

# Newsletter

## Message from the Head Teacher

It has been another fantastic week here at The Mount School. The children have really been enjoying the early autumnal weather, and have created some incredible transient masterpieces dotted around the school grounds. Form IV presented a very well thought out and fact filled assembly today. It is very impressive to see the knowledge and the spoken word skills that our children have. Well done, everyone!

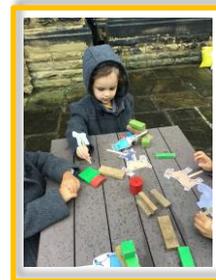
Mr Burton-Smith

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week!



## Lower Kindergarten

This week in Lower Kindergarten, our story of the week has been 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have had great fun reading different versions of the story in a very expressive way! There have been bridges built both indoors and outdoors from all sorts of materials, and much trip trapping across them. Not the quietest of weeks as you can imagine! In maths, we have been counting to 10 and beyond. We have counted out groups of objects to match numbers and are now learning how to write the numbers using our magic writing boards- ask the children about them and how they work. Our sound of the week is 's', pronounced as the 'ss' at the end of 'hiss'. We have been making and collecting objects beginning with this sound. If you have something you would like to contribute to our collection, please bring it in on Monday.



## Kindergarten

This week in Kindergarten, we have been singing number songs to help us find one less than any number up to ten. We have all enjoyed making five current buns in the playdough, and singing five little ducks went swimming one day whilst playing in the water tray. Our key story has been The Three Little Pigs. We have also designed and made some super new houses for the little pigs to live in. Please can Parents and Carers remember to bring back the tapestry letters so that we can activate your account.



The after school Activity Club for all children in LK, K, FI & FII will now be in the Cedar Annexe every day. This new arrangement will start from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

### Form I

This week in Form I, the children have enjoyed doing lots of reading. We have shared and talked about books, worked on our comprehension skills and had a visit to the Book Hive to look at non-fiction texts. In maths, the children have been doing lots of problem solving activities. In art, we have enjoyed using some new techniques. The children used masking tape and water colours to make their impressive artwork.



### Form II

In maths this week, we looked at problem solving involving numbers. In English this week, we worked on our reading comprehension skills by practising reading a passage then answering questions. We also practised our sentence writing skills and wrote apples of kindness. In our topic work, we created a tube map based on our local area. We added photos of homes as well as important buildings in our local area.

### Form III

In English, we have started to learn about non-chronological reports. We have looked at a variety of non-chronological reports and used a checklist to identify the key features. We have been thinking about plastic pollution and the effects it has on our environment. There were many discussions on ways to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic. We are looking forward to presenting this important message in our upcoming class assembly on Friday 18th October.



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Mr Burton–Smith is the Designated Safeguarding Lead in school. If you have any concerns about Child Protection or Health and Safety in school then please speak to him. Any concerns are taken seriously and acted on and you can remain anonymous if you wish. If you are worried about a child you can also contact the Kirklees Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub directly on 01484 414960 or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

**“Always do something. Never do nothing.”**

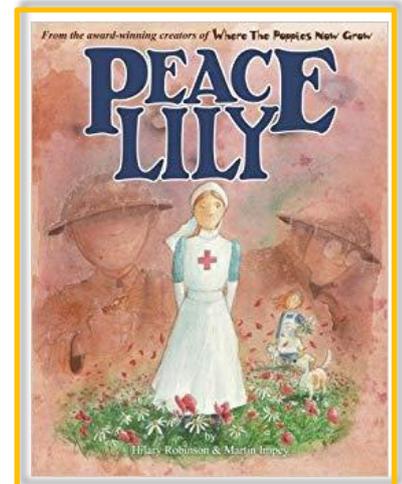


### Form IV

This week has been busy with our assembly taking up much of our time. It is always a pleasure to see everyone really pulling together to learn in such a constructive way. The children have done a fantastic job and I am very proud of what they have achieved. We also managed to do some little tests, where the children have shown off their knowledge and skills. Time for a well-deserved weekend!

### Form V / VI

Form V/VI have impressed me with their concentration and focus this week. In English, we have spent lots of time building vocabulary and sharing ideas for writing our own story based on the narrative poem 'Peace Lily'. The children will continue to write their story next week. In Maths, we have revised rounding and looked at how rounding can be useful in helping us check answers to some calculations.

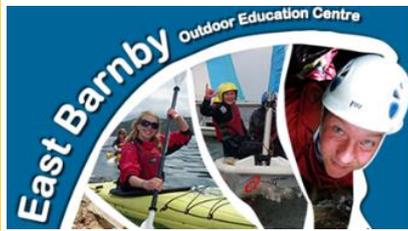


As part of the school's annual Firework event, the PTA will be running a chocolate tombola. Any donations to this cause would be greatly appreciated as this stall often proves to be very popular! Please could all donations be brought in to the school office.



At The Mount School we take your children's safety very seriously. At lunchtime today, the school had a 'Lockdown' practice. This procedure is designed to keep all of the children and staff safe in the event of an unforeseen incident.

Further details about this procedure will be sent to you via SchoolPing.



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm, there is a Residential Information Evening. The presentation for this trip will take place in the school hall. This year's trip is to East Barnby and is available for children from FIV – FVI.



### Holiday Activity Camp



We still have a few places left so if your child would like to come please can you let the school office know as soon as possible.



This year we are going to have a harvest collection for The Welcome Centre in Huddersfield. They have asked for donations that include items such as deodorant, shampoo and shower gel. For an up-to-date overview of resources please have a look at their website:

<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/pages/12-donate-food>

#### Upcoming Class Assemblies:

<b>FIII</b>	Class assembly, Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am
<b>FII</b>	Class assembly, Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am
<b>FI</b>	Class assembly, Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am
<b>K</b>	Class assembly, Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 9.00am
<b>LK</b>	Class assembly, Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 9.00am

#### Upcoming dates for the Diary:

<b>F IV / V / VI</b>	Residential Trip Parents Information Evening, Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm
<b>ALL</b>	Harvest Collection from 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>ALL</b>	Term Ends, Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>ALL</b>	Term Begins 4 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>ALL</b>	Parents' Evening, Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>ALL</b>	Surprise Spectacular! Come and enjoy the fun on firework night! Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm More information to come soon.
<b>ALL</b>	Book Fair from 13 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>ALL</b>	Staff INSET, Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> of November at 4.30pm
<b>ALL</b>	Flu vaccinations, Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>ALL</b>	Christmas Concert, Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm
<b>ALL</b>	Pantomime trip, Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm