

## Messages from the Heads of School

Welcome to the new academic year! We have had a fantastic start at the Junior School with children continuing their educational journey on their path to success. They continue to be respectful, responsible and positive learners. We are also grateful to you as parents for continuing to embed our home school partnership and joining us at the 'Meet the Teacher' events. It was lovely to see so many of you and gain so much positive feedback. We hope this continues throughout the academic year and look forward to seeing many of you again at our Infant school coffee morning on Thursday 3rd October!

*Mrs Alice Marshall*

### Head of School at MPJ

We have had a very positive start to the new school year, it is lovely to see everyone enjoying learning with their new teachers. Following our building work over the summer, the children in year 1 are happy to be in their spacious new classrooms, we look forward to sharing updates with you as we continue to develop this space. It was great to see so many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' events this week, the children and teachers enjoyed welcoming you into their classrooms and it was helpful for us to be able to share key information with you. We look forward to welcoming you back into the classrooms later in the year and please do join us for our coffee morning on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, where you will be able to share your views and find out more about events across both schools.

*Mrs Gemma Brumwell*

### Head of School at MPI

## RSA Gold

In May 2023 Mount Pleasant Junior School became a Silver Rights Respecting School. Now its time to go for GOLD! On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November we will be visited by an assessor to talk to our RRSAs ambassadors and staff to see how we learn about the rights of the child. We know how learning about children's rights empowers your children in having a voice.

We are also excited to start our journey to silver soon at the Infant school.



## Challenge and Growth Week Monday 7th —Friday 11th October

Inspired by our fantastic farmers who are off to Nethercott Farm in Devon for a week of work, we are all going to try something new and push ourselves out of our comfort zone! Every year group is going to join in 'Challenge and Growth' week:

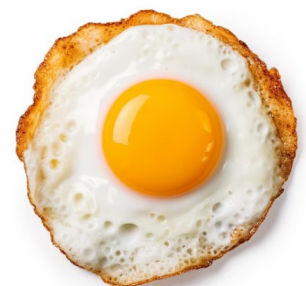
- Pre-school and YR will be visiting the Junior School to meet Poppels Barn Farm
- Y1 and Y2 will be visiting the Junior School for forest school.
- Y3 and Y4 will be scaling new heights at Bouldershack
- Y5 will be taking their bicycle assessments and learning how to ride safely on the road
- Y6 will be tackling the high ropes at Woodmill Activity Centre
- 36 children from Y5 and Y6 will be staying at Nethercott Farm for 5 days!

Our challenges will also include us using our words:

- Everyone will perform a piece of poetry
- Everyone will try and persuade someone to try something new!

Please help your child embrace these exciting challenges. We will be talking about how new challenges make us feel **before, during and after**.

We will be using the idea of a fried egg to talk about new experiences and whether we are in our comfort zone (yolk), stretch zone (white) or on our crispy edge!



## ALADDIN

*"I liked Aladdin. It was a great show—I liked when Aladdin rubbed the lamp and a genie appeared!." - Omar, 5B*

*"I like the Prince Ali song, the song was fabulous - Rahaan, 5B*

*"I enjoyed Aladdin because I loved how they played the magic carpet. I liked the speech of all the characters. Aladdin was a great show." - Yuvraj, 4E*

*"I enjoyed Aladdin very much because it was all very bright and colourful and I loved how they acted in Aladdin." - Anabia, 4E*



## Southampton Boat show Trip

*"I really liked seeing HRH Princess Anne . We saw her twice while she walking around the Boat Show. She looked very smart in her suit and it was interesting to see a member of the Royal family in real life. It was a once in a lifetime experience. We learned about what people wore when exploring the Arctic including protective clothes and glasses with a special cross shaped hole to stop them from getting snow blind. We did an experiment to see what worked best to defend land against the waves. We used sea grass meadows to stop the waves and they used a wave machine to test it. We found out the seagrass was very effective at slowing down the waves. It is a really good natural flood defence." David, 5M*

*"It was a really amazing experience. We got to do lots of activites and it was really fun. We saw lots of boats. We learned about safety in the water as well as chemicals in the ocean and rivers. We tested the water with a PH test in a science experiment. The University of Southampton showed us when the first people went to the Arctic and we used VR to experience what that was like." Makarim, 6M*



## Young Shakespeare Company

*"When the Royal Shakespeare company arrived at MPJS to perform Macbeth. I was absolutely shocked after the performance it was one of the best performances I've seen! My favourite character was Lady Macbeth, because she was really dramatic and interesting to watch. Hopefully they come back." - Hooria, 6Y*

*"I really like Macbeth yesterday because we got to play some parts and the acting made it look like real life. We really enjoyed the part where MacDuff and Macbeth were fighting and we got to also act like soldiers on the Kings appearance. We really hope the Royal Shakespeare come and visit us again." - Mohammed, 6Y*



## Y3 Local Walk



*"On our local walk we saw commercial buildings. They were really big."* - **Zunaira, 3G**



*"On our walk we saw lots of commercial buildings and went to St Mary's Church. Next to the church was City College."* - **Bunyamin, 3G**

## Y1 Local Walk

*"I really liked going on the trip because I saw lots of places for real that I saw on the map."*  
- **Hoorain, Y1**



*"I really enjoyed going on the trip because I saw lots of buildings on the way."* - **Shokria, Y1**

*"I enjoyed our walk so much because I saw the fire station with the fire trucks."* - **Hussain, Y1**

## Y5 Rivers Geography Fieldtrip

If you are learning about rivers, what better way than to walk alongside one and paddle upstream! When Year 5 tackled their learning questions 'How does a river flow from source to sea?' they set off on an adventure... First of all they walked alongside the river from our school to Woodmill, then they climbed aboard Canadian Canoes to paddle themselves upstream.

*"I thought that going to Woodmill Activity Centre was on of the most thrilling opportunities so far in MPJS. We went canoeing on the River Itchen and (not to brag) but we were by far the best team going from last to first! If I could go back I would definitely go as it was really fun."* - **Zain, 5B**



*"I found Woodmill really fun and adventurous. I love the middle course and would have loved to go again and see the famous trout everyone is talking about. Some of the paddling was tiring going forwards and backwards. The place is so big—I would go there again and again!"* - **Sarah, 5B**



## School Calendar Autumn 2024

Thursday 3rd October	Y1 Marwell Zoo Trip
Monday 7th—Friday 11th October	Y5 & Y6 Residential to Nethercott Farm
Monday 7th—Friday 11th October	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 7th October & Tuesday 8th October	Y6 Woodmill Trip
Wednesday 9th October	Y3 Boulder Shack Trip
Thursday 10th October	Popells Mobile Farm Visit for Pre-School & YR
Thursday 10th October	Y2 Southampton Docks Visit
Friday 11th October	Y4 Boulder Shack Trip
Wednesday 16th October	Y2 Trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium
Thursday 17th October	Y6 Secondary Application Support (09:00-10:00 or 14:00-15:00)
Wednesday 23rd October	Y6 Trip to MAST for 'Coming to England'
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>End of Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 4th November</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>

### Owls



"Their claws looked powerful." - Sultan, Y2

"One of the owls was only 11 months old and it was making a lot of noise! The instructor held out food to get the barn owl to fly across the hall. It flew right over our heads!" - Antonia, 3K

"When the barn owl was hissing it sounded like a snake! The tawny owl was my favourite because the colours of its feathers were amazing!" - Zarah, 3G



### Parent Partnership

**Parent coffee morning** - at Mount Pleasant Infant School on Thursday 3rd of October 2024, 9am (parents are welcome to arrive straight after school drop off), parents from both schools are invited to come along.

This is an opportunity to meet other parents and also have a chance to have informal conversations about school related matters with school leaders.

**Mount Pleasant Volunteering Programme** -To find out more or request an application form please email [parent@mpf.school](mailto:parent@mpf.school)

**Courses for parents at Mount Pleasant Schools** - For details, please ensure school has your email address



### Winter Coats

We live in England: the summer weather is beginning to leave us, so it is extremely important that we prepare ourselves for the colder weather. Even if it is sunny in the morning, it might be raining at lunchtime. Even if you come to school by car, at break and lunchtime you must have a coat to wear.

Children must bring a coat to school everyday!



## A Message from the Executive Headteacher

We have all been focussed on ensuring that children transition as smoothly as possible into their new classes and schools. We are so impressed with how quickly children have settled to learning and are working in their new classrooms and building relationships with the adults with whom they work. We are busy realising our continuing improvement plans and I look forward to sharing our plans with you at Parent Partnership Coffee Morning

*Mrs Emma Kerrigan-Draper*

**Executive Headteacher**