



Summer 2018

Issue 5

Mountfield News

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Happy holidays



We have had another successful year at Mountfield and have achieved many of the goals we set for the year. Fantastic projects have been worked on in each class and outcomes have



reflected the great work the children have done, this has ranged from published story books to garden parties and sponsored events.

Our teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure everyone achieves their best and end of year reports and assessments have proved this has been achieved! We are particularly proud of our Year 6 pupils who have achieved highly in their SATs.

We have high expectations for next year and hope you will continue to support us to keep improving. TEAM MOUNTFIELD!

Dates for you diary:

Welcome meetings

Please come along to your child's new class and hear about their new routines and expectations:

Year 1: Thursday 13th Sept' 9am

Year 2: Wednesday 12th Sept' 2:30pm

Year 3: Wednesday 12th Sept' 9am

Year 4: Tuesday 11th Sept' 2:30pm

Year 5: Tuesday 11th Sept' 9am

Year 6: Wednesday 5th Sept' 2:30pm

Nursery and Reception have already met their teachers and visited classrooms.

AMAZING RESULTS!

We have known all along that this years' year six pupils were going to 'smash it' when it came to their SATs, however, the final results are really brilliant and were beyond even our own expectations.

Our school results, shown below as meeting the Expected Standard (EXS) and working at Greater Depth (GDS), were:

Reading: EXS 72%, GDS 24%

Writing: EXS 76%, GDS 17%

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: EXS 83%, GDS 38%

Maths: EXS 79%, GDS 7%

Huge congratulations to all the children!



Saving money!

We need to be more thrifty with our school budget and need to make some savings. To help us do this we will be sending letters and information out in black and white instead of colour. This will save us a lot of money as a colour copy is 10x more expensive than black and white. We know that you would rather we spent money on staffing who can help support and develop your child rather than having colour copying!



Newsletters will still be produced in colour otherwise they will lose the effect!

School Uniform

Before the end of the summer holidays and the inevitable rush to buy new school uniform, please don't forget that, along with the usual polo shirts, school dresses and trousers, your child will need a pair of plain black shoes. Trainers are acceptable as long as they too are plain black and do not have coloured logos.

We keep our uniform very simple to enable you to buy cheap uniform from any supermarket so please work with us to ensure footwear fits in with our policy too.

Uniform helps children feel part of a team and means that they aren't worried about getting messy.

School sweatshirts available from:

<http://www.totstoteams.com/schools/mountfield-primary-school/>

Don't forget all children will receive a school PE kit free of charge in September. This needs to be in school ready for PE lessons.

Attendance

The attendance for this half term:

Nursery: 96.9% (*great!*)

Reception: 97.% (*excellent*)

Year 1: 95.6% (*not bad!*)

Year 2: 97.6% (*excellent!*)

Year 3: 97.1% (*excellent*)

Year 4: 97.4% (*excellent!*)

Year 5: 98.1% (*excellent*)

Year 6: 98.1% (*excellent*)

Our attendance for the whole year has improved and risen to 95.7% which is great. Let's make sure next year it is even better and we will aim for at least 96%.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Nursery and Reception

How does your garden grow?

Nursery and Reception have had an exceptionally busy term. We have been finding out what plants need to grow, then growing plants and creating gardens. We wanted to plant a rainbow of flowers for bees and butterflies to visit. We created a minibeasts hotel, decorated shapes, added a sand pit, made a painting station and a mark making wall to improve our nursery garden too!

We found out that bees are very important and we need to protect them! Do you know what makes bees buzz? Well if not, we can tell you because we searched it on the internet! 'Bees buzz while flying and while collecting and depositing pollen among flowers. A bee produces a buzzing sound through the quick movement of its wings. The slower its wings beat, the lower the pitch of the buzzing sound.'

Jill the artist came in to help us answer the question. We wanted to express our thoughts using media and materials to create banners and bunting. The children worked enthusiastically to get their ideas down on silk using gold pens and then used inks to infill their creative drawings and designs. The finished banners and bunting show an array of colourful minibeasts, plants and flowers against a backdrop of greenery, water and sunshine. Our banners answer the question beautifully!



Year 1

What makes a home sweet home?

The children have been thinking about all the things that make a home sweet home and along the way they have interviewed residents at Kirkwood Court, a local housing MP, found out what it takes to make a home and designed their dream homes and tried to sell them, which they managed extremely well. Mrs Shield has even been promised one of them in the future! It has also been lovely to see the empathy the children in Year 1 have shown throughout their project. They have learned about less fortunate people in our area who are not lucky enough to have somewhere to live and they have raised a LOT of money for the homeless charity 'Changing Lives'. A massive thank you to all those people who have helped to raise money for this excellent cause. The children and charity are so grateful.



Year 2

Is plastic fantastic?

Over the Summer term Year 2 have researched the use of plastic around the world and looked at both the positive and negative effects of the material. The class have enjoyed working together as a team to investigate the uses of plastic and have discovered that this material can be extremely harmful to our environment. We studied the oceans and our favourite sea creatures to learn more about the environmental effects of plastic pollution and decided to spread awareness of this topical issue through the making of a whole class sculpture. We made the sculpture from plastic bottles that we collected as a class which we recycled into beautiful fish. The sculpture currently hanging in the school reception and is set to be displayed at the Great North Museum for a European Marine Science Educators conference. We are very proud of all our hard work and hope we have made a difference.





