



NEWSLETTER

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Achievement Awards



Miss Mathews	Lily Rose for an amazing character description of her cat detective team.
Mr Cox 5/6CT Miss Thompson	Anthony for his work editing our environmental films.
Miss Newell	Caleb for hard work and positive effort. Jess D for hard work and finishing her Hwb task even though it meant staying up really late!
Miss Jones	Mina and Seren Jones for working hard on a maths activity.
Mrs Evans SSC	Ioan for amazing work on fractions with excellent concentration to finish the task.
Mrs Rich	Leo for fantastic work all week
Mrs Price	To all the athletes who put in a fantastic effort at the Athletic competition, especially those who ran the 600m.
Mrs Bowen	Ollie H for excellent effort and improvement with his handwriting.
Mrs James	Alfie F for an excellent attitude and approach to all areas of school life, including the 'Play In a Day' and the cricket tournament.

Miss Jones/Mrs Berryman	Levi for fantastic effort with his reading. Mina for being kind and helpful to others.
Mrs Evans/SSC	Dakota being very patient and helpful while helping on the Chrome books.
Miss Matthews 5/6 G	Logan for his fantastic focus when drawing the grid for his treasure map.
Miss Newell	Savanah for helping other pupils with their work.
Mrs Rich	Jessica A for trying so hard with her swimming.
Mrs Price	Henry for his amazing mythical creature.
Mrs Bowen	Ben and Rohn T for always being polite, well-mannered and hardworking.
Mrs James	Violet for an excellent improvement with her attitude and behaviour.

Attendance we strive for each individual (and class) to achieve at least 95%. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time.

Mrs Waghorn 95% Mrs Evans 97% Miss Matthews 96% Miss Jones 96% Mrs Stuart 95% Mr Cox/
Miss Thompson 96%

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**



SWIMMING on MONDAY

The following classes will be swimming this SUMMER term
Year 3W and 3/4BJ will swim all term. Year 5/6GM will swim for the first three weeks after half term. Year 5/6CT will be informed when they are swimming.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit

Girls - one piece swimming costume

Boys - above the knee trunks.

Don't forget a towel.

MONDAY 9TH JULY LAST SWIMMING SESSION.

All of our children are working very hard practising for 'Pirates of the Currybean.' Please help your child prepare any costumes/props that they need for their role, but most importantly please don't forget to buy your tickets for a fabulous and entertaining performance on Tuesday 17th July, 2.00pm, and Wednesday 18th July, 4.00pm.

Last week, years 3 and 4 had a day out at The Waterfront Museum in Swansea. The focus was 'All things Pirate'. Oscar said that his favourite part was when the pirate, (who gave an interesting and amusing talk), showed us his very sharp, heavy sword. Philip enjoyed being part of a team that loaded gunpowder into the cannon. Mina and Yamur commented that they were worried that he would fire the cannon..... luckily, he did not!

LOST PROPERTY

There is an **unbelievable** amount of lost property currently in school. Staff and children look through it all at least once a week, and on occasions we are able to reunite pupils with their items. This remains a difficult task as there is still a large amount of unnamed items.

As we did on Sports Day, we will place the items outside for pupils' and families to have another chance to rehome items before the Summer holiday.

Diary Dates (dates may change)

Monday 9th July WoodWind concert.

Fri 13th July Visit from Brecon Library about 'The Summer Reading Challenge'

Fri 13th July- Annual reports sent home

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 the Summer holiday

Cycle Proficiency

Year 6 students recently had the opportunity to master safe cycling skills during 3 cycling proficiency sessions with Mr Cox. Rachele and Gulsum said that it was very helpful and fun. They explained that they learned how to safely cross roads, how to signal before turning, how to join a major road from a minor road and joining a minor road from a major road.

They also said that they ended the sessions with some fun races testing their balance and steering skills. They stressed the importance of being safe too and always wearing a helmet when riding a bike!

SPORT

Both Mrs Evans and Mr Cox want to thank all of the pupils who have attended the Football, Cricket and Tennis clubs that have been running over the past few months. Many skills have been learned and improved and a big emphasis is always on team work and having fun. New clubs will begin in September and for those pupils leaving us to go to High School we hope you continue with your enthusiasm and join sporting opportunities in your new environments.

A polite reminder that all of our children should be wearing their Mount Street Junior school uniform at all times during the school day. They should also have separate named PE kit in school at all times. Thank you. NO opened toe sandals or shoes.

We care about learning. We learn for life.

After a successful joint reading scheme between MS Infants and MS Juniors we are taking a break. All of the children have enjoyed the opportunity and our Juniors have particularly enjoyed revisiting the Infant school and reconnecting with their previous teachers and support staff. This is a venture that we very much hope to get up and running in the September, after the summer holiday.



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