



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL



~~~~~ 2015 Issue 1 Newsletter ~~~~~

## GOODBYE JANNIE



We held a very special assembly to say goodbye to our janitor of 29 years. Brian Smellie retired last month and came in for the occasion dressed to impress in his kilt. Each class had made special cards to mark his retirement and the whole school had contributed to a special collection in his honour. Brian was presented with an amazing amount of over £400 which he intends to use to buy a shed for his new garden. The pupils, parents and staff would like to wish Brian and Kath all the best for their retirement.

### Contact Information

- ☺ **Telephone:**  
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- ☺ **Appointments** to speak to a Class Teacher or Head Teacher can be arranged by contacting the school office.
- ☺ **Absences** should be reported to the school office before 9.30am by calling **01847 896030**
- ☺ **Emergency Contact Information** Please ensure you advise us of any changes.



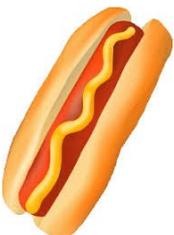
## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### HALF TERM

School will be closed to pupils on Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th February. School returns at the normal time on Thursday 19th February.

### DINNER MENU CHANGE



Due to the Half Term February break there will be a change to our dinner menu for THURSDAY 19TH FEB. Replacing the choices on your menu for this day will be:

**Posh Hot Dogs OR Baked Potato**

**Crumble & Custard OR Fruit & Yoghurt**

### ABSENCE MESSAGE LINE

# 01847 896030

We have recently launched our new message line for you to report any absences. Just leave a message on this line and that will save you having to wait until the office opens and avoid that awful engaged tone!

### ROAD SAFETY — ZEBRA CROSSING:

We have asked by Police Scotland to remind children that they should take extra special care when crossing the zebra crossing on Mount Pleasant Road. Children should be reminded not to continue crossing until the vehicle has stopped completely. We would be grateful if you would reinforce this message at home.

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## Enterprising Primary 4

Primary 4 did an enterprise last term to create the Christmas programmes for the school show. We decided to make the programmes for the show so that people would know what was going to be on. First we looked at programmes from other shows and discussed what we needed to include. We had to ask each class what they were performing so we could add it to our list. We decided to make them lucky programmes. Next we designed our front cover. Everyone made one and 6 were chosen to be used on the day of the show. The six chosen were - Fern, Matthew K, Matthew L, Alana, Ruby and Louisa.

On the day of the show they went to the hall and sold them for a donation. We raised £368.65 so we were very pleased. Thanks to everyone who bought one. We donated half of the money to Yorkhill Children's Hospital and have the rest we have kept to buy something for the school. We enjoyed making them and hope they were useful when you were at the show.

*Primary 4*

## Tesco Bag Pack for P7

Primary 7 are gearing up for their annual week long residential school trip in May. Some of the Primary 7 parents have gathered together to fundraise towards the cost of the bus. They have managed to secure a Fundraising Tesco Bag Pack on:

**Saturday 14th March**

All help would be most gratefully received so if you could spare an hour on this date please just leave your name and contact details with Sandra at the office.

## Primary 6 Visit Reid's Bakery



## News from the Nursery

We have been very busy since we came back. The children have drawn pictures of what they got from Santa and all the presents sound fab! It looks like we all had a great Christmas. Our topic just now is winter. We are looking at the weather, cold places and animals. We have created a floor book on winter and have learned about how snow is formed. We have been very active in using our numeracy area and are matching some snowmen with the correct buttons to the numbers on their hats. We have looked at Robbie Burns and why we celebrate his birthday. You should pop in and see our display :) We had a brilliant time with the school Burns lunch. Well done to all the children on their behaviour. We have some brilliant little movers in the nursery, dancing for half an hour. A big well done to you all. The nursery received a present from Miss Rennie which all the children enjoyed. It was a Paddington Bear story. The boys and girls are going to create their own art, like Paddington, and they will exhibit these within the nursery. They are really looking forward to this and will start it after the completion of the winter topic.

