

Myton Park Primary School

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Autumn Term 2 2017

Gardening

MYTON PARK GARDENING PROJECT

AUTUMN TERM 2017 (PART 2)

At the Christmas Fair on 2 Dec ember, we sold all of the new potatoes, leeks, onions and many strawberry plants. Thank you to the parents who bought them – we raised a further £11.50 towards our seed purchases for next year.

When the weather has allowed since half term, we finished planting the remaining daffodil bulbs, we have planted various herbs in our 2nd herb wheel and generally tidied up our gardening area.

We have also been busy with years 5 & 6 picking up 2 large black bags of litter in the trees and shrubs located along the side of our sports field and in the orchard & pond areas together with the woods alongside the public footpath.

At the same time we collected dead tree branches and made 5 large heaps to make safe areas for smaller animals during the winter months.

The gardening project has now been closed down for the winter months – we will restart on 20th February 2018 (weather permitting).

To all those who have helped during the past year, very many thanks – we do need more volunteers for next year – please contact the school Office if you can help.

Merry Christmas to all

Keith Coles (AKA Keith the Gardener)

Packed Lunches

Please could we remind you that children MUST NOT have any nuts in their packed lunches! We have a child in school who has an allergy, so we must work to protect them.

Car Park

We know the car park gets very busy and it causes issues, but we must ask you to take care and to park in designated bays as much as possible. People are struggling to access parking bays as people are using the outlying roadway before the bays are full. This is creating too much risk of bumps and scrapes. The car park, like most school car parks, was designed as staff car park, why is why spaces are limited. We would like to encourage you to walk to school as much as possible to ease the difficulties in the car park and then improve the safety.

ICT

We have had 5 Inter Active Whiteboards replaced in the last week as we work to make sure that the learning environment continues to be effective and stimulating. Boards have been replaced in Nursery, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, with replacements planned for years 1 and 2 in the next financial year. We have also had new Wireless equipment installed. As the lack of school funding continues to bite hard, we have secured an excellent deal by agreeing to be a pilot school for some new equipment, meaning that we have had equipment installed at a hugely reduced price, with full guarantees and warranties. The system is working very efficiently.

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Christmas Fayre

This year saw a stunning total of £1,200 raised for school funds. A huge thank you to those staff and parents who supported the Fair and to families who attended the event. Your commitment to school really will help to make a difference to the children. We have a very committed core of helpers on the PTA and their work makes such a difference.

The children enjoyed their annual trip to the Arc last week, with Nursery children still to go. This week we have Christmas parties to enjoy. Given the excellent standard of Christmas performances that they delivered and their continued hard work in school – I am sure you will agree they deserve a huge treat! None of these things could happen without the support of the PTA.

Blue Peter

We had a very exciting visit from Blue Peter which came as a surprise to the pupils!! Poppy Rafferty from Year 5 had won a competition about The Worst Witch. Poppy had to answer a question and was picked from 9,000 children who had entered the competition. Radzi Chinyanganya and a team from the BBC came to present this to Poppy. She managed so well in a situation that was very overwhelming for her. Congratulations Poppy – what a fabulous achievement.
Homework and Basic Skills.

Curriculum development

We have been working hard in school as we constantly strive to make sure the children achieve their best. Following on from our consultation with yourselves about what you would find useful in helping your children learn, we have put some additional resources onto the website. This includes the sentence types the children learn in school, some punctuation and grammar work. We will be putting some additional phonics resources to help with younger children very soon and maths resources will soon be there too.

Homework and Basic Skills

It is essential that as the demands of the curriculum increase that the children learn their basic skills of recall of number work and spellings at home. We will be putting this information onto the website shortly too and we ask that you support your children as much as possible in refining their skills and developing quick recall.

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Class News

Nursery

This half term we have been learning about celebrations. We have talked about birthdays and written our own invitations and cards. We have celebrated friendship week and talked about what makes a good friend.

We have started to make predictions and explored magnets, mirrors and melting ice. We enjoyed making Christmas decorations with our families and entertaining them with our Christmas songs.

We'll done to all of our children for learning the songs and taking part in our Crib Services. We are looking forward to visiting The Arc next week to watch Pinocchio.

May we take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Reception

Reception have had a busy half term with lots of learning and fun. We started with learning all about Bonfire Night. We painted firework picture, wrote lists of firework words and even made firework chalk pictures on the playground. We hope you saw them! Recently we have been spending some time learning about superheroes – both ones with capes and one without! We read the story 'Supertato' and did lots of 'Supertato' activities including writing what Supertato would say, make lists of vegetables and acting out the story. We have had visits from the Police and Fire Brigade (our heroes without capes) and enjoyed learning about how they protect us and keep us safe. This half term we have implemented our new phonics scheme 'Read Write Inc.' and the children are becoming familiar and confident with the structure of each session and the rhymes to remember each sound. We hope they are sharing these with you at home if they choose to do writing. In maths we have been extending our counting to 20 and practising reading and writing these numbers. We have started to talk about more and less and combining groups of objects together. We are becoming more confident with the names and properties of simple 2D and 3D shapes and have been practising measuring both length and weight. Thank you for your continued contributions to our Reception fund. This half term we have used it to buy new role play costumes, enhancements for our areas, resources to help our writing and baking ingredients. The children have had two goes at baking each and are now nearly all able to make cakes independently using the ingredients and a set of scales. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an equally successful spring term.

Year 1

This half term, Year 1 have been working hard and having fun at the same time learning in all their subjects.

In English, we have been looking at poetry. The children wrote their own poems and performed them to the class. We also completed various pieces of work about 'The Singing Mermaid' and a wonderful classroom display. The children have been working hard with their phonics work and they are enjoying their Read Write Inc. work.

In maths, we have been practising addition and subtraction and learning how to solve simple problems. We have been measuring classroom objects using rulers, learning to recognise different coins and notes and practising telling the time. In science, we learned all about different materials, where they come from and looked at everyday objects made from those materials.

In geography, we studied the local area and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of living on Ingleby Barwick and the surrounding area. We have also looked at Google Maps and local maps of the

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area. In computing, the children have been learning how to search safely on the internet. Finally, the children worked very hard learning songs, lines and dances for 'Lights, Camel, Action' which I hope you all enjoyed. The final week in school will be packed with fun Christmas activities with just a little hard work.

A big thank you to you all from all Year 1 staff for your continued support.

Year 2

We have had a fantastic first term in Y2. We have been working hard in English and have enjoyed writing stories, instructions, reports and poems. We are trying very hard to improve the spelling and grammar in our writing. Thank you for helping with homework.

In Maths, we particularly enjoyed learning about time and money and our mental maths skills are getting better every week. We have loved learning about different machines this term and gave produced some fantastic art and DT work. Our computing skills are very impressive, we can even use Word, Publisher and PowerPoint!! We are looking forward to our new topic – Dragons.

Thank you for support this term. We hope that you enjoyed our Christmas Performance as much as we did. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 3

In English we have been learning how to write play scripts. We have used play script features, written and performed our own plays. We also studied short stories, written by Michael Foreman, for the purpose of developing our descriptive writing. We really enjoyed learning about Rosa Parks, writing a biography about her life.

In Maths, we continue to use the four operations to develop our skills. We have also enjoyed problem solving linked to various types of measures including capacity/volume, cm, mm and metres.

We have continued to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. We wrote newspaper reports about Howard Carter's discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamen. We wrote fact sheets about the River Nile and discovered how it was used by the Ancient Egyptians.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Hancock Museum to find out more amazing facts about the Ancient Egyptians.

Year 4

What a whirlwind first term we have had. In addition to our daily English and Maths lessons, it's all hands on deck practicing for the Christmas performance, which is looking fantastic. The children look great in their Christmas jumpers so thank you for sending them in.

The whole of year 4 have now become published authors with everyone having at least one piece of work published on Pobble. I would like to thank everyone for making so many positive comments on each other's work. Keep it up.

We have also had another fantastic effort from all of the children, donating so many items for our class charity. You will be glad to know that all thirteen dogs, who will be in kennels on Christmas day, will receive a huge gift bag full of doggy goodies. Thank you very much for all of your continued support.

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Year 5

In Year 5 this past term we have enjoyed learning all about World War 2. The children used their computer skills in order to research facts about Ann Frank, The Blitz and Rationing. This enabled them to compile their own newspaper reports regarding the war, and subsequent celebrations that were enjoyed at the end of the war. Computing has seen the children using a range of software packages involving the editing photographs to produce "hoax pictures".

In science we have been focusing on forces, seasons, night and day and the planets. In RE the children have been learning all about various religious celebrations including Lent and Diwali (the festival of light). Another highlight was the author visit, we were able to listen to authors describe how they use descriptions, which in turn assisted the children in producing their own description settings. They have also participated in the gardening this term. We just love getting our hands dirty in the vegetable gardens.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a superb 2nd half term continuing their learning about World War II. Alongside this they have taken their bike-ability level 2 training. This entailed learning to ride safely on the road, the instructors were impressed with the children's attitude and effort. We have enjoyed several novels this term and visited Yarm Grammar to listen to how the authors, The Two Steve's, wrote their books. Some of the children have represented the school in basketball, football and rugby. We have supported Conyers through a visit to see their fantastic production of "Beauty and the Beast".

We were delighted that the snow cam and had fun building snowmen. Our Christmas activities have included a trip to The Arc to see Oliver before we performed our own play "It's Christmas!" Merry Christmas from Year 6.

PE

This half term we have participated in basketball and football events. All teams performed extremely well, with one team winning the basketball competition and going on to represent the cluster after Christmas. Our football team represented Stockton at the football finals finishing in an excellent third position. We are looking forward to the many events that are happening after Christmas and are hoping to continue our success.

School Council

School council this half term have been working hard listening to all the students' ideas and suggestions. They have successfully been running the tuck shop and would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Every half term we have a theme in school, with this half term being kindness. School council have been working together to think of themes for us to cover for the rest of the year. These have passed their ideas onto Mrs Lee who will choose from their numerous ideas.

School council helped to organise 'Children in need' and choose the fundraising ideas – cake stall and pyjama day, raising £722.

Mrs Lee – I am really proud of the school council. They are working really hard. Following on from their work in deciding what values we should look at over the next year we will be looking at:-

- Determination and how this leads to success in Spring 1
- Independence in Spring 2

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Future Dates



19th December 17

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20th December 17

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21st December 17

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25th December 17 – 5th January 18

8th January 18

Nursery trip to *The Arc*

Y1/Y2/Y3 Christmas Party

Christmas Lunch

Nursery/Reception party

Nursery and Reception trip to *The Arc*

Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas Party

Christmas holidays

Children return to school after Christmas holidays



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