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# Mountfield News

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Autumn was a very busy term with so much going on that we haven't been able to tell you about all of it! We love to let you know about our project work and let you see our end products. Last term we have had a variety of events that the children have worked towards to make their learning more enjoyable and memorable. Please read what each class have done for their topic outcomes and see how hard they have worked. We are already exploring our new essential question which drives our projects for this term and I will let you know all about them in the next newsletter- but for now please read about the end products from Autumn. *Happy New Year from all staff and pupils at Mountfield!*

## Nursery: *What is the magic of me?*

### End of Project Production and Exhibition

I am sure you will agree that the children's learning has been fantastic and the portraits produced amazing! Every child was able to say what makes them special and shared their own unique answer with family members at the presentation. We couldn't be more proud! Thank you to all of you who came to see the exhibition and hear their words. The children's pictures sold like hot cakes too. Again, many thanks for your support.



## Reception: *What makes me special?*

Reception have learnt a lot over the Autumn term! They have spent the Autumn term learning all about themselves and their loved ones. They looked closely at their likes/dislikes and what makes them special. They came to the conclusion that everyone is special for lots of different reasons. Some of us were special because we were good brothers and sisters and some of us were special because we are good at making people laugh!



## Year 1: *Fire - Friend or Foe?*

Throughout Autumn term, Year 1 have been investigating whether fire is a friend or a foe. They have found out all about The Great Fires of London and Gateshead and written some fantastic poems about them. They have done some lovely art work using all the different colours of fire. They were fantastic at designing and making moving fire engines. After all of their investigating, they have decided that fire can be both a friend and a foe. Most importantly, they have learned how to keep themselves safe. They have put together an amazing fire safety leaflet to give out to the whole school and anyone who has been involved in their project. The most exciting part was presenting this to the Worshipful Mayor of Gateshead and hearing about her special job.



## Year 2: What makes a dream team?



Throughout the Autumn term, Year 2 have been exploring how to work best as a team. This has involved challenges in class; including competitive team sports to building shelters and learning about role models from History who have modelled outstanding team work. Since then, Year 2 have worked hard to write their own set of instructions; "How to be a dream team", designed a display to put across school and finally made wooden stars to spread their learning across Mountfield. See how many you can spot around the school! They have definitely demonstrated excellent team work and they hope that their messages help others to do the same.

*A little note from Mrs Angell-Moir: Thank you so much to every child, parent and staff member for looking after me so well during my first pregnancy! I have been incredibly touched by your kind words and support and will miss you so much!*

## Year 3: What treasure does the earth hold?

This term, Class 3 have been finding out about all the different things that can be found underground. From learning about coal mining and soil, to Roman ruins and artefacts, we have worked really hard to carefully consider what we think is treasure and why. To share our new knowledge with the world, class 3 wrote and composed a song which describes everything we have covered this term. We performed it live for parents at an exclusive preview event, and it is now available on YouTube for anyone to listen to—simply type our question into the search bar.



*Well done Class 3 for all your hard work and your amazing song!*

## Year 4: How can we preserve what is precious?

Year 4 really enjoyed organising their REAL project outcome; they organised for the whole school to be water warriors! The class held an assembly for the whole school explaining why it is so important to preserve water, they then asked everybody to become a water warrior and wear blue for the day. On this day children were involved in water themed tasks in their classrooms such as designing posters, word searches and making boats. The children brought in a donation, which was then donated to the charity Water Aid; the children raised £30 which is enough to give three families clean water in their homes. Well done Year 4 for helping change the lives of people in need!



## Year 5: What makes childhood special?

We have found out that childhood is different for everybody. It depends on when you lived, where you live, how much money your family have, what your culture or religion is, ... the list is endless! Life for children changed massively in Victorian times with new laws to protect them, education for everybody and lots of new inventions to make life easier and more fun!

Did you know the Victorians were the first to celebrate Christmas in the way we do now? We have learnt about forces and used them to make super Christmas toys and learnt lots of Victorian Carols that we sang at the Grainger Market to raise money for 'The Children's Charity'.



We think that being loved, safe and able to discover new things is what makes childhood special.

## Year 6: What would a Greek Mosaic look like in 2017?

For our project this term, we have been delving into Greek life and the art work that was created during the time period. We are currently planning our class mosaic which will be displayed at our project final next term and answer both questions. It is all very hush hush though because it's going to be a work of art—literally!

## Attendance

Last term we worked hard to get up every morning and attend school but a few nasty viruses meant our overall attendance wasn't that great!

Nursery: 92.1%

Reception: 94%

Year 1: 97.2%

Year 2: 94.2%

Year 3: 94.6%

Year 4: 94.5%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 95.7%

**However we are very proud to have managed to win the Trust trophy for Year 1 and the trophy for Year 5!**



Now we have started our winning streak we need your help to keep it going. This half term is only 5 weeks long- let's see if we can beat all the other Trust schools and win more trophies!



## Some dates for your diary for the coming half term

Tuesday 16th January	Nursery to visit seven stories Year 1 to Washington Wetlands Year 3 visit (details to follow)
Wednesday 17th January	AM: Year 4 Forest school AM: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Piccolo music PM: Year 3 Forest school
Thursday 18th January	9:00AM: Parents workshop- IT safety AM: reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Judo taster sessions FRIENDSHIP DAY All pupils to have school meal at lunchtime as part of friendship and caring day
Friday 19th January	AM: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Judo taster sessions
Monday 22nd January	PM: Year 1 and Year 2 sessions with school nurse on care of teeth
Wednesday 24th January	AM: Year 4 Forest school- parents invited AM: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Piccolo music PM: Year 3 Forest school- parents invited
Monday 29th January	Pm: Year 2 session with school nurse—body parts
Tuesday 30th January	9AM: Reception parents maths workshop
Wednesday 31st January	9:00AM: Year 1 and 2 parents maths workshop AM: Nursery Forest school AM: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Piccolo music PM: Reception Forest school
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day Theatre company to put on show for all children
Thursday 8th February	9:00AM: Parents workshop- REAL projects (change of date from Wednesday 7th February)
Friday 9th February	3:15PM: School closes for half term holiday
Monday 19th February	School reopens after holiday