



NEWSLETTER

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Achievement Awards

April 13th



Mrs Waghorn 3W	Sydney, for showing a great improvement in his presentation. Violet for showing a great improvement in listening and concentration.
Mr Cox 5/6CT Miss Thompson	Rachelle for fantastic improvement in her presentation. Alice Lee for an excellent attitude to all aspects of school.
Miss Jones	Oscar for great concentration during this weeks work.
Mrs Evans SSC	Jamie for super effort with his language work and super neat labelling.
Mrs James	Ruby for super awareness of sentence structure and punctuation rules.
Mrs Rich	Ryan for great focus and neat work, trying very hard with his handwriting.
Mrs Price	Leila and Anusha for sharing their detailed knowledge of the Easter story.
Miss Dolan	Savannah for an excellent positive attitude to the start of the term. Da Iawn.
Mrs Bowen	Andrew for excellent reading. Well done!

Mrs Waghorn 3W	Archie always trying his best and having wonderful manners.
Mr Cox/Miss Thompson 5/6CT	Maddison for a fantastic start at Mount Street. Josh D for an excellent attitude to learning this term.
Miss Jones	Simran for always being helpful in class.
Mrs Evans/SSC	Jess (Yr 6) for really great effort in Hockey club.
Miss Matthews 5/6 G	Jamie for always being focused and finishing work with a great attitude.
Mrs Stuart	Aneira for excellent effort with her writing dialogue
Mrs Dolan	Alice for excellent netball skills. Da Iawn
Mrs Rich	Jack for excellent effort labelling countries around the world and helpful to others in Topic.
Mrs Price	Jason for great participation in netball. And Maddison for settling into the class so well, it is as though she has always been here.
Mrs Bowen	Faith for hard work and focus in class.
Mrs James	Izzy for taking the time to enjoy and appreciate the signs of nature and beauty in our playground.

Attendance we strive for each individual (and class) to achieve 95%

Mrs Waghorn 94% Mrs Evans 95% Miss Matthews 95% Miss Jones 94% Mrs Stuart 96% Mr Cox/ Miss Thompson 94%

Arriving late for school also affects attendance. The bell rings at 8.55am. Arriving after this can be disruptive and learning time for pupils is lost. Please ensure that your child is in school **BY 9:00am**

[We care about learning. We learn for life.](#)



SWIMMING on MONDAY

The following classes will be swimming this SUMMER term
Year 3W and 3/4BJ will swim all term. Year 3/4S will swim for the first part of the term followed by Upper Junior classes.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit

Girls - one piece swimming costume

Boys - above the knee trunks.

Don't forget a towel.

School will NO longer loan swimming kits to pupils who forget them.

Diary Dates (dates may change)

Wed 11,18,25th April -Year 3 Cricket Skills Sessions

Tue 24th April- After School Cricket Years 5 & 6

Wed 2nd May- Wed 9th May -National Tests **(Please ensure your child is in school)**

Mon 7th May -May Day NO SCHOOL

Fri 18th May - Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day 25th May)

Mon 21st-Wed 23rd May - Scholastic Book Fair

Tue 22nd May- Scholastic School Photos

Thur 24th May Pirate Themed Coffee morning (SSC class)

Fri 25th May-Break up for Half Term

Mon 4th June -Return to school

Thur 7th June- Year 2 parent meeting

Wed 13th June - Ice Maidens visit

Wed 20th June-Konflux Theatre Play in a Day

Mon 25th,26th,27th June-Y6 Cycle Proficiency

Wed 27th June Y5/6 pupil conference @ Guild Hall, Brecon

Mon 2nd, 3rd July -Yr 6 Transition day at BHS

Tues 3rd July - Y2 Transition Day TBC

Fri 13th July- Annual reports sent out IEP reviews

Mon 16th July- Production rehearsal

Tue 17th July -Production 2pm

Wed 18th July -Production 4pm

Fri 20th July-Mount Street Has Talent & Break up for Summer



Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl. Both were equally surprised and pleased when the announcement was made in assembly last week. They have both since said that they are "keen and excited about the future" with their new responsibility.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council recently met with Jo from Powys Highways Department. The children have approached the department to request additional road safety signs. They all went on a short but very wet walk to decide where the best place would be to locate the signs. We hope to see them in place very soon.



SPORT, SPORT, SPORT, SPORT, SPORT and more sport

We are lucky enough to offer a wide selection of sports at Mount Street Junior. There is a popular football club on a Wednesday lunch time, where the weeks are shared between the Lower and Upper Juniors. This club is going very well and continues to be successful. Mrs Evans' hockey club has got off to a good start and is enjoying the warmer weather. Tom, the Rugby development Officer continues to visit to coach rugby skills and drills with our Upper Juniors. Cricket Wales taster sessions are well underway for Y3&4. The final session will be next Wednesday. **Mr Cox is starting an after school cricket club (3.30-4.30pm) this will be starting next TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH AND IS OPEN TO ALL 5 and 6 PUPILS INITIALLY. Years 3 and 4 pupils will have their opportunity after half term.**

On Wednesday the sun shone as the Upper Junior children enjoyed their sports afternoon. The sports comprised of Netball, Tennis Cricket and Football. The children played in their sports day teams and had the opportunity to earn points for their respective teams. Seren said how much she enjoyed being outside playing netball and all of the children agreed that it was a really successful afternoon. The red team also received an extra 10points for good a good attitude and sportsmanship.

New reading groups have been identified for the MSJS and MSIS transition project.

Each week a small group of pupils from each school visit the other school. Year 2 MSIS are read to by Upper Juniors on our site and Year 3 MSJS read to reception pupils at the Infant School. This has proved popular so far. It is a good link between the schools and allows our children to show their love of literature and promotes reading for a purpose. It also helps some of our children who are a little shy to develop their confidence in new situations. Reading is such a major part of our lives and we thank you for continuing to read with your child at home.

Library Club opened today and was well attended. Happy reading everyone.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Reading/Maths Workshop last night (19th April). These workshops are an excellent way to share what we are doing in school and provide parents with an opportunity to chat with teachers and other parents.

Safeguarding Update

The Governors and staff at Mount Street Junior School are fully committed to

- creating and maintaining a safe learning environment for all children and young people
- identifying where there are child welfare concerns and taking action to address them
- ensuring children are listened to if expressing concerns
- the development of children's understanding, awareness and resilience

The designated safeguarding officers at MSJS are as follows:

DSO Mrs A Waghorn

Deputy DSO Mrs L Stuart

Governor DSO Mrs C Waldron

Homework- This is sent home with each pupil on a Friday afternoon and should be returned on the following Monday (Tuesday at the very latest). **Please encourage and support your child with this responsibility. Please ensure that your child comes to school with all of the correct materials. Pencil case, reading book, reading record, PE kit and all of the correct school uniform.**

Support your child reading - All pupils have 10 minutes reading homework on a daily basis. Please sit with your child and ask questions about the text beginning with:

'Why do you think...?'

'Who ...?'

'How ...?'

'Can you find one word which means...?'

After listening to your child read please sign the yellow reading record. Reading books and reading records should be brought into school every day.

Clothing- Please ensure that your child wears school uniform and continue to clearly label all items of clothing. This avoids any confusion if items are lost.

Parking- We realise that parking is a problem for our parents. **For the safety of all pupils,** please observe parking restrictions around school. Parking around school is **not permitted** between the hours of 8:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-4:00pm. If you require a parking permit for the council car park, this can be arranged via the school office.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Absences - Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent, giving a reason for the absence.

Lateness - If your child's attendance drops below 90% due to unauthorised absence or persistent late arrival, you may receive a letter of concern.

ERW Descriptors

95 -100%	Best chance of success attendance	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
90 -95%	At least 2 weeks of attendance learning missed	Your child may have to spend time catching up with work.
85 - 90%	At least 4 weeks of attendance learning missed	Your child may be at risk of underachieving and may need extra support from you.
80- 85%	At least 5.5 weeks of attendance learning missed	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on your child's learning.
Below 80%	At least 7.5 weeks of attendance learning missed.	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mrs Waghorn and Staff