

Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

This half term has certainly been a memorable one. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and your wonderful children and I am very much looking forward to the challenges of next half term. I would like to thank Mrs Brook for all of her help over the past few weeks. Her words of advice and counsel have proven to be invaluable, and has helped to ensure a smooth transition of leadership. Many of you may be aware that Mr and Mrs Brook will be setting sail in the upcoming weeks via Namibia and then on to South Africa. I am sure they will have a fantastic time and a much deserved rest!

I wish you all a fantastic half term, and look forward to seeing everyone in November.

Mr Burton-Smith

Lower Kindergarten

We have had a busy, happy half term and have settled really well into Lower Kindergarten. Well done and thank you to all our wonderful children for their hard work and for all the laughs along the way. Our story of the week has been 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. We have written lists of ingredients and then made pumpkin soup. It was delicious! We have also made pumpkins from play dough and weighed them to see which were heaviest and lightest. The children have also made a spooky Halloween house complete with costumes for our outdoor role play. Have a lovely holiday, enjoy the poetry homework and we'll see you in November when our new number of the week will be 5 and our new sound of the week will be 'f'



Kindergarten

This week in Kindergarten, our key story has been 'Room on the Broom'. We looked for rhyming words as we read the story and then we made our own rhyming potions in the water tray. On the creative table, we have been making new broomsticks, hats and magic wands for the witch. We carved our own pumpkin and talked about how a pumpkin will grow. We then read the story 'Pumpkin Soup' and talked about our own experiences of picking a pumpkin.



Please can you remember to bring any dried out pens etc. to our pen bank after the holiday. Together we will save the planet one biro at a time!

Form I

This week in English, we have enjoyed learning about rhyming words with alternative spellings. We have also looked at traditional rhymes from the UK and other countries in the world. We chose our favourite ones and looked at where the countries are on Google Earth. In maths, we have done lots of adding and subtracting using the 'part, part, whole' method. We even got to go outside to do it on a large scale in the Autumn sunshine! In art, everyone enjoyed collecting leaves and cutting them into squares to make leaf art mosaics.



Form II

This week in English, we have written our own versions of The Owl and the Pussycat. We even made up some nonsense words which made us all laugh! The children all did a super job when writing out the finished version of their poem. The children are all fantastic at handwriting. In maths, we continued looking at pairs that make 100 and how we can use them to add any numbers. We used bar models and part whole models to find answers as well as writing our own number puzzles for our friends to solve. We continued looking at materials in science. After the holidays, we will begin to find out about The Great Fire of London.



Form III

In maths, we have been using the shapes within a tangram to create other shapes. In English, we have been enjoying spooky Halloween poems, and looked at the features of some poetry. We were able to recite poems and then created our own version. Check out our spooky video on Facebook!



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.”

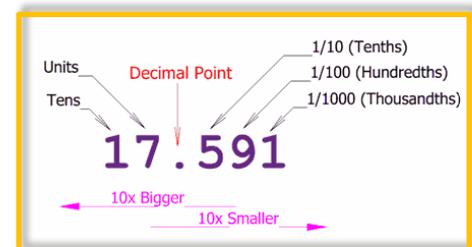


Form IV

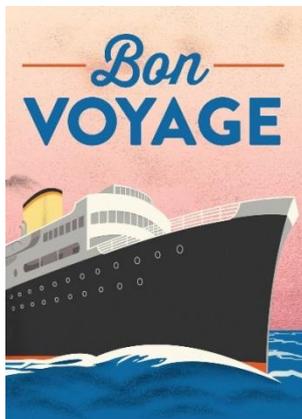
This week, the children have looked at measure. We spent some time looking at conversions and reading scales. We also had some fun getting a *feel* for length and mass. In English, we continued our science fiction story and have managed to slay the terrifying alien and return home, all in a day's work! I have enjoyed listening to their stories and watching them edit their writing. Have a great half term.

Form V / VI

After lots of editing and improving, we have finally completed our historically set stories. We are looking forward to sharing them with you at the parent consultation meeting. In Maths, we have continued to improve our understanding about decimal numbers - ordering and comparing numbers with up to three decimal places. We have also been trying to remember to use place value language (tenths, hundredths and thousandths) when giving detailed explanations to reasoning problems. I hope you all have a wonderful half term!



Farewell from Mrs Brook



It has arrived – my last day at The Mount School and my final message in the newsletter!

It has been an honour and a privilege to work here and I will take away so many happy memories of pupils, colleagues, parents and events as I set off on my travels.

Thank you to everybody for their good wishes this week and the celebrations for my 60th birthday and today's retirement.

My vision has always been to promote a happy, family atmosphere where everybody is special and I wish you all every success in the future. So - make the most of the opportunities and possibilities at The Mount. Remember: work hard, have fun, and be the best that you can be.

Thank you and goodbye.

Love Mrs Brook

As part of the school's annual Firework event, the PTA will be running a chocolate tombola and cake stand. Any donations to this cause would be greatly appreciated as both stalls often prove to be very popular!



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.

Upcoming Class Assemblies:

- FII** Class assembly, Friday 8th November at 9.00am
- FI** Class assembly, Friday 15th November at 9.00am
- K** Class assembly, Friday 22nd November 9.00am
- LK** Class assembly, Friday 29th November 9.00am

Upcoming dates for the Diary:

- ALL** Term Ends, Friday 25th October
- ALL** Term Begins 4th November
- ALL** Parents' Evening, Wednesday 6th November
- ALL** Surprise Spectacular! Come and enjoy the fun on firework night! Friday 8th November at 5.30pm
More information to come soon.
- ALL** Book Fair from 13th – 20th November
- ALL** Staff INSET, Thursday 28th of November at 4.30pm
- ALL** Flu vaccinations, Thursday 5th December
- ALL** Christmas Concert, Friday 6th December at 2.00pm
- ALL** Pantomime trip, Friday 13th December 1.30pm



Mrs Brook has become an integral part of the school's ethos and fabric throughout her career at The Mount. As a way of commemorating and celebrating her hard work, it was decided that she should be immortalised within the school grounds. On Thursday, she planted a cherry tree so that every year the children will remember her as they dance in the pink blossom. Thank you for all you have done Mrs Brook!