

Dear Parents/Carers

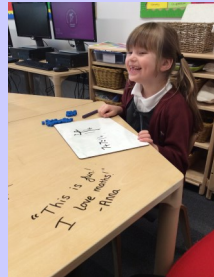
This month we have been focusing on our value 'perseverance' and it has been lovely to hear the children explaining how and when they have had to persevere including examples of learning to play instruments, overcoming a fear, improving handwriting and instantly recalling maths facts. I have also been impressed with the knowledge and recognition the children have of famous people who have had to persevere to succeed.



EYFS have been getting in the spirit of the school production with a pirate theme in the role play and small world areas.



In maths they have been getting their hands wet investigating capacity in the sensory tray. They were surprised to discover that the tallest container does not always have the greatest capacity!



I love this photo which shows obvious enjoyment of a maths lesson about place value.

I was also impressed with the way the year 2's collaborated to expertly use inference and detective skills to find out about a book from it's blurb, front cover and first few pages.

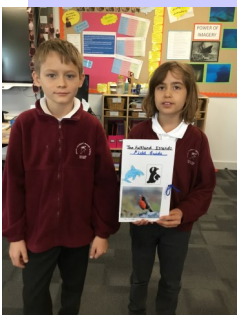
This week years 3 and 4 have had a visit from the dentist. They were reminded how to brush their teeth properly and which foods are good to have for snacks.



They have also been learning about the Aztecs.



Meadowlarks have been working hard this week on their poetry and arithmetic as well as there being some fantastic work taking place with Mrs Allen in science and art. The children have been completing field guides on the Falkland Islands as well as weaving as part of their unit on South America.





## **Pirates Versus Mermaids**

With only a few more practices to go the school is getting ready for our production at the theatre. We do hope that as many of you as possible will attend at 4pm on Thursday 27th May at MPC theatre and please feel free to invite friends of the family. Tickets are still available from the school office.



### **Felting Club:**

In felting Club the children used needle felting to create penguins, then developed wet felting skills to build landscapes and pictures. Wet felting involves building a picture using roving wool, then wetting with hot soapy water and rolling for 15mins to "felt" the wool.



### **Bear Grylls**

On Tuesday 18th May the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts came to school early to participate in a Zoom call with the rest of the world district of the British Scouting



Overseas movement. This meeting included Bear Grylls dialling in to share a story about himself linked to Scouting.

### **Promoting Healthy Eating Policy**



A quick update on this policy which includes school lunches which are served as a mid-day meal. This policy was put in place in November 2020, following questionnaires to parents, staff involvement and discussion at SGC. No changes to this policy have been made since my arrival, but I am following this agreed policy. Please be reassured that I am in the lunch hall



during school lunches and am in regular discussion with the chef's, children and parent's and that this policy will continue to be reviewed annually.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- **Monday 24th May production practice 3-4pm - Please collect children from the Theatre**
- **Tuesday 25th May production practice 3-4pm - Please collect children from the Theatre**
- **Thursday 27th May at 4pm school production of 'Pirates V's Mermaids' at MPC theatre - Extra tickets available from school office**
- **Friday 28th May at 10.15 Golden Certificate Assembly, by invitation.**
- **Friday 28th May at 3:05 pm school closes for half term**
- **Monday 7th June school starts for children**

We do hope you all have a restful weekend in what is a busy and long half term, from all at MPS.