Thanks for your continued support.

## Lost Property

Once again we seem to be accumulating quite a bit of lost property. All named lost property is returned to the owner straight away but we are still left with unnamed items. You are welcome to come along to the school and check the lost property baskets if you have any missing items. It would be extremely helpful if you would PLEASE NAME ALL YOUR CHILD'S PROPERTY.

After a month or so any unclaimed school uniform items in our lost property basket will be re-sold and remaining items will be passed on to charity shops.

Last term we went to Reid's Bakery to learn about all the different things they bake. We took a mini bus there and on the way we sang songs. When we got there we had to put hairnets and aprons on and we washed our hands. We looked really funny but Gary told us it was for hygiene and it was very important. The first thing we saw was the machine that presses oatcakes onto trays really fast. It was really cool seeing how quickly it went. After that we saw the biggest oven there is in the whole of the North of Scotland. You can fit 9 racks of oatcakes and short-bread in it at the same time. We also saw the freezer and Gary told us that he got stuck in it once for two and a half hours but luckily he had a special suit on! We enjoyed our trip to the factory and it was really nice of Gary to invite us.

*Shaun and Don P6*

# The School Pulls Together for Yorkhill Children's Charity



In November our very own Lauren became the poster girl for Yorkhill Children's Charity; her story also appeared in the national press. In support of this very worthy cause the pupils & staff raised an amazing £532.55 this was done by:

- A joint Christmas Post venture with our Primary 7 and Enhanced Provision pupils.
- Primary 4 donated 50% of their Christmas Show Programme money.
- Staff donated their Secret Santa fund.

Thank you all!

This is a photo of Lauren and her fellow pupils. If you would like to read know more about the wonderful work done at Yorkhill Children's Hospital or read Lauren's story please visit <http://www.yorkhill.org/news/yorkhill-laurens-home-home>

## Primary 7 Round up

When we were in Primary 6 we grew and sold plants in the summer time, so far with the money we have purchased 16 brand - new pairs of headphones for the school to use at their computers. We needed headphones for lots of programmes like Speedy Readers and Nessy. We also need more pen drives and might have some left for charity.

*By Reese and Jake*

Over the Christmas season our class did many things. Including going to Bayview Nursing Home, doing our Christmas show, carol singing at Tesco and much more. While we were at Bayview the class did some carol singing and Fara and Bea played their musical instruments, Fara on the recorder and Bea on the flute. After a bit of carol singing we talked to the residents and they had some lovely stories! P7 & P6 also went to Tesco for carol singing, we sang various songs which everyone enjoyed thoroughly. All of the school took part in the annual Christmas show, P7 did Christmas Around The World which was very enjoyable. The school made a whopping amount of money selling the programmes! Christmas was wonderful at Mount Pleasant Primary!

*By Heidi and Fara*

We would like to thank everyone who donated items to our Bring and Buy Sale. Thank you as well to everyone who came along and supported us by buying games, toys and books on the day. We make a fantastic total of £516.75 All the money raised at our sale goes towards the cost of our trip to Fairburn in May. We are getting so excited now!

## Sponsored Dance-athon



All the children took part in a sponsored Dance-athon on Burns Day. This was to raise funds for their up and coming school trips in term 4. Each pupil had to dance for a period of 30 minutes and all the dances had a Scottish theme, from the Virginia Reel and Strip the Willow to more contemporary styles befitting the Proclaimers and Runrig. The children had an amazing time whilst raising money and getting fit. We are delighted to announce that so far the total collected is:

**!!!! £2655.05 !!!!**

Thank you to everyone who has supported us on our annual whole school fundraiser—without your support we would be unable to ensure every class was able to take part in an annual trip.

## Forthcoming Events

We are currently in the planning process for the following events: National Book Day, School Book Fayre and Red Nose Day. These dates are on the calendar on page 4. More information will be sent home with pupils in due course.

## Head Teacher's Roundup



Welcome to 2015 and hasn't it arrived with a bang?! It was quite a shock to the system to be looking out our Adverse Weather Guidelines so early in the year! Anyway as usual

the school community was adept in ensuring the information got through despite power cuts and loss of mobile phone signals.

We thoroughly enjoyed our annual Dance-athon and accompanying Burns' Lunch. Big thanks go to Catriona and her team for delivering an outstanding lunch and to Cameron (P6) for his fabulous bagpipe playing. P6 addressed the haggis and led the whole school in reciting the Selkirk Grace. Everyone, including the Nursery and Croileagan (who popped in for the dancing) had an amazing time.

On a more sombre note, however, we are saying goodbye and good luck to Brian who retires at the end of January. Brian has worked tirelessly in Mount Pleasant for 29 years and we wish him all the best in his retirement. School will not be the same without him and I for one will miss all the fancy hats and fancy dress outfits that Brian would wear on our charity days/special occasions. Brian - you deserve the rest, enjoy it when it comes!

## After School Groups

Please note that the P 4 to 7 After School Dance Group on a Tuesday has now finished. A big thank you to Kenny Russell and the students of North Highland College for providing the children with this fantastic opportunity to try something completely different!

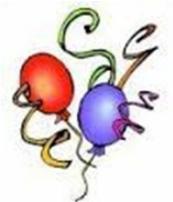
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| Monday    | Junior Recorder Group | Lunch time |
| Monday    | Senior Recorder Group | 3.10pm     |
| Wednesday | P6/7 Netball          | 3.10pm     |
| Thursday  | Games Club            | 3.10pm     |
| Thursday  | Homework Club         | 3.10pm     |

|  <b>School's Out Dates 2015/16</b>  |                                   |
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| Feb Mid Term 2015                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sat 14th to Wed 18th Feb          |
| Easter 2015                                                                                                                                                                                             | Fri 3rd Apr to Sun 19th Apr       |
| Summer 2015                                                                                                                                                                                             | Fri 3rd Jul to Tue 18th Aug       |
| October 2015                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sat 10th to Sun 25th October      |
| Christmas 2015                                                                                                                                                                                          | Wed 23rd Dec 15 to Wed 6th Jan 16 |

## February Birthday Wishes

A big "Happy Birthday" to all our pupils who will be celebrating their birthday in February

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|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Nursery | Eilidh, Cadie & Tyler               |
| P1      | Ella & Jayden                       |
| P1/2    | Beth                                |
| P3      | John, Isla & Bruin                  |
| P4      | Kian                                |
| P5      | Lainey                              |
| P6      | Ellie-Grace                         |
| P7      | Kieran, Ross, William C & William W |



## Dates For Your Diary

|                            |                                                        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 13th Feb 2015       | Last day before February long weekend                  |
| Thursday 19th Feb 2015     | Pupils back to school                                  |
| Tuesday 24th February      | Primary 7 Rotary Club Quiz in Pennyland Primary School |
| Week Commencing 9th March  | Primary 7 hosting the school's Book Fayre all week     |
| Thursday 12th March 2015   | Parents' Evening                                       |
| Friday 13th March 2015     | Comic Relief Day - (more info to follow)               |
| Saturday 14th March 2015   | Primary 7 Trip — Fundraising Tesco Bag Pack            |
| Week commencing 16th March | Science Festival Week                                  |
| Tuesday 31st March         | Primary 7 final payments for Fairburn due              |
| Thursday 2nd April 2015    | Last day of school before Easter Holidays              |

## General Information

- ☺ Electronic copies of our School and Nursery Handbooks are available by contacting the school office.
- ☺ Keep up to date with news and pictures by visiting us at:  
**mount-pleasant-primary.co.uk**
- ☺ If you have any suggestions for improvement to our Newsletter please contact the School Office.