Year 3: How can we make the world a more beautiful place?

When we went to Scotswood Community Garden at the start of our project, we were asked to complete a task to help wildlife back at school. Over the term, we have worked to create a herb garden to attract bees. Rosie was able to come and officially open our herb garden by cutting the ribbon and also presented us all with a certificate for all our hard work.



Year 4- What unites us?

To unite KS2, Class 4 organised a super Dodgeball tournament for Year 3, 4 and 5. Each class was given a country name which was in the World Cup as we have been learning all about how sport can unite and bring people together. The tournament was great and everybody had so much fun, there were lots of great sporting attitudes and team work; it really did unite us all. The house-team winners in each class were Alnwick, who were playing as England! Well done team Alnwick!!!

Before the tournament, Class 4 completed lots of investigations around sound so that they could make instruments to play during the matches (just like at real England football matches). We learnt that sound is made when the air vibrates and that sound can travel through air, water and solids! We made trumpets and shakers to cheer on the players during their dodgeball matches.



Year 5 : Rivers have a mouth but do they have a tale?

Just like a river, we have been on an amazing journey: we started with a trip to the source of a river; we have explored the features of different rivers; researched the wildlife and how we can protect this precious ecosystem as well as investigating some of the hidden dangers such as flooding and pollution; not to mention writing some incredible emotive poetry. All of this gave us the knowledge we needed to complete our Northumberland myths about where the rivers Tyne and Wear came from. It has taken a lot of drafting and editing but we are now busy getting them published — we can't wait to share them with you!



Year 6

Results have been given out to the children and we are pleased to announce that we feel we have done extremely well; we are proud of every single pupil because they have worked hard over the year. During the 2-week transition period, Mr. Robson has been working hard to prepare for the Leavers' Assembly and creating the Leavers' video. The Leavers' Assembly will be presented to the whole school on Thursday 19th September and the Year 6 parents and carers are invited to come on Friday 20th September at 2pm.

This is one school performance you will not want to miss!



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Relaxation

Summer holidays are a great time for children to rest, relax and play, which we fully support. However, if you read with your child and help with some basic maths activities built into your normal routine it will give them a great start to the year when they return to school. *Let's not let their learning fade!*

Singing picnic

The singing picnic on Friday 13th July was a huge success yet again. Families joined together to listen to the singing while enjoying picnics, jam sandwiches and juice. Residents from Kirkwood Court also came along to join in the fun and had a lovely time.



Many thanks to Mr Godfrey for organising the event which was a lovely way to celebrate the end of term with the whole Mountfield community.



More forms!

Thanks to everyone who have filled in their GDPR forms and returned them to school- if you haven't done so **PLEASE** return them ASAP.

In September there will also be new contact forms sent out which ensure we can contact parents whenever needed. Please complete and return to update contacts.

Office hours



Please remember that the school office is only open to parents between 8:30-9:30am and 3:00- 3:30pm. This is necessary to allow staff to get their work done without constant disruption.

We cannot guarantee to deliver messages to children as we cant leave the office and telephones unmanned. Please work with us on this. Many thanks

Volunteers

The wall on the outside of the Haven needs to be repainted as it is very tired! If anyone has any contacts for organisations who do voluntary work in the community could you please let us know .



Parent questionnaire feedback

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	Yes	No	Don't know
My child is encouraged to behave well in school	100%	0	0
My child gets regular homework and I know when it is due	98%	1%	1%
The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his or her best	100%	0	0
My child usually enjoys playtimes	100%	0	0
I know what my child is learning about in school	96%	1%	2%
School provides work for my child which is appropriate to their ability	98%	1%	1%
My child participates in a wide range of experiences in school	99%	0	1%
I have visited the school website to see the class blog	83%	11%	6%

Mobile phones in school

From September there will be **NO MOBILE PHONES ALLOWED IN SCHOOL**. Any child who needs to bring a phone to school for a specific reason will need a form completed by the parents and school will accept **NO RESPONSIBILITY** for it's safety.

Any child with a phone who hasn't got a consent form from their parents will have it taken from them and it won't be handed back until an adult comes in to collect it.

This year children have been bringing in phones and this has become an unhealthy competition- please support us by not allowing your child to bring their phone to school.

Monday 3rd September

SCHOOL CLOSED- TRAINING DAY

Wednesday 5th September

Year 2 visit Grace Darling museum- Bamburgh

Tuesday 11th September

Year 6 visit London

Wednesday 12th September

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Friday 14th September

Year 3 to Durham archaeological museum

Tuesday 18th September

Year 1 to Centre for Life

Friday 21st September

Kenton Assembly for Year 6 children and Parents

Wednesday 26th September

Year 2 visit Blue Reef aquarium

Friday 28th September

MacMillan coffee morning

SEPTEMBER DATES FOR DIARY

DON'T FORGET THE WELCOME MEETINGS AS WELL