

Messages from the Heads of School

We are so proud of how your children have continued on their path to success this half term. A particular highlight has been how they stretched themselves out of their comfort zone during growth and challenge week. Across the school, we had children climbing, learning to ride a bike, staying away from home on a residential, performing poetry to an audience as well as a range of other experiences. This enabled your child to build their confidence, resilience and perseverance and given them memories that I am sure will last them a lifetime. I am so proud of each and every one of them!

Mrs Alice Marshall

Head of School at MPJ

It has been such a pleasure to watch the children settle, learn and grow over the last few weeks. I am particularly proud of the way everyone approached our recent Challenge and Growth week with an eagerness to try new things, even when it meant stretching beyond their comfort zones. The children in Key Stage 1 had the opportunity to visit the junior school and take part in some outdoor learning while the children in Early Years visited a mobile farm at the junior school. For Early Years, it was the first of many local area walks that they will experience during their time at Mount Pleasant. Trips are a central part of school life and it was wonderful to hear the children's enthusiastic stories of their experiences.

Mrs Gemma Brumwell

Head of School at MPI

Great News!

We are delighted to share that we have welcomed a new baby into the Mount Pleasant family! Mrs Naima Reza has had a baby girl. We send her and her family our congratulations.

After half term, we welcome back Mrs Alice Noice from her maternity leave and look forward to her working with Mrs Claire Mannion teaching Oak class.

Y1 Marwell Trip

"I liked going to the zoo because it was fun and I saw my favourite animal, the penguins." - Hoorain, Y1

"I enjoyed going to the zoo because I saw animals that I had never seen before - Deedar, Y1



"I enjoyed going to the zoo because I saw different animals and my favourite animal, the tiger." - Musa, Y1



School Crossing Patrol Officer—Denzil Avenue

The council are looking for a new School Crossing Patrol Officer for Denzil Avenue. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact the council or use the link below to apply:

<https://careers.southampton.gov.uk/vacancy/school-crossing-patrol-officer-572214.html>



Mount Pleasant Volunteer Programme

We have a few places left on our very popular parent volunteer programme. Volunteers will receive training around safeguarding, learning and development, followed by opportunities to work alongside school based staff to develop their classroom experience. **For more information or an application form please email info@mpf.school**



CHALLENGE AND GROWTH WEEK MONDAY 7TH –FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Pre-school and YR Poppels Farm Visit



‘YP and YR took part in their first adventure of the year. The children were fantastic on the walk to MPJS to visit the farm. It was great to see the children confidently stroke the sheep and donkey. ‘ - Mrs Sarah Whatley, EYFS Lead

Y1 & Y2 Outdoor Learning



“I really like challenge and growth week. Please can we do it all the time.” - Maahirah, 1H

“I would like to do outdoor learning again because I enjoyed it and we learnt new skills like how to make a den, hang a hammock and paint using stencils.” - Roya, 1B

“I enjoyed doing outdoor learning because it was fun finding minibeasts. I found ants and worms.” - Muhammad-Hussain, 1B

“It wasso much fun because I held a worm in my hand. I was scared but happy.” - Ahyan, 1H



Y3 and Y4 Bouldershack

“I think Boulder Shack was really interesting. In my speech I wrote about how you could challenge yourself to get so good at climbing you could be in the Olympics! I thought that I would be scared and I might fall, but when I started climbing I realised I was actually really good at climbing!” - Hasanat, 4E

“Before I went to Boulder Shack I was scared of heights, but now I have faced my fear and I loved climbing to the top! I am not afraid of going rock climbing anymore.” - Ammar, 3T



“When we went to Boulder Shack I thought that I would be bad at climbing, but now I feel like an expert! I climbed the hardest route and the holds looked like seashells.” - Marysia, 3K

Y5 Bikeability

“It was really fun, but I just need to practise and develop my skill. Facing my fear of cycling was amazing and stretching me out of my comfort zone. If I could do it again, I would. I wish I had a bike so I could practise.” - Anais, 5B

