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# Mountfield News

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## Robinwood

Yet again, the year 6s (as well as one brave year 5 girl) braved and survived the excitement and thrill of our annual residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre. Every single pupil had an amazing time and were brilliant at overcoming all the anxieties and challenges of being away from home, participating in dare devil activities and having to put up with Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Robson and Mrs. Swan for three whole days! They were all a great credit to themselves, their parents and the school. Well done!!



## Reminders

- School begins at 8:55am, however we open all doors to allow children into school at 8:45am to ensure a calm start to the day.
- Children look really smart in their uniforms. Please keep this up and help us raise the profile of the school. Ensure all clothes have names in to avoid getting lost.
- Jewellery must not be worn at school and children will be asked to remove earrings for safety reasons.
- Please make sure shoes are black and preferably without logos or coloured stripes.
- Leggings are not appropriate, so please avoid these and ensure girls wear trousers or skirts.
- If you bring your child to school in a car, please **DO NOT** park outside the school gates or on yellow lines or zigzags. These markings are there for the safety of our children. We will report any vehicles that we see illegally parked.
- Please remember we are a no smoking site and this includes VAPING.
- Where possible parents should always try and arrange medical and dental appointments during school holidays or after school hours..
- School will not authorise an absence for holiday during term time. If there are any exceptional circumstances then details of appointment letters need to be provided for consideration.

## Essential questions

Our curriculum is driven by an essential question which the children investigate and work through the term towards an outcome to help them answer the question.

Here are this term's questions .....

**Nursery- What is the best job in the world?**

**Reception- What is the best job in the world?**

**Year 1- If you were King or Queen, what would you change?**

**Year 2- Where is the best place for a book to begin?**

**Year 3- What makes Japan unique?**

**Year 4- Is there really no place like home?**

**Year 5- What makes Newcastle tick?**

**Year 6- Why are we not all the same?**

## Diary- February 2019

Friday 1st February	Year 5 to the Grand Central Mosque
Tuesday 5th February	Internet safety day
Wednesday 6th February	Year 3 visit to Oriental Museum, Durham Year 1 multiskills festival Forest school- Year 1 AM, Year 2 PM
Friday 8th February	11:30AM- Year 5 Ukulele concert- all welcome
Tuesday 12th February	9AM: reception parents maths workshop
Wednesday 13th February	Forest school- Year 1 AM, Year 2 PM
Thursday 14th February	1-3PM: Year 6 Smart scoot PM: Reception sponsored scoot
<b>Friday 15th February</b>	<b>3:15PM: school closes for half term</b>
Wednesday 27th February	Forest school- Year 1 AM, Year 2 PM
Thursday 28th February	PM: Year 3 smart scoot

## Attendance

*So far this half term we have suffered from many bugs, flu and sickness in school. This is our attendance so far...*

*Nursery: 83.3% (oh dear!)*

*Reception: 91.9% (could be better!)*

*Year 1: 96.8% (Pretty good)*

*Year 2: 90% (could be better!)*

*Year 3: 94.7% (could be better!)*

*Year 4: 94.3% (could be better!)*

*Year 5: 87.2% (oh dear!)*

*Year 6: 92.4% (could be better!)*

## Nursery

### What is the best job in the world?

Nursery have begun their journey on their magic train ride! The children were all given a ticket to get on the train and we arrived at station 1 which was the jungle! We have made animal masks and props for our Talk for Writing version of the story which we can't wait to tell at the end of our project!



## Reception

### What is the best job in the world?

Reception launched their project with a Royal Ball. We looked at the job of our Queen and talked about whether we thought her role was important or not. We even got a letter from her asking us to make her some new knickers! We learnt how to tie dye and made her lots of new pairs!



## Year 1

### If you were King or Queen, what would you change?

Year 1 started their project by being kings and queens in the classroom and receiving royal missions from Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II.

They have written an email to our local MP to invite her to our presentation at Mountfield Primary to hear what we would like to change about Kenton and the world.



## Year 2

### Where is the best place for a book to begin?

Year 2 paid a visit to Seven Stories for the launch of their new project. They had a fantastic time using their imaginations to create interesting and creative story settings which they then used, once back at school, to write their own stories. The stories they have produced are amazing! They also took part in lots of different role play activities, including dressing up as fruit in a fruit bowl!



## Year 3

### What makes Japan unique?

To launch our project, we had a Japanese day. Sensei came in and taught us all some basic karate moves as well as how to count to 10 in Japanese. We looked at photos of life in Japan and compared them with life in England. At the end of the day, everyone had the chance to try some sushi.



## Year 4

### Is there really no place like home?

To launch our project we had a visit from a Viking! This is because we have been wondering why the Vikings left their homes in Scandinavia and made new homes in the UK. We learnt all about what Vikings wore and their armour, we even got to try some on ourselves. We wrote our names in Viking runes on bees wax tablets and did so much more! See our class blog for more pictures.



## Year 5

### What makes Newcastle tick?

We started our project with an email from Sir Isaac Newton who needed help after an apple related incident! We have been investigating forces and finding out how simple machines work ready for building our own clocks in a few weeks!



## Year 6

### Why are we not all the same?

To launch our project, Super Six went to Robinwood. All of us conquered some fear in one way or the other and built trusting (and some new) friendships. The pictures will be available on the Year 6 blog.



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