

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER - February 2018

BURNS LUNCH 2018



Mount Pleasant Primary School enjoyed a whole school Burns Lunch on Thursday, 25th January. The haggis was traditionally piped in by Matthew Knapman and Kayleigh Henderson from Primary 7. Primary 6 then recited the 'Selkirk Grace', followed by 'Address Tae A Haggis', before Geena Hossack and James Colquhoun cut the Haggis. Everyone enjoyed the celebrations.

Our FLAG group did an amazing job providing the children with oatcakes and cheese at break time and they raised £20.15 for our school funds.



MUSIC FESTIVAL - VERSE SPEAKING

Children were asked in class whether they would like to take part in the Verse Speaking and/or Caithness Dialect Sections of the Caithness Music Festival to be held in June this year. Notes and copies of the poems were sent home with the interested children last week. If you would like your child to take part but no note has come home please contact the office. Final entries are due back by Friday 3rd March 2018

WELL DONE TO OUR WONDERFUL GYMNASTS

Mount Pleasant Primary did very well at the Highland Schools Gymnastics Competition on Sunday 4th February. Our team consisted of Isla, Alana, Lois & Emily. A huge thanks go to the coaches at Caithness Gymnastics for all their hard work in supporting our school.

EBB 'N' FLOW

As part of our Pupil Equity Funding we have transformed one of our classrooms into a space that is a cross the home environment and a classroom. This will allow us to offer pupils opportunities to develop their maturity and resilience through a variety of activities.

The philosophy of this approach is drawn from the principles established by the work of Marjorie Boxall and others and exemplified by "The Nurture Group Network" (www.nurturegroups.org).

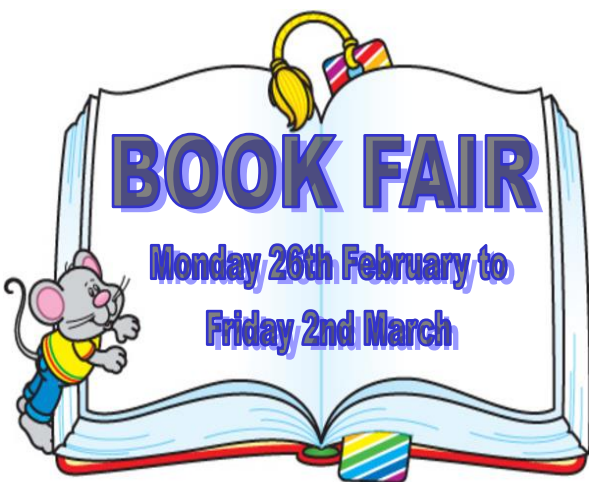
DRESS UP FOR WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book day is on Thursday 1st March this year. Pupils and staff are invited to come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books - we would like it if they would come to school with a copy of the book their character comes from. If you are looking for some ideas please visit

<http://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>

- During world book day our wonderful Library helpers will be holding a reading café for Nursery to Primary 3 children. All parents and grandparents are welcome to come along and join in the reading and activity fun.
- We are also holding a Factual Night for Primary 4 to 7s from 6.30 to 7.30pm in the gym - both boys and girls are invited to take a female family member or friend along with them.

BOOK FAIR



On Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th February the children will visit the fair in their class groups and spend some time looking at all the wonderful books that are available.

The Library Helpers will help each child create their own "Book Wish List"; this list will then come home with the children following their visit. If you would like to order any of the books your child has selected all you need to do is complete the order form on the back of their wish list and return it with the EXACT AMOUNT DUE in a sealed named

envelope to the school by Friday 2ND March and we will do the rest for you! Don't forget to use your £1 World Book Day voucher!

A percentage of all book sales will provide the school with new and exciting books for our ever expanding library. For more information regarding Scholastics Book Fairs please visit <http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

W/c Monday 26 th February	Book Fair
Tuesday 27 th February	P4/5 Gymnastics starts 3 week block in the gym @ 3.15pm
Tuesday 27 th February	P6/7 Netball training starts in the main hall at 3.15pm
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day - dress up
	Reading Café Nursery to Primary 3 9.30 to 11.00am
	Factual Night P4 to 7 6.30 to 7.30pm
Friday 2 nd March	Final Music Festival entries due in today
Monday 5 th March	Comman Nam Parant 6.00pm in the school
W/c Monday 12 th March	Science Festival Week
Thursday 15 th March	Parents' evening
Wednesday 28 th March	Last day of school
Monday 16 th April	School's back!

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