

Mount Pleasant Junior School



Newsletter

January 2009

This issue – Letter from Mr Griffiths, new staff, after school clubs, school nurse, parents forum & Curriculum overview

Important dates

We are closed for staff training on Friday 13th February
We will break for half term on Thursday 12th February and return on Monday 23rd February.

Happy New Year!

Dear Parents

I'd like to thank parents, staff, governors and of course all the children for supporting both myself and Mrs Lewis in our new roles as Acting Head and Deputy.

I understand the importance of keeping parents informed about things which are happening in our school and will continue to send out a regular monthly newsletter.

The newsletters and other important information will also be available on the school web-site

www.mountpleasant.southampton.sch.uk It is very important for us to know how you are feeling about the school and I have some ideas about ways of achieving this. Until these ideas are put into action I would be pleased to hear about the things you would like to see improved and of course it's good to hear about the things you feel we are doing well.

Rob Griffiths (Acting Headteacher)

New Staff

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members of staff:

Mrs Roue: teaching in Year 5

Mr Tonkin: teaching in Year 6 and Year 3

Randhir Hothi : Learning Support Assistant in Year 6

After School Clubs

Football club (Girls every Tuesday, **Y3&4 boys** on every Wednesday and **Y5&6 boys** every Thursday)

Homework club Tuesday to Friday .

Basket ball club every Tuesday & **Badminton club** every Wednesday.

School nurse

Drop in sessions with the school nurse will start again on Tuesday 3rd February between 9:00 and 10:00 in the parents' room.

Parents Forum

The Parents forum will meet on Wednesday 4th February at 9:15. This is chance to share your views and discuss ways of improving the school. If you would like to come along let us know.

What is your child studying this half term?

This is a brief overview of the subjects studied in each year group this half term. You could help your child by talking to them about these subjects, supporting them to find information on the internet and/or borrowing books from the library.

If you would like to know more please ask your child's class teacher.

Year 3 Mrs Baxter & Mrs Basi	Myths and Legends (English) Shape, place value, multiplying and dividing (Maths) Materials (Science) Manipulating sound (ICT) Egyptians (History) Mummified Cats , paper and paste (Art) Going for Goals (PHSE) Spanish (MFL)
Year 4 Miss Griffiths & Mr Ryan	Information texts, poetry and playscripts (English) 3D Shape, decimals, adding and subtracting, area and perimeter (Maths) Keeping warm (Science) Collecting and presenting data (ICT) Chembakolli- an Indian Village (Geography) Chair designs (Art) Going for Goals (PHSE) Spanish (MFL)
Year 5 Mrs Roue & Mrs Tonkin	Persuasive Writing (English) Co-ordinates, Decimals, adding and subtracting (Maths) Solids, Liquids and Gases (Science) Spreadsheets (ICT) Water Uses (Geography) Modigliani heads (clay modelling) (Art) Going for Goals (PHSE) Spanish (MFL)
Year 6 Mrs Lewis Miss Casson & Mr Tonkin	Discussion, poetry and letter writing (English) Co-ordinates, Decimals, weights and measures and fractions (Maths) Habitats & life cycle of plants (Science) Spreadsheets (ICT) Mountains Geography) Making mountains (paper & paste) (Art) Going for Goals (PHSE) Spanish (MFL)