



# Mountfield News



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## \*Future Nursery Parents - 30 hours available on site\*

Does your little one turn 3 before 31st August 2018?  
If the answer is yes, then pop in and have a look around our exceptionally successful, busy and vibrant nursery and complete a nursery place application. Closing date for applications - **25th March 2018**  
Only a few places remaining - don't miss out!



## Community spirit

As you are very aware, last week saw some of the worst weather we have had in a very long time! Tuesday night saw the weather forecast become more worrying, with threats of heavy snow on Wednesday and beyond. After assessing the situation we felt able to open our school as all staff were able to get in (a couple just a little late) and the grounds could be cleared enough to have safe access into school. We had planned to be spoilsports and not let the children out at playtime! A message on Facebook was all it took for a band of helpers to arrive at 7am on Wednesday with snow shovels to help make access to the whole site safe and secure. They worked tirelessly to clear paths and salt walkways. It was very humbling to see these people turn out in the freezing cold to support us opening. Warm coffee and toast was in plenty of supply although the volunteers were working so hard they were very warm indeed!



Come and join Team Mountfield! Why not sign up to join us for the Children's Cancer Run in Gosforth Park on Sunday 20th May. £6.00 entry per child which includes a T-Shirt and a medal!

<https://www.neccr.org.uk/>



## Goodbye to a favourite face!

We are very sad to announce that Roz Dawson will be retiring at Easter. Roz has been a dinner supervisor for 25 years and has been well loved by many, many children. Although we are sad to see her go, we wish her well for the future.



Gurpreet Loyal in Year 5 was the proud winner of the £10 amazon voucher for 100% attendance before half term. His name was picked from the hat and he was very pleased with his prize!



## Attendance

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

- Nursery: 90.6% (oh dear!)
- Reception: 95.1% (could be better!)
- Year 1: 96.1% (Pretty good)
- Year 2: 93.9% (could be better!)
- Year 3: 96.2% (pretty good)
- Year 4: 94.5% (could be better!)
- Year 5: 97% (great!)
- Year 6: 93.6% (oh dear!)

Thanks must go out to all these great volunteers and Mr Coulthard (who isn't in the pictures but was also a tremendous help) for assisting Mr Whaley to make sure school was open as usual!

It was very disappointing that we could not continue operation on Thursday and Friday as hazardous road conditions and pathways meant we could not guarantee everyone's safety.

**PLEASE BE ASSURED WE ONLY CLOSE WHEN IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!**

### Nursery

We have thoroughly enjoyed Forest School. We have busied ourselves playing games, swinging in the hammock, digging, observing, collecting, sorting and making. This week we used tools to make musical instruments that Baby Bunting (who is still stuck in the tree in nursery) would love!



### Reception

Reception had a great time in our final Piccolo music session. Jill and Fiona have been with us for 6 weeks teaching us how to follow rhythms and patterns. Some Parents and Carers came along to the session and all enjoyed themselves. They were able to join in with the session and learnt new songs.



### Year 1

The children had a great time last week when they were visited by the Bloom Army. They helped the children with their art work which will be used for their project outcome. They painted both small and large birdhouses, made tie-dye birds and decorated a huge wooden pallet. It got very messy but it was so much fun!



### Year 2

Year 2 began Spring Term 2 with a trip to Newcastle Reform Synagogue to learn about Jewish Passover. Following a wonderful talk about Jewish faith and celebrations, the children enjoyed a fascinating tour of the Synagogue and learned about all the different features inside. Thank you to all parents and carers for your kind donations.



### Year 3

This week, class 3 were learning all about volcanoes. We found out where and why they happen and we used the computers to research Pompeii. After this, we sculpted our own volcanoes out of clay. Once they had dried we used some special ingredients to make our volcanoes erupt! It was very exciting!



### Year 4

We have been learning lots of exciting things this half term, including how to make electrical circuits. We even made some example circuits using Liquorice Allsorts. This has helped us to understand how electricity works and its importance to lighting up our world.

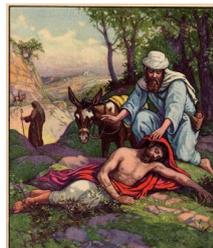


We have also spent some time with Mr Godfrey learning how to juggle!



### Year 5

Can stories from thousands of years ago, still have something to teach us today? That is the question we have been trying to answer this week. We have looked at stories from a range of religious texts from 'the good Samaritan' to 'The Night of Power'; we have learnt that they still have important messages about faith, kindness and forgiveness that are just as important now as they were then.



### Year 6

This week Super Six participated in a Smarter Walker event. We went onto the streets of Kenton and reminded ourselves of the Green Cross Code. We learnt fun facts along the way and they showed us a website that allows us to plan our own trips using public transport.



## Safeguarding

At Mountfield we are all committed to ensuring all children are kept safe, and we have comprehensive safeguarding policies which we follow and take extremely seriously. These can be viewed on our website or requested at school. If you have any concerns you wish to report please speak to any of our Designated safeguarding persons who are:

*Cindy Shield, Tim Godfrey, Katrina Fenwick, Claire Godfrey and Sam Hall*

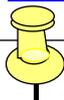
**Nothing matters more than safeguarding children!**

## IMPORTANT- Secondary school places

**The Local authority have now allocated places for children starting secondary school in September.**

**Please look out for your letter- you MUST respond to accept or reject the place.**

**You need to send your reply back or give to Mrs Robinson who will do this for you.**



## Diary of events for March

Thursday 8th March	AM: Reception Balance Bikes
Friday 9th March	AM: Year 2 visit Church of Ascension
Monday 12th March	Reception and Year 6: Heights and weights check Y6 visiting Northumbria University all day
Tuesday 3th March	3:30pm- 5:30pm: Parents evening in class
Wednesday 14th March	AM: Year 1 to forest school- <b>Parents welcome</b> PM: Year 2 to forest school- <b>Parents welcome</b> 3:15pm: Year 4 & 5 after school club- <i>Go Ride</i> 3:30pm- 5:30pm: Parents evening in class
Thursday 15th March	AM: Reception Balance Bikes
Friday 16th March	Book Fair starts
Wednesday 21st March	AM: Year 5 to forest school PM: Year 6 to forest school 3:15pm: Year 4 & 5 after school club- <i>Go Ride</i>
Thursday 22nd March	Year 3 to visit Centre for Life AM: Reception Balance Bikes
Friday 23rd March	Sports Relief Day Year 2 project finale- Obstacle races (details to follow)
Wednesday 28th March	9:05am: Easter assembly- <b>Parents welcome</b> AM: Year 1 to forest school AM: Reception Balance Bikes PM: Year 2 to forest school 3:15pm: Year 4 & 5 after school club- <i>Go Ride</i>
Thursday 29th March	Reception to visit Wyndham school for a play day AM: Year 5 parade in Northumberland Street <b>3:15pm: School closes for the Easter holidays</b>

Monday 16th April

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS**