

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2016

WELCOME BACK

A great big "welcome" to all our new pupils and staff starting in this, our historic 50th birthday. I am delighted to see so many happy smiling faces ready to learn.

Our current staffing is as follows:

EP:	Miss Carberry
Nursery:	Mrs Boulton, Mrs McPhee, Ms Malcolm, Miss Farquhar, Miss Thomson
Croileagan:	Mrs Smith, Miss Mackay
P1:	Miss Wood
P2:	Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Gordon
P3:	Miss Ramage
P4:	Mrs Firth
P5:	Mr Harper
P6:	Mrs McNicol
P7:	Miss Bartholomew

PSAs: Miss Duncan, Mrs Elder, Miss Farquhar, Mrs McIntosh,
Miss Munro, Mrs Page, Mrs O'Kane, Mrs Wares

Probationer Cover/CCR/Management Cover: Mrs Buchan, Miss Findlay, Mrs Gulloch and Mrs Geddes

ASNT: Mr McAlonan, Mrs Howie

UNIFORM

As you are aware, we encourage the wearing of school uniform at Mount Pleasant to promote a positive school ethos. The school colours are black and yellow and the school uniform is as follows:

School sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirt and polo shirt,
Black/dark grey trousers or skirt

Please ensure that all clothing and shoes are named to ensure their return to their owners should they become misplaced.

MATHS SETTING

In the last 2 years we have set Primary 6 and 7 into Maths groups similar to that in secondary school which has allowed the children to experience their learning in ability groupings. We have found this to be a positive experience for the pupils and the teachers and has also seen Maths attainment in Mount Pleasant rise. This session we would like to extend this to include the P5 class.

HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

This year we are holding interviews along with a whole school election to appoint our House Captains. I am looking forward to announcing the results on Friday 2 September at Hymn Practice.

COMMITTEES

P4-7 will nominate two representatives for our committees, Pupil Council, Eco and FLAG (Food for Life Action Group). Our Gaelic Medium class will nominate one P4 representative for each due to the number of P4 pupils.

CROILEAGAN

The Gaelic Medium Nursery, Croileagan is now a Highland Council run Nursery and as such is considered part of our school. The sessions will continue to run from their building with their current staff and we will focus on integrating the pupils in the same way we do with the English Medium Nursery. Fàilte gu bunsgoil "Mount Pleasant"!

50th BIRTHDAY YEAR

In August 1966, Mount Pleasant opened its doors to the first on many pupils. This academic session we will be learning all about our history and celebrating the work that has been carried out over the last 50 years. You may have already admired the beautiful floral display that has been created by the Highland Council gardeners in the flower beds at the Toll Gallery.

If you have any school memorabilia that you would be happy to share with us please get in touch with the school office, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for any old photos, old school books, report cards, etc to allow us to create a display which we can share with the community.

SCHOOL FAYRE

The Parent Council are running the annual School Fayre on Sunday 28 August, 1-3pm. Donations for the raffle, tombola and baking stall would be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you there!

ANNUAL UPDATE

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their Annual Update forms. It is vital that we have up to date information regarding emergency contacts and medical conditions. If you have not already returned these forms please do so by 31st August. Thank you