



MOUNT PLEASANT PRESS

FEBRUARY 2013

HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that the school will be closed from the end of the day on Friday, 8 February and will reopen on Monday, 18 February. This is for the February holiday plus staff in-service training.

ECO COMMITTEE NEWS

On 22nd January 2013, Mount Pleasant school's Eco Committee took part in the 'Big School's Birdwatch'. Even though there was snow on the ground, it was still a very pleasant day and the Eco Committee managed to complete the full hour allocated to this activity. Everyone was wrapped up warm and got very busy looking for and counting the birds that were visiting our school grounds. It was a really interesting activity to do! Each member of the Eco Committee recorded their findings and in the end they worked out that they had seen a total of **120 birds!**

Niamh and Charles (the P7 reps from the Eco Committee) submitted the results from the bird watch online. Their results will be combined with the results from all of the other schools who took part in this event. The Big Schools' Birdwatch scientists will do lots of adding up and they will then be able to tell us how different kinds of birds are faring from area to area as well as year on year.

Well done to everyone in the ECO Committee!
Miss Gulloch :-)

SNAG NEWS

Has your child suddenly been asking to take fruit to school? Well, the School Nutrition Action Group is running a fun weekly competition where each pupil gets a fruit token if they have a piece of fruit for lunch. The tokens are counted at the end of the week and the winning class gets to keep the 5 ft 1" (Mrs Urquhart sized!) inflatable banana!! The kids love it and it as so far proven to be very successful with fruit increased substantially in our first week of the fun competition. Primary 3 were the successful class and proudly have their banana suspended from their classroom ceiling!

BANK OF PARENTS

We would like to set up a bank of parents who would be willing to help out with school trips, photocopying, school library, etc. If you would be interested, could you forward your name to the school office? Thank you.

NURSERY ENROLMENT

It is Nursery enrolment week this week. Packs are available from the school office.

The eligible birth dates for the school session starting in August 2013 are as follows:

- **Pre-School year (4 year olds)**
Those born on/between 1 Mar 2009-28 Feb 2010 will commence in August 2013
- **Year before Pre-School Year (3 year olds)**
Those born on/between 1 Mar 2010-31 Aug 2010 will be eligible for a place from August 2013
Those born on/between 1 Sept 2010-31 Dec 2010 will be eligible for a place from Jan 2014
Those born on/between 1 Jan 2011-28 Feb 2011 will be eligible for a place from April 2014

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Parent Council will be holding a Bingo Afternoon on Saturday, 9 March at the school. They are also planning to clear up the nature garden on Saturday, 23 March and will be looking for parent volunteers. More details on both events to follow.

REWARD INTERVALS

Our January Reward Interval was won by Sinclair.

THURSO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

A new year, why not try something new. TESTING NIGHTS - 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 5.05pm - 6.05pm. Can you swim 1 width on your front? Can you swim 1 width on your back? (They don't need to be perfect). If you are 5 years or over why not come along and get tested. You will be allocated to a lane, or if you are not quite ready, we can give you points to practice.

If you want to improve your swimming whether it's just for fun or with the aim of competing in the future then stroke development programme could be for you.

Even if you attend the Highland Council Learn to Swim programme you can still join the Swimming Club.

COLLECTION ITEMS

We continue to collect:

- Empty pump action soap dispensers
- Empty ink cartridges.
- Stamps
- Nestle Box Top Tokens

DATES FOR DIARY

w/c Monday, 4 February

Friday, 22 February

Tuesday, 26 February

Wednesday, 27 February

Tuesday, 12 March

Friday, 15 March

w/c Monday, 18 March

Thursday, 9 May

w/c Monday, 20 May

Monday, 28 May

Tuesday, 29 May

w/c Monday, 10 June

Nursery Enrolment Week

Rotary Club presentation - End Polio Now

Rotary Club Quiz

Parent Council Meeting - 6.30 pm

Parents' Evening

Red Nose Day

Caithness Science Festival Week

Primary 6 School Trip - Culloden/Fort George

P7 Fairburn trip

Sports Day

Football/Netball Tournament Day

Caithness Music Festival Week

HOLIDAY AND IN-SERVICE DATES

School Closes (at the end of the school day on)

Friday, 8 February 2013

Thursday, 28 March 2013

Friday, 3 May 2013

Friday, 28 June 2013

Friday, 4 October 2013

Friday, 20 December 2013

Friday, 14 February 2014

Friday, 4 April 2014

Thursday, 3 July 2014

School Opens (9.00 am on)

Monday, 18 February 2013

Monday, 15 April 2013

Tuesday, 7 May 2013

Tuesday, 20 August 2013

Tuesday, 22 October 2013

Monday, 6 January 2014

Monday, 24 February 2014

Tuesday, 22 April 2014