“Bikeability is an amazing experience. I think it was one of the best workshops we’ve done. Plus, we rode past my uncles house.” - Reheen, 5B

Y6 High Ropes at Woodmill Activity Centre

"The high ropes was hard but an amazing activity. You would need perseverance and team work to achieve the high ropes. It is also about encouraging your class mates" - Ayan, 6Y



'I liked the high ropes at Woodmill. It helped me come out of my comfort zone and I overcame my fear. It was amazing as soon as I tried it. At first, I felt nervous but as soon as I tried it I felt shocked and amazed! It was fabulous, if you went then you would enjoy it. ' - Ariana, 6Y



Nethercott Residential

"First, when I was on the coach I was nervous because I wasn't sure it would be fun, but it was amazing and on Friday when we left I was so sad. I also got to meet Michael Morpergo!" - Maks, 5M

"Our residential trip to Nethercott was great experience and a stretch out of our comfort zone. The great staff and the food was so good. The staff made us feel like home. We learnt loads of things at Nethercott such as gardening and taking care of animals. It was the best ever trip we had." - Arnav, 6M



"The trip to the residential is my first time without my parents. It was really exciting and I saw lots of amazing animals and the food was amazing. We slept in dorms and played lots of games—they had 2 games rooms!." - Makarim, 6M

"Wow! What an amazing experience for our children, in the beautiful Devonshire countryside on an idyllic far amongst the animals—a truly immersive residential. The growth and confidence amongst the children was superb and they even got to meet Michael Morpurgo!" - Mrs Stuttle

"Residential was an amazing time. It gave me a different view of the wonder world we live in. My experiences were very fun, in the farm and in the house. Everyday was a challenge but every challenge helped us grow fond of our surrounding, learning where our food came from and how hard farmers actually work.." - Ana, 6M



School Calendar Autumn 2024

Friday 25th October	End of Half Term
Monday 4th November	Start of Term
Tuesday 5th or Wednesday 6th November	Y1 Project Biblio starts
Thursday 14th November	Y3 Parents Reading Event
Wednesday 13th November	Juniors Flu Support Session for Parents with Nurses 14:30-16:00
Thursday 14th November	Infants Flu Support Session for Parents with Nurses 14:30-15:35
Monday 18th November	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 19th November	Y5 Sea City Museum Trip
Friday 22nd November	YR, Y1 & Y2 Flu Immunisations
Thursday 21st November	Y3 Butser Ancient Farm
Thursday 28th November	Y4 Fishbourne Roman Palace
Wednesday 4th December	Y6 Hampton Court Palace Trip

Y2 Southampton Docks

"It was incredible because we enjoyed looking at all the ships by the docks!" Mya, 2S

"It was fun because I saw lots of cruise liners and cargo ships. The cargo ships were huge!" Sana, 2W

"It was amazing because I saw lots of things like cargo ships and exports." Aliyah, 2W



Y2 Bournemouth Oceanarium

"I really liked the sharks, they move slowly."- Safaa, Y2

"This is so much fun! I made a mountain in the sand.." - Alfa, Y2

"I saw a clown fish."- Mya, Y2



Working together to keep your child safe...

The holidays are often a time when children go online—especially in the colder, wetter months. Do you know what your children are watching? Do you know who they are communicating with online? How long are they spending in front of a screen? Why not play a board game or create a family quiz?



A Message from the Executive Headteacher

I am so proud of all the growth I have seen in your children over the last month—especially during our first ever 'Challenge and Growth' week. It was such a privilege to accompany the children on our residential trip to Devon—this intrepid group of 36 farmers made the best possible impression on those they met. None of these adventures happen without huge amounts of organisation, preparation, risk assessments and effort from our staff—they love doing this for your children and it just would not happen without the partnership that exists between pupils, staff and you, our families.

Mrs Emma Kerrigan-Draper
Executive Headteacher