

Myton Park Primary School

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Litter Picking

We will begin to litter pick around the site again as we usually do over the summer term. Robertson's our PFI providers, who manage the site and provide all of our caretaking services have kindly donated 24 sets of litter pickers, which will come in very handy. We will also be working to develop the litter picking project in partnership with the local community group, so if anyone would be interested in supporting school staff as a community ambassador for the project then do not hesitate to get in touch.

Leisure Centre

Despite the very cold weather, the works for the leisure centre are on track and the service pipes will be laid over the coming weeks.

Uniform

As summer approaches may I remind you that summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holidays. If girls wear white shoes – then please do make sure they are NOT open toed sandals – these are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

We would also remind you that the children must wear light summer coats – fashion, denim jackets and zipped hoodies are not permitted. A light raincoat should always be brought, as the children may still go out to play if conditions are damp. Hair adornments must also be kept to a minimum with no large bows. We thank you for your continued support in this matter. Smart uniform plays such a significant part in children coming to school ready to learn and in helping to develop self-discipline and a respect for school rules.

Building Maintenance

Work will be carried out over the holidays to re-furbish the toilets in key stage one and new blinds will be fitted in all key stage two classrooms.

We have met several times with the architect for the planned extension to school to house the enhanced provision classroom for children with cognition and learning difficulties. Once these have been finalised and accepted for planning, we will share them with you. The plans consist of a new classroom and a meeting room. We will also be making plans to re-develop the outside space for the foundation stage alongside this project.

Car Parking and Fumes

We have recently had several parents express their concern at people parking near the Nursery entrance and leaving their cars running, causing a build-up of fumes. This is clearly very dangerous for our children and their younger siblings. May I implore you to park and turn off your engines immediately. The health and well-being of our children must always be at the centre of all we do.

Assembly Theme; Independence

We have been looking at the theme of independence this half term in assembly. The children have been very reflective in their work and discussions. We have been thinking about developing our self-confidence to do more for ourselves (without taking any risks), to be confident in being happy with who we are and not doing things we are uncomfortable with to please others – but making decisions for ourselves.

I hope the children continue to reflect on this and develop their independence in thinking and in their actions. The theme for next half term, as decided by the school council is, Steps to Success!



Nursery

We have enjoyed learning all about where we live and the places we like to visit e.g. Saltburn, Whitby, Preston Park and Roseberry Topping. We used the internet to find out about London and its famous landmarks. The children made some fantastic models and pictures as part of their home learning challenge. We have been learning about Spring, its festivals and the changes that occur. We have visited our school pond to look at the frogs and frog spawn but will continue with this as the weather has been so cold this week!! The children are getting really confident at measuring and weighing objects and using language to compare. Next half term our focus will be on growing – if anyone could spare any time to help us with our nursery garden we would really appreciate it.

Reception

The children in Reception have been working hard this half term. They enjoyed World Awareness Week and learning all about France. We learnt about the artist Monet, looked at satellite images of Paris and tried different French foods. Recently the children have begun a new topic all about Space. We have read books including 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'Whatever Next'. The children have enjoyed learning about different planets and have even been listening to planet songs during their tooth brushing time! The children have been watching videos about what it is like in Space and talking about whether they would like to go to space.

Thank you for your continued help in practising action words with your child. These will hopefully help the children to spell these tricky words and recognise these words in their reading. Children who are now able to recognise all 9 sets of action words without pictures and now moving on to writing these in weekly spelling tests. In maths we have continuing to develop our number skills in practising addition and subtraction. We are also beginning to look at halving shapes and sharing objects equally between a children. Recently the children have been taking part in some short whole class yoga sessions. We are hoping this will help to create a calmer and more productive classroom environment helping children to focus and be ready to learn.

Please continue to upload photos and comments about the children's learning and experiences at home using EExAT. We really enjoy looking at these as it contributes to our assessment in the many areas of learning.

Year 1

This half term the children have been working really hard and we are looking forward to our Easter rest. We hope you enjoyed our open afternoon where you could see the classroom, watch your children at work and talk to Miss Palmer and the staff about their progress. In maths we have been focusing on addition, subtraction and problem solving with numbers. We have also been recognising shapes and their properties and building on our estimation skills.

In English, we have been reading information texts and books and studying their features composing our own poems. In science, we have learned about different parts of our bodies and our senses and in geography we have studied countries and continents.

In art and DT we completed a project. The children designed and built their own bridges from different materials and looked at how they could improve their designs to make the structure of their bridges stronger. The children have been composing music in computing and learning to play the recorder.

We are looking forward to a fun filled Summer Term with lots of hard work. Thank you for your continuing support.

Year 2

Year 2 have had another very busy term. We have really enjoyed our Castles and Dragons topic and are looking forward to next term's new topic "At the Beach". We have worked hard to improve our maths by working on our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills. Our reading comprehension skills are getting better every day because it is one of our favourite activities. We are trying to read for 15–20 minutes every night and really love getting a small reward when we get to 10 stamps in our reading records.

Thank you for your support with spellings and homework – it really does make a difference. Happy Easter!

Year 3

In year 3 this term we have continued to learn about the Roman invasion of Britain. We researched and wrote down information about Hadrian's Wall before writing a letter, as a Roman soldier, about the wall's construction. We also learned about the first roads. Using map skills, we plotted the places with which the Romans built the first British roads. Later in the term, the children did a research project based on the life of Boudicca, then presented it on Purple Mash. In Art, we created our very own Roman mosaics using clay.

In English, we have written our own stories set in an imaginary world, newspapers and letter writing. Currently, we are examining humorous poetry before writing our own.

In Maths, we have continued to examine number, particularly times tables. We have also worked on time, parallel and perpendicular and addition and subtraction. The children have also worked hard to apply these skills when participating in problem solving and reasoning.

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of the year 3 team, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy Easter break.

Year 4

This has been another fantastic term for all of the children in year 4. They have worked tirelessly on a variety of different projects including undertaking a number of HIIT's (High Intensity Interval Training) in PE. We have had a very informative debate about homework, which led into creating a persuasive leaflet to ban all homework in Myton Park.

The children have been honing their problem solving skills using a variety of methods, we have also introduced a problem of the day challenge.

The class reading challenge is still going strong, with nearly all of the children moving up the reading ladder each week. We have some new additions to our 100 club and now have a member in the 200 club. Well done to everyone taking part.

Looking forward, next term's topic is CHOCOLATE! The children are super excited to get stuck in. Once again the year 4 team would like to thank you for all of your hard work and support.

Year 5

Year 5 have been working very hard! We started the half term by learning about China during World Awareness Week. We researched China, learnt to speak Mandarin, created Chinese art and a New Year dragon dance, baked our own gingerbread Terracotta Warriors and even some tasted Chinese food – including seaweed! In Maths we have been learning about fractions and will be learning about how fractions, decimals and percentages all link together. In English, we were sent some stories from the Eco Heroes and we are writing Traditional Stories and Newspaper Reports about these. We recently voted on our Children's Book of the Year – Beaky Malone won in our class! And, we will be having the author of Aubrey and the Terrible Ladybirds – Horatio Clare – visit our class this half term!

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed lots of different experiences this term. They have continued to think about environmental issues as part of their topic "Keen to be Green". At the beginning of the half term they travelled to the USA as part of World Awareness Week. They looked at street art, different laws in different states, famous Americans and sampled American cuisines. We have enjoyed the experience of the snow. We are proud of our sporting achievements this term; we took part in the hockey cluster competition. One team has made it through to the Stockton finals.

Congratulations to those children who participated in Stockton's swimming gala.

PE

This term has been extremely busy, unfortunately the weather has caused most of the events to be rescheduled. However, we have managed to brave the extreme conditions and compete in many different competitions.

A small group of children from Year 5 and Year 6 went to a gymnastics competition at Stainsby Gymnastics Club. They all performed an excellent routine with Josh in Year 6 coming first out of the boys that were there!

Many Year 6's took to the hockey field to compete in the cluster competition at All Saints. Both teams performed really well, coming 1st and 2nd. The team coming first will go on to represent the school at the Stockton finals.

Our cross country runners managed to make it back from the treacherous conditions of Preston Park in one piece. All performed extremely well especially as they were up to their knees in mud! Joseph Clarke finished 9th meaning he will go on to represent Myton Park at the Tees Valley Finals at Stewarts Park.

The boys football team entered a competition at Eston, which they managed to win without losing a game. This meant they moved onto the finals which were held at Rockcliffe Hall where Middlesbrough FC train. They played some very tough teams and managed to finish third in their group. The boys also got to meet some of the Boro players!

We also had the Stockton Swimming finals that 9 of our children attended at Billingham Forum. It was a long night for our swimmers however, they raced exceptionally well. Natasha came third in her race, winning a bronze medal whilst Charlie won a gold medal in his breaststroke race. Our Y5 relay teams managed to win a silver medal and a bronze medal in their races whilst the Y6's finished agonisingly close to a medal. Finally Charlie also finished third in his butterfly race where he was competing against children 2 years older than him! Well done to all our swimmers!

School Council

Nothing to report

Future Dates



29th March 18

29th March 18

16th April 18

7th May 18

Week beginning 14th May 18

23rd May 18

20th June 18

Week beginning 9th July 18

11th July 18

20th July 18

23rd July 18

Afternoon tea

Last day of this term

Children return to school after Easter holidays

May Day

KS2 SAT's week

Class photographs

Summer Fayre

Health and Fitness Week

Family picnic followed by Sports Day (Reception to Y6)

Last day of term

PD Day

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