



Mount Street in the Mirror

November 2016



Christmas is Coming

Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable break and we hope the children felt recharged as we enter one of the busiest but most enjoyable part of the year. We have already enjoyed a wonderful Remembrance Ceremony (as you will see below). We have Mufti Days, Celebrations and Parties on the horizon. So as the days draw in we will have plenty to keep us smiling.

Following our recent School of Sanctuary award, I am delighted to inform you that the school has also been awarded an **International Schools** award which recognizes the children's international studies work. Well done to everyone.

Following our recent homework project launch I have heard from many of the children about the interesting projects they are working on at home. I am looking forward to seeing these. Just to remind you, there is one more home learning drop in opportunity next **Monday 21st for Y1 and 2** pupils and their parents/ carers from **3:15-4:15**.

I hope that as many as possible of you will be able to come along on the **8th December** from **2:30** to see the display of children's home learning projects in the school hall.

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Year 6 has been... reflective

Visit to Naval Heritage Centre and HMS DRAKE

Year 6 enjoyed a very successful trip to the Naval Heritage Centre and HMS DRAKE on 19th October as part of their Battles and Invasions topic. They learned about naval warfare from



steam through to the present day and enjoyed handling the artefacts. They were then treated to a coach ride through the Naval Base and were given a tour of the Officer's Mess where preparations had begun for the annual dinner to commemorate the Battle of Trafalgar (21st October 1805). The Naval Base Commander, Cdr. Haycock, gave them a potted history lesson

about Admiral Lord Nelson and the Battle. The staff and children thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

Remembrance Service

Year 6 were proud to host Mount Street's Remembrance Service on Friday 11th November.

Parents and pupils gathered together to share Year 6's knowledge of the history of the poppy and of the Battle of the Somme which marks its 100th anniversary this year.

They recited 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCray and 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon as well as their own facts and poetic compositions. Before reflecting in a two-minute silence, the children planted the poppies that they had made in class. The

Service finished with a quote from John Maxwell Edmunds.



A Couple of Reminders

Toys and possessions: An increasing number of children are bringing toys and personal possessions into school. Unfortunately, they can get lost, swapped or broken which can cause a lot of problems so we would ask that the children do NOT bring them into school.

Dogs: Once again we need to ask that you do not bring dogs onto the school premises, including the grass area in front of the entrance gate. If you walk with your pet it must be secured away from the entrances to the school.

Foundation Stage Performances

We have had some enquiries about the times of the Christmas Performances on 14th December as many of you want to book time off work so you can enjoy the celebration. We can confirm these will be at 9:30 and 2:30.

Heatree



As you read this our intrepid Heatree adventurers will be heading back to Plymouth. Hopefully we will have a fuller report in the next newsletter. We have heard that the children (and the adults) are having lots of fun but their co-operation and teamwork has contributed to this special experience. Mrs Travers has already sent us some photos which are on our Website and here's a shot of our intrepid adventurers setting out on a night walk.

For Your Diary

	Date	When	Who	What	
AUTUMN TERM	November				
	21	PM	FS1 Parents	Home Learning Drop in	
	21	PM	All	Full Board Meeting	
	28	PM	Y5/6 Parents	Magic Monday	
	December				
	2	All Day	Some Children	Plymouth Youth Council Isabella/Georgia Year 6	
	2	All Day	All	FOMSS Mufti Day	
	2	PM	All	Newsletter	
	2	All Day	Year 5	Year 5 Morwellham Quay Class Trip	
	3	PM	All	Singing at Sherwell Church Christmas Senior Lunch	
	5	All Day	Year 5	Year 5 Mufti Day for FOMSS	
	7	AM	KS1 & 2	Christmas Play Rehearsal	
	7	PM	All	Christmas Fayre	
	8	PM	Children	Whole School Christmas Lunch	
	8	PM	Parents	Home Learning Display	
	9	AM	Foundation	Christmas Party	
	9	PM	Year 1/2/3/4/5/6	Christmas Play at Central Hall Methodist Church (Siblings in Foundation Unit can be collected from 1.15pm)	
	12	PM	Y3/4	Christmas Party	
	12	PM	All	Finance Governors	
	13	PM	KS1 Year 1 & 2	Christmas Party	
	14	9.30am & 2.30pm	Foundation Stage	Christmas Performance Me2/Nursery/Year Reception	
	15	PM	Y5/6	Christmas Party	
	16	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning	
	16	All Day	Y R-6	Last Day of Term	
	16	PM	Reception & Year 6	Heights & Weights School Nursing Team	
		19-02/01/17	All Day	All	Christmas Holidays
	SPRING TERM	January 2017			
3		All Day	Children	Back to School	
6		PM	All	Newsletter	
23		PM	Y5/6 Parents	Magic Monday	
31 - 2/2/2017		PM	All	Parent / Teacher Meetings	
February					
2		PM	Y3/4 Parents	Thumbs Up Thursday	
3		PM	All	Newsletter	
6		PM	All	Full Board Meeting	
8		PM	Children	FOMSS Disco	
13-17		All Week	All	Half-term holiday	
20		All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning	
20		All Day	Children	Back to School	
27-3/3/17		All Day	Children	Money Week	
27		PM	All	Finance Governors	
March					
3		All Day	Children	World Book Day	
3		PM	All	Newsletter	
6		All Day	All	School Closed - Teacher Training	
6		PM	All	Full Board Meeting	
20		PM	All	Finance Governors	
31		All Day	All	Last Day of Term	

	Date	When	Who	What
SUMMER TERM	April			
	1-17	All Day	All	Easter Holidays
	18	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning
	18	All Day	Children	Back to School
	21	PM	All	Newsletter
	May			
	1	All Day	All	School Closed - Bank Holiday
	4	All Day	All	School Closed - Polling Day
	8	PM	All	Full Board Meeting
	12	PM	All	Sports Day
	12	PM	All	Newsletter
	17	PM	Children	FOMSS Disco
	22-26	All Day	Children	Outdoor Maths Week
	22	PM	All	Finance Governors
	29-02/06/17	All Week	All	Half-term Holiday
	June			
	5	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning
	5	All Day	Children	Back to School
	5-9	All Week	Children	Trips Week
	9	PM	All	Newsletter
	July			
	5	PM	All	Summer Fayre
	7	PM	All	Newsletter
	12	All Day	Children	Malala Day
	12	PM	All	Performing Arts Celebration
	12	PM	All	Parent Drop-in
	17	AM	Selected Children	Swimming
	17	PM	All	Finance Governors
	24	PM	All	Full Board Meeting
	25	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning
	26	All Day	All	School Closed - Teacher Training
	27	All Day	All	Summer Holidays
	September			
	4	All Day	All	School Closed - Teacher Training
	5	All Day	Children	Back to School