



# Mount Street Primary News

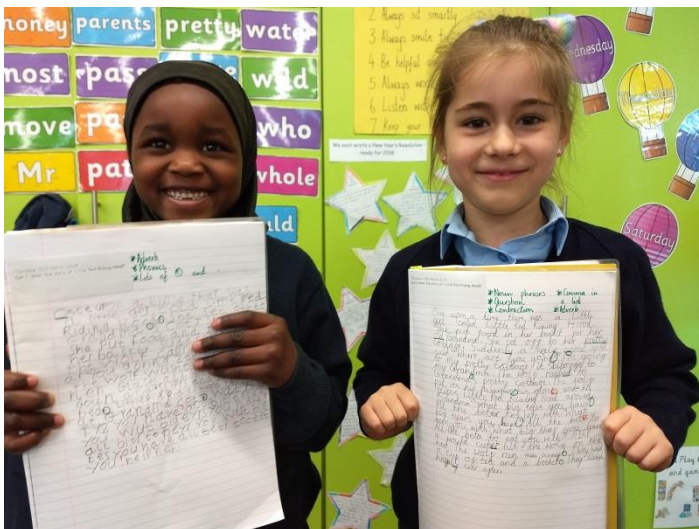
16<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents,



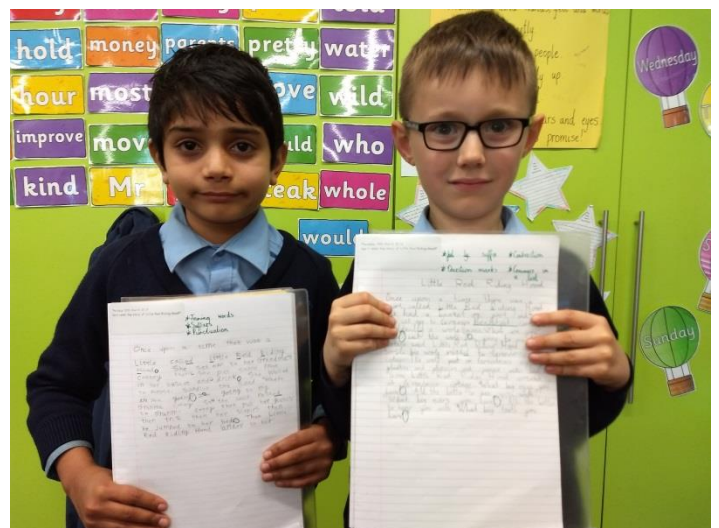
Well done to our Youth Speak team who represented themselves and the school extremely well at the District final in Paignton last Saturday (10th March). The judges commented that they spoke confidently and with sincerity. Emilia, Ingrid and Grace-Marie have worked extremely well as a team and should be very proud of their achievement as getting to the finals is no mean feat.

Year 2 have been very enthusiastic about their writing this week, based on their reading of traditional tales.



Mallak and Rebeka

Mohsen and Filip



Next **Thursday, 22nd March**, is our home learning exhibition in the school hall. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on the 20th and 21st February. The full report will be published on the OFSTED website on the 19th March however we are able to inform parents/carers of the outcome in advance.

The report takes into account how the school has progressed since the last OFSTED inspection in 2014. It recognises that there have been 3 leadership changes, frequent KS2 teacher changes and that the school has only recently come out of coasting because of the low SATs results between 2014-2016. Whilst there are many improvements, these have not been in place long enough to demonstrate sustained improvement. As a result of all this, the school has been judged as 'requires improvement.'

The inspectors found many strengths in the school:

- Standards are improving as is assessment
- There is a strong commitment to improving the educational standards and meeting the needs of the children
- The inclusive, welcoming approach
- The support for pupils who speak English as an additional language and those receiving 'pupil premium funding'
- The ME2, Nursery and Reception unit
- Pupils behaviour
- Progress in the Early Years, KS1 and upper KS2 due to consistently good teaching
- The support for vulnerable pupils
- The excellent care and support provided by all staff
- Staff are very motivated to improve standards
- The temporary leadership team
- Safeguarding is effective
- Phonics are well taught, with results above the national average
- Since 2015, rates of progress in reading have improved
- Teachers typically teach maths effectively and pupils make good progress
- A good range of learning opportunities are provided across a broad range of subjects
- Attendance is improving
- Pupils say that the multi -ethnic nature of the school population is a cause of celebration for them and that racist bullying is virtually non-existent
- Staff are passionate about the school and the children

They want us to work on:

- Raising standards further
- Continuing with the improvements we have made to writing
- Challenging the more able and making better progress with SEND (special educational needs and disability) pupils
- Making sure that teaching is **consistently** good in all classes and that teacher expectations are always high
- Monitoring more to make sure teaching is **always** good - some middle leaders are very new to their role and haven't had the opportunities to carry out lesson observations, work scrutinies, data analysis and to train other teachers
- Develop the skills of middle leaders so that they can support and drive improvement.

The highest number of parents to date responded to the parent questionnaire and the feedback from these was mostly positive. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

I will be holding two Parents Forums on **Tuesday 20th March at 9:15 and again at 5pm** if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report.

### Our New PSA!

My name is Sam and I am your new Parent Support Advisor here at Mount Street. I have 15 years' experience working with families, young people and children. This experience has been gained in a range of fields and roles: youth work, nursery and childcare facilities and schools as a Pastoral Leader and Family Support Advisor. However, my most important and rewarding role and the area that I have gained the most experience has been raising three fabulous children of my own and overcoming the challenges and celebrating numerous successes along the way.

My hours at the school are flexible, but you will mainly find me on site in the mornings from 8.30. I am available for drop in meetings however to ensure my availability to you, making an appointment can be beneficial.

If you would like to make an appointment please call my mobile - 07590 010136 or ring the school main number 01752 205091 and press 2 to speak to me.

For Your Diary				
	Date	When	Who	What
Spring	March			
	19	All day	Y6	Dartmoor Zoo visit
	19	5:30	All	Governors Finance and Personnel Committee
	20	9:00	Parents	Parent Forum
	20	1:45	Y5	Fire Safety Talk
	20	5:00	Parents	Parent Forum
	22	2:30	All	Home Learning Exhibition
	23	All day	Y6	PHSG Music Day
	29	1:00	Y5 and 6	Twelfth Night Performance
	30	All Day	All	Easter Holiday
Summer	April			
	16	All Day	All	Back to School
	16	All Day	Me2 and Nursery	Closed for Cleaning
	23	3:30	Parents	Parents Meeting
	30	All Day	YR	Balanceability
	May			
	1	All Day	YR	Balanceability
	3	All Day	All	School closed - polling day



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