



Mountfield News



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Hawkhurst Adventure Centre, Kielder Water

Thirty three children from years 3 and 4 braved two days of amazing, daring and adventurous activities at the Hawkhurst Adventure Centre on Kielder Water. During the day, they had a wonderful time abseiling, canoeing, orienteering and completing varying challenges on the Adventure Course while the evening was spent gathered round a camp fire singing silly songs and roasting delicious marshmallows!



Halloween fun

Many thanks to Sam Hall and her volunteers for arranging a Halloween disco. It was a huge success and the children had a brilliant time.



Christmas fair

This year's Christmas fair is on Thursday 7th December at 1:30pm. All donations and offers of support to run a stall at the fair will be gratefully received by Sam Hall. We are holding a non uniform day on Friday 24th November where children can come to school in non uniform in exchange for a donation for the fair- bottles or chocolates would be great!



Nappy news!

Mrs Patterson is very pleased to announce that she is pregnant with her first child. The baby is due in April and will be a welcome addition to our Mountfield family.

Goodbye, for now!

Mrs Katherine Tyer will be leaving school on Friday 24th November to start her maternity leave. Anyone who has seen her recently will know that she is nearly due!

All change

Mrs Godfrey has reduced her teaching hours which means she will no longer be teaching Year 4 each Friday. Fear not- Mr Godfrey will be taking over!

Diary of events—November

Monday 13th- Friday 17th	<i>Anti- bullying week. Lots of education around this important issue</i>
Wednesday 15th November	<i>9:00am: Parents workshop: REAL Projects Year 1 and Y6 Forest school</i>
Friday 17th November	<i>9:00am Children in Need coffee morning. Cake sale for children at playtime</i>
Monday 20th November	<i>3:30-4:45pm: Film night</i>
Tuesday 21st November	<i>NSPCC Assembly Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Road safety</i>
Wednesday 22nd November	<i>9:00am Nursery parents reading workshop</i>
Thursday 23rd November	<i>KS1 and KS2 road safety assemblies Pm: Nursery open day for parents considering places for 2018</i>
Friday 24th November	<i>Non uniform day: children to bring chocolate or bottle donations for Christmas fair PM: House team activities Mrs Tyer's last day before her maternity leave</i>
Monday 27th November	<i>PM: Year 5 and Year 6 NSPCC workshop</i>
Tuesday 28th November	<i>3:30-4:30pm Parents evening</i>
Wednesday 29th November	<i>3:30-4:30pm Parents evening</i>

Half term attendance trophies

We have been competing with our Trust school partners to see which year groups had the best attendance last half term. The winning schools received a fabulous trophy. We were very disappointed to hear that we didn't win any this time! It has made us more determined to win this half term!



We need your help to make sure your child is at school every day.

Every day counts!

Social media

We have had several incident reported of children being very unkind on social media. It is no coincidence that you have to be 13 to have a Facebook account- this is because until then children are not mature enough to understand the impact posting unkind messages can have. It is so easy to be nasty by media as you cannot see the faces and the impact it can have at the other end. Please monitor all social media use by your child, just because they say they are using it carefully doesn't mean they are!
Monitor all accounts: Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram- **If in doubt close the account!**

Nursery

The children have very much enjoyed our themed days in the Nursery. They have explored the Halloween and Bonfire Night activities this week. Some children wore some brightly coloured clothes and brought in artwork from home.



Reception

Reception have been painting some self portraits, First Mrs Brown showed us what a good one should look like. Then we painted ourselves using a mirror. As a class we then critiqued our pictures and gave each other one kind comment and a suggestion on how to make our pictures better. The finished products are outstanding! Come and have a look for yourselves!



Year 1



We have been learning about the Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle. As part of our learning we visited the Quayside and found out all about where the fire started, how it spread and what happened afterwards. We were very lucky and had two Newcastle history experts to teach us and show us lots of important buildings and remnants from when it happened.

Year 4

We have been learning all about the water cycle in class 4 and have even learnt actions so that we can explain the water cycle to other people. We have been learning some really tricky new vocabulary such as evaporation, condensation and precipitation! Ask us at home what they mean! We have also been learning about why water is so precious and were shocked to learn that not all children have access to clean water.



Year 2



Year 2 had a fantastic time on the Dentist bus last week where they learned all about dental hygiene. In class, they played games about healthy foods and those which can damage your teeth. They also saw how to brush their teeth properly and now know to do it twice a day. In the bus, they took it in turns to sit in the dentist's chair, wear dentist's uniforms and practice using little dental mirrors. They were delighted with their free goody-packs and will definitely enjoy using their freebies. Well done Class 2! Keep looking after those precious teeth!

Year 5

We have been learning about toys in Victorian times - who used them, what they were made of and how they worked.

We found out that we still have lots of the same toys today - dolls, skipping ropes, train sets ... but we now use a lot of plastic and rubber to make them which wasn't available



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning how soil is made. We had lots of fun (and got very messy!) finding similarities and differences between sandy soil, clay soil and compost.



Year 6

Super Six have been exploring light in Science. We looked at different materials (opaque, translucent and transparent). We even learnt about our eyes, naming the parts of them. We presented our scientific knowledge through an outstanding presentation.

