

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER - W/C 21 NOVEMBER 2016

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2016



P2 would like to thank everyone who so generously gave to this year's Blythswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal. 90 shoeboxes containing simple necessities and small gifts were made up and collected, to be delivered to other countries around the world in time for Christmas - that will make 90 very happy people, who otherwise would not have received any gifts this Christmas.

Primary 2

NURSERY OUTDOOR AREA

We are looking to develop our outdoor area to promote a free flow learning environment indoors and outside. We would like a natural area where children have a variety of loose parts to investigate and use their imagination in play. I have attached a list of things we are hoping to provide. Any other items you can think of would be very much appreciated. If you have any of these items lying around sheds/garages and are no longer of use to you, we will happily take them of your hands. Thank you.

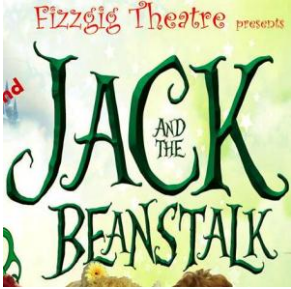
Large/small lengths of guttering/pipes
Any lengths of wood
Ropes - any lengths
Fish boxes/plastic crates
Tarpaulin
Watering cans

Small building blocks, driveway blocks
Tree stumps
Wooden boxes/crates
Pails/buckets
Storage trolleys/boxes
Garden hoses

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Our Primary 1 to 3 children from both Gaelic and Mainstream classes have once again been invited along to St Peter and The Holy Rood Church on the morning of Thursday 8th December. This is a fantastic event that we attend each year on the run up to Christmas. The children will be walking to and from the church so please make sure they are well wrapped up and have good footwear for walking.

PANTO TIME AT MOUNT PLEASANT ☺



We are absolutely delighted to tell you that we have a pantomime coming to our school in the **afternoon of Tuesday 29th November**. The whole school, Croileagan and Nurseries will all be coming along to watch (there will be no morning nursery/Croileagan sessions on this day). To allow time for Fizzgig Theatre to set up we will be having an early lunch from 12 noon to 1pm. If you child is home lunch please collect and return to the office at these times.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Wednesday 2nd December we will be taking part in "Christmas Jumper Day". Pupils and staff are invited to wear their festive jumpers to school for a donation of £1.00. All proceeds will go to Thurso Town Improvements Association.

At Mount Pleasant we absolutely love the run up to Christmas so this year we have decided that from the 2nd December right up to 23rd December children can wear either their Christmas jumpers or their school uniform every single day ☺

BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND

Book Week Scotland is taking place from Monday 21 - Sunday 27 November. Book Week Scotland is a week-long celebration of books and reading that takes place every November. During Book Week, pupils in English Medium P1 will be gifted their Book Bug bags on Monday 21 November at 1.30pm. P1 parents are invited to join their child in class that afternoon.

Pupils in P2 and P3 will also be gifted their Read, Write and Count bags during this week. More information will follow from each class.

Our Gaelic Medium class and Croileagan are visiting the Library on Friday 25 November and the P1 pupils will receive their Book Bug bags then. P2 and P4 pupils will receive their Read, Write and Count Bags on Thursday 24 November at 1.45pm, parents of these pupils are invited to attend the school for this.

PARENTAL FEEDBACK

During our last Parents' Evening we displayed a variety of materials including "How Good is Our School" Edition 4, our School Handbook and our Curriculum Rationale. We will be holding an afternoon session next term to share this information and to gather some feedback on how the school is doing. If you are interested in joining us please let us know by either phoning the office, writing a note in your child's reading record or emailing Sandra at sandra.noble@highland.gov.uk.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

From learning in class to playing games at home, children are doing more on the internet than ever before - and it's a wonderful place. However, just as in 'real life', it's important to make sure your child is staying safe online.

InternetMatters.org is a portal dedicated to making sure all parents are only a click away from advice, tips and support about online safety for children. The information is divided into age-appropriate sections to help you talk to your child about the issues and technologies they'll come across as they grow up online. From setting your parental controls to teaching your child how to be a good friend online, you'll find a wealth of information so that you can spend less time researching and more time having fun with your family.

CARE INSPECTORATE

The Care Inspectorate have issued their inspection findings following their visit to Croileagan Inbhir Theorsa and Mount Pleasant Nursery. They inspected 2 themes across the settings, Quality of care and support and Quality of staffing. These areas were graded at 5(Very good) and 4(Good). No requirements or recommendations were highlighted. The full report can be found at www.careinspectorate.com.

REMINDER OF ABSENCE LINE

Parents/carers must inform the school of the reason for absence of their child(ren) on the first day of absence preferably before 9:30am. The best way of doing this is to leave a message noting your child's name, class, date and reason for absence on our

SCHOOL'S ABSENCE MESSAGE LINE 01847 896030

The benefit of using this system is that you do not have to wait until the school opens to leave a message and as the school receives a high volume of incoming calls at the start of each day you will no longer have to keep phoning because the line is busy.

BOOK PEOPLE FUNDRAISING SCHEME

We have recently registered with The Book People's Fundraising Scheme - you can shop an extensive range of books, gifts, toys and stationary saving yourself £5 when you spend £20 and earning our school 10% by visiting www.thebookpeople.co.uk-fundraising and entering our

Fundraising Code **vNnZfMK**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Full show and party information coming out next week

Tuesday 22 nd November	Parent Council Meeting 7pm in the Main Hall - all welcome
Monday 28 th November	Christmas Show ticket requests home with children
Tuesday 29 th November	Early Lunch (for Panto set up)
Tuesday 29 th November	Whole school pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk
Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Jumper Day for Thurso Town Improvements
Friday 2 nd December	Santa's Grotto and Craft Fayre - 6.00pm in Main Hall
Wednesday 7 th December	Croileagan, Nursery & Primary 1 to TTIA Santa's Grotto
Wednesday 7 th December	Final day for booking show tickets
Thursday 8 th December	Primary 1 -3 to Christingle Service
Friday 9 th December	Enhanced Provision to TTIA Santa's Grotto
Friday 9 th December	Remaining show tickets for sale on 1 st come basis
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Show
Thursday 15 th December	Whole School and Nurseries Christmas Lunch
Monday 19 th December	Gaelic Medium and Croileagan Christmas Party - 1.30pm
Tuesday 20 th December	P7 choir to Bayview Nursing Home carol singing - 11.00am
Tuesday 20 th December	Primary 1 to 3 Christmas Party - 1.30pm
Wednesday 21 st December	Primary 4 and 5 Christmas Party - 1.30pm
Thursday 22 nd December	Mainstream Nursery Christmas Party - 10.00am
Thursday 22 nd December	Primary 6 and 7 Christmas Party - 1.30pm
Friday 23 rd December	End of term assembly - School closes at normal time
Monday 9 th January	School opens for Term 3

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