term 2
Friday 11th April 2025 : End of Spring Term 2

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Out and About

OH, WE DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE!

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Saltburn, where they walked along the pier and travelled on the Miniature Railway, through the Valley Gardens. They found out that it was Henry Pease, one of the famous Pease family members from Darlington, who decided to make it into a seaside resort in 1861. The children had time to



play on the beach and make some

sand sculptures. The class looked at what Victorians would have done when they visited the seaside and compared it with what people do today.



Ellena loved the trip to Saltburn and said,

"My favourite part of the trip was on the miniature train. Everyone said if you put your finger next to the window it might fall off!" Elliott said that his favourite part of the trip was playing on the beach. He buried his feet in the sand as he didn't want to leave! The children really enjoyed their day and we were lucky to have the sun shining!



Y1 Picnic in the Park

To finish our topic of In The Park, 1L took a trip to South Park. They completed a scavenger hunt to find new and old features of the park. They found which features of the park were from the Victorian times. They also looked for deciduous and ever green trees and named plants in the park, too.



The children loved having time to play with their friends and competing in team games. A brilliant day was had by all..



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Y3 are Ancient Egyptian Experts



This term, Year 3 have been learning all about Ancient Egypt! They learnt about mummification, Canopic jars, schools in Ancient Egypt and so much more! The children have completed some fantastic activities such as making their own pyramids, death masks,

mummifying each other and even going on an Ancient Egyptian themed school trip where they saw a REAL mummified body! They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Egyptian life and even asked if they could have a school trip to Egypt! They have conducted their own research throughout the topic about pharaohs, medicine, beliefs, work and houses. This has made them Ancient Egypt experts!

River Tees and Air Trail Fun for Y5

Y5 completed their topic on Rivers by visiting the Tees at the Barrage in Stockton. They learnt about how the Barrage works and were able to work the lock gates in the control room. They learnt about wildlife; how the elvers (baby eels) collect in the traps and have to be released. They travel from Mexico! They were even treated to a sighting of a grey seal.

The day was completed with some time on the air trail. The courage and bravery of the children was so great to see. Some really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone– and were proud of themselves.



Behaviour was excellent and was commented on by the staff.



Y6, here they come!



Super Sports Week

During the summer term, a sports week was organised to take place in school. It was a great chance for the children to try new sports that they may not have experienced before. The activities began with some skipping on Monday which the children enjoyed and they learnt some fantastic news. At the end of the school day there was a demonstration of all the skills that the children had perfected.



Wednesday was a fantastic day as the children took part in a Harry Potter style Quidditch event. Year 4 are pictured here, showing how its done! The children worked together as a team and scored points if they were able to throw the ball into a hoop. Year 5 took part in a whole day of Sports activities when they attended a special event at Wyvern.



On Thursday, the children took part in various team building activities. Children in year one particularly enjoyed a pirate themed game where teams had to compete to collect some pirate treasure.

The week ended with the school's KS2 annual sports day where a carousel of many different athletic activities took place. All of the children scored valuable points for their team resulting in Mrs James' team winning the overall competition.

Congratulations go out to all of the children for a



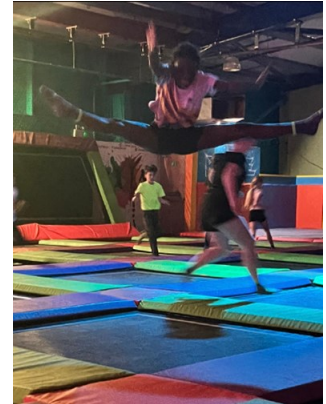
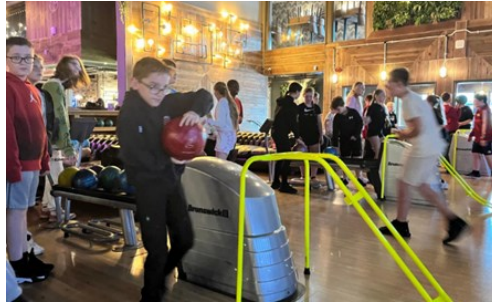
fantastically successful week!



And Finally....

Goodbye and Good Luck

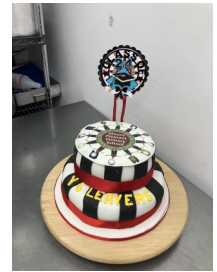
Y6 have had a busy couple of weeks. On Thursday 18th July, they went on their 'Leavers Trip' to Planet Leisure. The children had a great day where they took part in bowling, jumping on the trampolines and air bag and roller skating and best of all ... they were allowed to wear their own clothes! They also had a lovely lunch of a massive slice of pizza, chips and juice. Charlotte said, "It was so good! It was so fun and we laughed all day!" Evie said, "It was really fun and I went home really tired. It was the best trip ever!" The teaching staff are still recovering!



On Monday, 22nd July, the MAFTAs celebration took place to showcase the amazing class that are leaving this year. Many thanks to Mr Dyer for organising the event and to the staff for supporting.

It was a fabulous occasion, with the final award being given to Leah Harrison.

Good luck, everyone!



Super Summer Fair fun

Thank goodness the weather remained sunny for our annual summer fair. Many parents and carers and family members came along to enjoy the fun and raise some funds for school.

We had a limited range of stalls– face painting, cakes, tombola (always popular) and the gardening club jam stall. Mr Taylor took the hits from the wet sponge throwing activity.

Thank you so much for coming along.

The bouncy castle was a huge hit– even the staff had a go!



After all expenses, we made about £825.00. The school council will issue a list of expenditure in the new year.



Have a lovely summer holiday from all at Mount Pleasant

