

# MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2016

## WORLD BOOK DAY



**Reading Café** - On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2016 the library helpers and Mrs Geddes held a reading café in the hall for the younger pupils. There was a Mr Men section, Fairy Tale, Thomas the tank engine, Gaelic and Oxford Reading Tree section. In the Mr Men section there was face paints which was run by Rhiannon, Abby and a little help from Teagan, there was also giant Mr Men to decorate. In the fairy tale section they made dragons and princesses on lollipop sticks. In the Thomas the Tank Engine section they made bookmarks, read Thomas the Tank Engine books, did join the dots and coloured in pictures. In the

Gaelic they read Gaelic books and in the Oxford Reading Tree section the read Biff, Chip and Kipper books and did colouring in. The reading café was a huge success and the kids thoroughly enjoyed it.

**Reading in the dark** - In the evening Mrs Geddes held the reading in the dark. It was great fun and everyone really enjoyed it. There was popcorn, biscuits, hot chocolate and juice and everyone enjoyed the biscuits. We all enjoyed reading under torch light!

**SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE** - As from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 school meals will be charged at £2.30 per meal.

### TUCK PRICES

Piece of Toast and Spread	£0.15
Small Piece of Fruit	£0.15
Scones (Thursdays)	£0.25
Milk Cartons	£0.30
Flavoured Milk Cartons	£0.40
Aquajuce 200ml	£0.30

**ROTARY QUIZ** - On the 23rd of February eight Primary 7 pupils went to the Annual Rotary Club Quiz hosted at Mount Pleasant Primary School. They were Don Miller, Shaun Hay, Lucy King and Rhiannon Mackay. The subs were Michael Swanson, Teagan Williamson, Fern Mackay and James Scrimshaw. There were ten rounds and six questions on each. Each question was worth 2 points. The schools that took part were Pennyland, Miller Academy, Castletown, Reay, Halkirk and us. We got a total of 83 points and came 5th, but overall we had a great time.  
*By Don Miller And Lucy King*

**WW1 OUTREACH PROJECT** - On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March P4 to 7 are to be visited by the Education and Outreach Officer from The Highlanders' Museum for A WW1 Outreach Project. In the workshop the children handle and investigate real WW1 artefacts and one or two pupils will be dressed up in uniforms worn by Highland soldiers. They will receive a talk about each aspect of the soldier's kit and they will also look at some photos and letters/diaries kept by real Highland soldiers. The outreach project is part-funded by Museums Galleries Scotland to engage learning about WW1 during the centenary.

**SCIENCE FESTIVAL** - Next week is Science Festival Week and it looks like it's going to be a fun filled one!

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:**

P 1 to P3s will be learning about Marvellous Magnets at Mount Pleasant School. P 5 to 7 (morning) are taking part in a Glasgow Science Festival workshop at Mount Pleasant. P4 to 7 (afternoon) are off to Miller Academy to take part in a James Soper Workshop - We will be walking to Miller so suitable jackets and footwear should be worn - we have to leave the school at 1.15pm so please arrange for your children to stay in school for lunch on this day.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

P 1 to 3 (Mainstream and Gaelic Medium) are off to Pennyland School for the afternoon as it is their turn to take part in the James Soper Workshop. Due to the distance we have booked a bus to and from school - This bus will leave at 1.25pm sharp - home lunch children should be back to school in good time. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A LATER FINISH SO CHILDREN WILL BE SENT HOME IN THEIR NORMAL WAY ON THE SECOND BELL AT 3.10PM**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:**

P 3s and 4s are taking part in a Sphere Science - Fire workshop today (at Mount Pleasant). P7s have a busy day. In the morning they are off to Miller Academy for a Bloodhound presentation and in the afternoon will be taking part in Sphere Science - Wind (also at Mount Pleasant)

**ROSS COUNTY FC TREAT** - The Mount Pleasant Football Squad have been given the amazing opportunity of travelling to Dingwall on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016** where they will be given a tour of the football ground, take part in an hour long training session and also attend the Scottish Premiership Game (Highland Derby) between Ross County and Inverness Caley Thistle. Huge thanks goes to the Youth & Development Coach at Ross County, Mr Boulton and Mr Harper for making this all possible and to Thurso Football Club who for their very generous donation to the overall costs. We are looking forward to hearing all their news!

**DANCEATHON** - Our Annual Danceathon will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March this year. This is to raise funds so we can take all the individual classes off on a summer term excursion. The children love doing this fundraiser as it is always a great deal of fun for everyone involved. Sponsor forms have already been sent home with the children and are due back with the money raised by 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please support this fundraiser as without this we would be unable to ensure every class would be able to take part in an annual trip.

**DECORATED EASTER EGG COMPETITION** - As part of our Easter celebrations we will be holding a decorated Easter Egg competition. Children are invited to decorate a hard boiled egg and bring this to school during the last week of term (week commencing Monday, 21 March). Please ensure your child's name is on a piece of paper with the egg ready for display. Our display will be set up in the Main Hall and judged on Thursday, 24 March. In previous years we have had some very large entries but this year we are limiting the size to a piece of A5 paper (the same size as this note) due to lack of display space! Along with winners for age groups we will also be having different categories this year too: The most Eggstravagant, the most Eggciting, the most Eggcellent Effort and the most Eggstremely Simple but effective. Please note any eggs not collected by the end of term will be disposed of as they will not be fit for colleggion following our two week break!

**SCOTTISH CUP VISIT** - Donny and Craig from Inverness Caley Thistle visited us on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The whole school gathered in the hall as they arrived with the very impressive Scottish Cup which ICTFC won last year. They had a question and answer session with all the children and shared with them the history of The Scottish Cup. We found out that it is made of silver, is over 140 years old and worth around £100 000. Our Gaelic Medium children were absolutely delighted when Donny spoke to them in Gaelic, his first language. At the end of the talk all the children (and staff) got a chance to hold the cup.

**WOODWIND LESSONS** - Lessons on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March are cancelled as Mrs Anderson is travelling south to a music festival.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING** - Thurso Swimming Pool is going through a big refurbishment at present and is not scheduled to re-open until October 2016. P4&5 swimming lessons will resume once the facility is open.

**CHANGES TO HOMEWORK CLUB** - Homework Club is now finished until next term (ie: there is no club on 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March). We look forward to seeing the children back to club on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April - we have decided that the new times will be **3.10 to 4.00pm** as this is plenty of time to complete homework tasks.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March (1.15pm)	P4 to 7 Science Festival at Miller Academy
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	WW1 Outreach Workshops for P 4-7
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March (1.25pm)	P 1 to 3 Science Festival at Pennyland (3.10pm finish)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March (morning)	P7 Science Festival at Miller Academy
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Team visit to Ross County FC
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School Dance-athon
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg competition entries due in this week
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Accelerated Reading End of Term Treat
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of school - end of term assembly
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance-athon sheets and sponsor money due in
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school - 9.00am start
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Homework Club restarts - new time of 3.10 to 4.00pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Photographer - Class groups

**SCHOOL TERM DATES** - Highland Council have now published all the school term dates including public holidays and in service dates up to 2018. These can be found by visiting [http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school\\_term\\_dates](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates)