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Mountfield News

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Ofsted have been

(and we are delighted with the outcome)



On Wednesday 26th March, Ofsted visited Mountfield to assess our effectiveness. This inspection was to judge whether we are educating your children effectively, looking after their safety and wellbeing and planning for continual improvement. We are delighted with the report which concludes we remain a good school and recognises what a caring and nurturing place Mountfield is, where children thrive and reach high standards! The report can be found on the official Ofsted website or Mountfield's website. <http://www.mountfield.newcastle.sch.uk>

Some highlights from the report:

- Mountfield is a truly inclusive and nurturing school. The school is characterised by mutual respect and strong relationships. These strong relationships and high levels of trust between adults and pupils ensure that pupils conduct in lessons and around school is exemplary
- Pupils have a strong sense of belonging and thrive in this fully inclusive school
- Pupils demonstrate very positive attitudes to learning. They spoke enthusiastically about their experiences and the care they are given
- The curriculum inspires and enthuses pupils.
- Loyal senior and middle leaders share the Head teacher's energy and determination to provide a memorable and inspiring education
- The leadership team have maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection
- Priorities for improvement are accurate and clear, as a consequence you have successfully improved the quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- The many actions that leaders and staff take to improve pupils academic progress, emotional well being and resilience are at the heart of the school's core vision.
- Parents praised the team highly for the many opportunities provided and the close attention to the needs of each child

Please read the report for more details and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us

Summer project work

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- Where can stories take us?

Reception- Where can stories take us?

Year 1- Can we bring the wild back to life?

Year 2- What makes bees buzz?

Year 3- What gems are waiting to be discovered in Tyne and Wear?

Year 4- What puts the GREAT into Great Britain?

Year 5- What's around the bend for the Ouseburn?

Year 6- Why are we not all the same?



PULSE

We hope you're finding our new parent communication app 'PULSE' useful.

If you're still having problems downloading this, need a new PIN number, or haven't received any texts yet, then please telephone the school office for assistance

Diary- May 2019

Friday 10th May	Am: reception and Year 1-Piccolo music
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATS- Grammar, punctuation and spelling
Tuesday 14th May	Year 6 SATS- Reading
Wednesday 15th May	Am: Year 4—Forest school Pm: Year 3—Forest school Year 6 SATS- maths papers 1&2
Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATS- maths paper 3 Year 5- Groundwork in river management
Wednesday 22nd May	Am: Year 4—Forest school Pm: Year 3—Forest school
Friday 24th May	School closed- TRAINING DAY
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens

Attendance

Attendance so far this half term hasn't been great- please make sure your child attends every day—every day counts!

Nursery: 88.2% (oh dear!)

Reception: 90.9% (could be better!)

Year 1: 94.6% (could be better!)

Year 2: 99.2% ((great!))

Year 3: 95.6% (could be better!)

Year 4: 96% (not bad!)

Year 5: 94.5% could be better!)

Year 6: 95% (could be better!)

Nursery

Where can stories take us?

Nursery have shared their favourite stories from home with the class. For our project launch we read Mrs. Tyer's favourite story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We searched for the bear in the hall, passing through each scene from the story. We created a 3D story map. We also painted scenes from the text on the computer. We even used musical instruments to represent different parts of the story.



Reception

Where can stories take us?

Reception have started their new project by looking at all of the places you can be transported to in a story. We started off by looking at the story of The Little Red Hen. We have used the Talk for Writing format to map out the story.

The Little Red Hen even visited our classroom when we were out!



Year 1

Can we bring the wild back to life?



Year 1 launched their project by learning about endangered animals. They decided they wanted to adopt an animal to help protect them in the wild.

The children worked in groups to persuade the class to vote for their animal. The winning animal was the polar bear. Class One will be raising money at the Summer Fayre to adopt this beautiful animal.

Well done Class One!

Year 2

What makes bees buzz?

We headed off to Scotswood Community Gardens for a day full of exploring, planting and bee-keeping. We discovered that there are over 100 different types of bees in the UK and there can be up to 70,000 in one tiny hive!



Year 3

What gems are waiting to be discovered in Tyne and Wear?

We went to visit the Angel of the North, the Baltic and the Quayside to find out what tourists might do if they came to visit the area. We had a fantastic tour of the Baltic and enjoyed the amazing views from level 5.



Year 5

What's around the bend for the Ouseburn?

We've jumped head first with a splash into our new project with a trip to the River Ouse to find out how a river works, what makes a healthy river and what animals we might find there! See the blog for more pictures!



Year 4

What puts the GREAT into Great Britain?

This week we will be heading off to the Baltic in Newcastle to look at the art work of 'great' British artists which will inspire us for our project this term.

However, we did delve into our project on the first day back at school as this was St George's Day, we looked at the life of the great man and even solved maths challenges all linked to St George.



Year 6

This week saw some Year 1s from each of the trust schools visit Mountfield to do a mini sporting event. The events were made up of 8 fun activities, which allowed the children to rotate around. Super Six were great sports leaders and supported the event, running the different activities, recording scores and encouraging the younger children.



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