

May Newsletter

Plymouth Grove Park

I am sure you have noticed the developments in Plymouth Grove Park over the last week. We would like to thank Morgan Sindall in conjunction with Tree Station and the Manchester College for creating further opportunities for children to learn and play in the park. Morgan Sindall have provided their skills and expertise for free and Tree Station, based in Gorton, have provided bark, logs and other recycled wood also for free. Manchester College apprentices have also been involved to help develop their building skills. They have created three different zones within the park; a wild zone, a nature zone and a play zone. As well as the hugely successful forest schools currently enjoyed by Year 3 and Year 4, children will have the opportunity to learn about habitats with our bug hotels and growing vegetables in our new allotment.

KS1 and KS2 SATs

Year 2 and Year 6 have taken their end of key stage SATs test during this half term. They should all be congratulated with the positivity and resilience shown when tackling the tests.

Spring Showcase

The Spring Showcase took place during the final week of this half term and we were treated to performances by the choir, boomwhackers, ukulele orchestra, Year 6 drummers, a solo violin performance by Jerone; and a collaboration between the choir and ukuleles. It is great to celebrate the musical achievements of children at the school.

Debate Mate

The success of our debating team has been an inspiration. Their hard work and perseverance has been rewarded with the opportunity to attend the debating finals at the Houses of Parliament and Oxford University. The world is in safe hands with these future leaders.

Reading Millionaires trip to Central Library

In March, our Plymouth Grove reading millionaires were invited to be part of the launch of Read Manchester at Central Library. It was a great way to recognise their achievement and the school can be proud of the progress children make when reading across the curriculum.

Screen Free Week

We managed to £360 for Water Aid during Screen Free Week, with donations still coming in. Many congratulations to all children who took part for such a great cause. A special thanks to Leila in Year 1, who raised over £100.

New school update

The new school is on time ready to be handed over on August 25th. The main structure is now complete and the work is focusing on the installation of the classrooms and the development of the play areas. Solar panels have been fitted on the roof to enable the school to be as energy efficient as

possible. We will become slightly more restricted over the next few weeks as the fencing extends so further work can be carried out. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Parking

The new school building has obviously reduced the capacity for parking near the school. This is having a huge impact on local residents. Unfortunately, some parents frequently block the driveways of the residents' houses during drop off and pick up. Recently, this resulted in one resident missing a hospital appointment as they weren't able to leave their driveway. I find it incredible to think that some of our parents cannot park further away from the school and walk a couple of minutes to pick up their children. It is a selfish attitude and sets a very poor example to our children. If it continues, I will send out a weekly letter publishing the registration plates of repeated offenders.

Football tournaments

This half term, Plymouth Grove football teams have made us all proud, yet again!

The girl's football team are still undefeated, beating Armitage 8-0 at home. They have got stronger and stronger, upholding the record for the most successful football team of 2015/2016 at Plymouth Grove.

During their last game, our mixed gender team narrowly lost to Holy Name by 5 goals to 4. A brave effort was shown by all, especially our year 3 players, who were playing against a team of Year 6 children.

This week the boys football team beat St. Luke's year 6 team 5-0, with Nuradine scoring his first hat trick of the year and being chosen as player of the match.

Mosaic Project

Year 5 have been participating in the Mosaic project over the last six weeks; the project aims to help children realise their talents and potential. Volunteers and mentors from the school community have come into school on a Friday afternoon and delivered activities that help raise the children's aspirations.

Baby news

We are delighted to announce that both Miss Doherty is now the proud parent of a baby girl and Miss Cutts is now the proud parent of a baby boy.

Finally, as the term comes to a close I would like to thank all staff who work tirelessly to enable each child to reach their full potential. The school faces many challenges with the state of the old building, the building of the new school and the somewhat chaotic education system at the moment. Despite all these challenges, staff are constantly seeking new ways to improve and meet the needs of all the children in school. We are lucky to have such dedicated professionals.

Next term

- Year 6 will be taking part in the Labyrinth Project in conjunction with MMU and PeopleScape Theatre
- Plymouth Grove are taking part and running the launch of the Manchester Children's Book Festival.
- Year 1 are visiting Formby Beach
- Year 2 are going to Knowlsey Safari Park
- Sunshine Room are visiting Jump Space
- Debate mate final at Oxford University
- Year 6 production of Oliver
- Halle Shine continues at Plymouth Grove
- Class photographs 23rd June

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15 PM ON FRIDAY 25TH MAY AND OPENS AGAIN AT 8.50AM ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE