

December 2021 Newsletter

Dear parents and friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Mrs Clarkson's final week at Mount Vernon so special. We wish her all the best in her new role at Garrowhill Primary. In the short term, I will adopt the role of Acting HT and Mrs Lindsey Cullen will join me as Acting DHT. The Headteacher vacancy has been advertised and we hope to have someone in post after Christmas.

As we approach the end of the second term, we need to say goodbye and good luck to Ms Susan Miller. She has been an amazing asset to the school and we wish her well in her next school. Mrs Theresa Owens will be returning from maternity leave after Christmas and will work with Primary 2 on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

With Christmas fast approaching the final few weeks of term are going to be very busy with lots of festive treats planned for the children. Some things will remain a little different but we are hopeful that we can welcome back some of our much loved activities including a live pantomime performance from the amazing M&M theatre company. We have also heard that Father Christmas will be making an appearance on the last day to wish all the children a very merry Christmas. Our Primary 1 classes are also busy practising for their nativity performances. This will be recorded and shared with parents of our P1 pupils. Thank you to our Primary 7 buddies who are helping to narrate this for our Primary 1 classes.

Mrs. Cullen ADHT and I are always happy to help so please do not hesitate to contact us through the main office or by e-mail if you have any questions, worries or concerns.

Kindest regards,
Victoria Collins
Acting Head Teacher



Christmas Panto

M&M Productions will be presenting

'Snow White'

to our classes on Tuesday 21st December.

We have 2 performances to allow all classes to enjoy the panto safely.

Your fundraising efforts have allowed us to organise this special treat for all our pupils and staff. Thank you!



DECEMBER DIARY

- 1st - Gym Hall Tree Lights are switched on
- 10th - Pyjama / Onesie Day - School Fundraiser
- 15th - Café Christmas Lunch
- 16th - P6, P7/6 & P7 Movie Treat
- 17th - P4, P4/5 & P5 Movie Treat
 - Parent Council Raffle Draw
- 20st - P2, P3/2 & P3 Movie Treat
- 21nd - Christmas Pantomime - Snow White
- 22nd - P1m & P1r Party & Santa Visit
 - Christmas Jumper Day!
 - CLOSE @ 2.30pm



Children and staff return to school on
Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 9am

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'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas'



The month of December is such a magical time to be around children and at Mount Vernon we love nothing more than getting into the festive spirit.

Our pupils have been busy decorating their classrooms and the Catering team have transformed the cafe. Our P1-3 classes have been busy exploring Santa's workshop in the Open Area. Our beautiful big tree in the gym hall is all lit up and the teaching staff have been well warned to avoid any sports involving balls till the New Year.



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Parent Pay



Mount Vernon Primary is now using ParentPay for all school trips, clubs, school meals etc. This will enable us to remove a lot of the cash and cheques from schools.

Our system shows that only half of our families have set up a ParentPay account. Please contact our school clerical team who are happy to help guide you through this process.

At the moment we ask that **school fundraising** still comes directly to the school and not through ParentPay. This allows us to bank this money into the school fund and avoids the service charge taken by ParentPay.

Pyjama Day



On the 10th of December pupils and staff can come to school in their pyjamas, onesies, oodles or own clothes. We ask that pupils bring a small donation to support our school funds.

Please ensure pupils are warm and dressed appropriately for the weather. We ask that pupils **DO NOT** wear slippers. Many thanks



Thank you so much to everyone who has already bought raffle tickets, there are some fabulous prizes so make sure you don't miss out.

If you would like more tickets then please email;

pcmountvernonprimary@gmail.com

Raffle will be drawn on
Friday 17th December

Have you bought your tickets for MVP's Big Christmas Raffle?

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It's a Wonderful Time Indeed

With restrictions continuing to be in place around the school, we have decided to do another Christmas Raffle.

Who would have thought we'd miss those little bags of Reindeer Dust, Santa Pine Cones and all the wonderful things our Children normally make this time of year for the Christmas Fundraiser!

We have been absolutely blown away with the donations we have received so far, both within and outwith our local community. At this point we have just shy of 100 prizes to be won. We cannot thank them enough! But our fundraiser isn't anything without the support of the parents and locals who buy the Raffle Tickets. We hope this year you will join us again in supporting the school!

Thank You xx

Fabulous prizes including: Giant Christmas Hamper, GHD Glide Hot Brush Set, £200 worth Flooring, Hundreds of £'s in Cash Prizes, Beauty & Salon Vouchers, Shopping & Restaurant Vouchers, Golf at Dalziel Park Hotel, Lots of Bottles of Spirits, Prosecco, Wine & Champagne, Christmas Bouquets & Cupcakes, Kids Hamper, Jewellery, Luxury Hampers, Deluxe Afternoon Teas, Cinema Packages, Soft Play Vouchers, Cash Vouchers, Perfume, Artwork, Molton Brown, Deluxe Photoshoot, Tennis Lessons, Zumba Classes, LED Mirror, M & S Hampers, Kids Football Classes and so many more fantastic prizes to be won.

Look out for Tickets coming home in the next few weeks!

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Fundraising Update

Current Total - £1738.25



Thank you so much to everyone in the MVP Family for supporting our fundraising efforts so far this year. Already this year we have raised funds through:

'Dress Down Days', Parent Council Hallowe'en Draw, Christmas Cards and our P1 Tea Towels.

As you know, we are so proud of our outdoor space at Mount Vernon. Our aim, through fundraising, is to provide more opportunities for outdoor learning and create spaces for our children to learn and have fun in our grounds. Some of our recent fundraising has been used to replace our raised beds next to the main path. These will be used to grow vegetables, flowers and herbs in the New Year.



Huge thank you to Nick Hughes from MJM Projects for building these.

We Need Your Help!



Bug Hotels

Thank you to everyone who has helped collect items for our new bug hotels. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

We are still looking for:

- * Garden canes
- * Terracotta pots
- * Pinecones
- * Logs
- * Old decking



A Huge Thank You

With your help we were able to raise a fabulous

£774.24

for Children in Need!



November Special Commendation Winners



Congratulations and a huge well done to all our amazing commendation winners!

P1m	Lyle Bruce Tilly O'Connell	P3	Rory Paterson Anna Moore	P6	Lewis Wood Savannah Todd
P1r	Harris Whiteford Grace Miller	P4	Mason Cunningham Riley-Jo Nelson	P7/6	Arianna Johnson-Regan Bella Granger
P2	Avery Baxter Cole Campbell	P5/4	Matthew Thomson Luke Bradshaw	P7	Illinca Ciocarlan Sky Henvey
P3/2	Lachlan Gibson Brodie Robertson	P5	Blair Gibson Vincent Connolly		



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