

Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter
16th April 2021

Dear Parents/carers

The children have settled back well into the school routine after the Easter break, and are full of their Easter adventures. I must confess that I am finding it is harder to get up in the mornings as the mornings are now so dark!

This term is a packed with lots of exciting learning planned for the children and I am looking forward to showcasing this work in future editions.

Planet Defenders

I was delighted to hear about and see Dillan and Seren taking part in Planet Defenders.



Planet Defenders is a new CBBC factual series, following young film makers as they learn about the challenges different species are facing. The second episode followed Erin Ranney as she learnt about the decline of Rock Hopper penguins in the Falkland Islands. Erin worked with Falklands Conservation and the Watch Group during the production.

In November 2020 Watch Group members, taking part in a habitat restoration project, demonstrated to Erin how the conservation work they do combats climate change as well as improves natural habitats for wildlife. They were filmed collecting tussock seeds, followed by the task of propagating the seeds in preparation for replanting the newly grown tussock in areas where tussock habitat has eroded.

Tussock habitats lock in carbon, help protect our soil from wind erosion, provide shelter for a wide variety of creatures, are the favoured breeding habitat for some of our island's iconic wildlife and are really good fun for jumping across. The tussock which the Watch Group grew were planted by the group in protected places to revegetate or restore damaged terrestrial habitats, such as Middle Island.

Well done Dillan and Seren for your amazing commitment to protecting our fragile environment. Keep up the fantastic work!

Welcome

A warm welcome to the Amstutz family as they join the MPC community. It has been wonderful to see the girls settling so well into school.



PE

Thank you to all parents for giving us consent for your children to use the field. We will be using the field weather dependent for break times, lunchtimes and will be timetabling some **additional PE** sessions using this space whilst the weather holds out!

Draft Remote/Home Learning policy

Following the responses from parents about Remote/Home Learning during the lockdown in February 2021 and a discussion with staff a draft policy has been written and will be sent out next week to parents. This policy will then be taken to SGC for full adoption in June. This policy in it's draft form would be used if we were unfortunate enough to have to undergo another lockdown and will help ensure greater consistency across the school and make sure expectations are clearer for all. Thank you for your responses which have helped form this policy.

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 30th April at 2pm in the school hall a session for parents to attend about Internet Safety for your children led by Helen Taylor from Royal Falkland Islands Police**
- **Thursday 27th May at 4pm school production of 'Pirates V's Mermaids' at MPC theatre - details to follow.**
- **Friday 28th May at 3:05 pm school closes for half term.**
- **Monday 7th June school starts for children.**