

### Mount Pleasant Extra!

### Newsletter 22nd October 2021

#### Dear parents

This half term has been very busy with new staff and families settling into school and life in the Falklands. It was lovely to see parents talking to staff this week about how best to support their child in school. Please remember I am available to talk through any issues, just phone the office and we can make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.



This week has been a very busy week in EYFS. We have been reading the book 'Tug!' this week and have drawn lots of inspiration from it such as string painting, line drawing, writing words and retelling the story. We have even had a go a tugging a tug o' war rope. All FS2 children have now had exposure to the phase 2 graphemes (letters).







Caracara Class has been enjoying poetry writing in English this week. We have written some amazing poems about the moon. In maths, we have been using concrete objects to reinforce our understanding of number and place value. The children have created posters to show what they know about health and hygiene so that we can start our learning on this subject after half term.

Here are some of our couplets from our poems:

The moon is a white eye spilling across darkest space shining down on us.

By Anna

It is a great piece of white chewing gum stretching across the mysterious sky.

By Beatrice

The moon is the middle of a clock watching over me.

By Fraser

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This week in Falcon Class the children have been looking at what makes them unique. They have explored their personal attributes and discussed how these connect to make them who they are, realising how being different to others can be a good thing. They have thought about our value of the term 'generosity' and looked at how one little act of kindness can impact on many others and eventually be returned in kindness to them. It has been lovely to see the children making a real effort to be kind to one another, taking turns and sharing.

In Art, the children have completed their pencil portraits and have used some of the techniques they have been learning this term to create shading and shape. In RE the children have been learning about the Muslim faith and the Muslim belief that Allah is revealed in nature. The children went on a nature walk to identify beautiful things in nature and to discuss how these lead Muslims to thank God, and believe in God.

"I have really enjoyed doing my portrait this week, because I was I was really looking forward to putting all the face parts together."

Poppy

"I enjoyed drawing the outline of the face and putting on the shading. I've drawn my mum" Phillipa

#### Warmer Weather

As the weather is turning warmer please ensure that children have a named hat in school to protect them from the sun but which is also sturdy enough to survive the windy weather!

#### Dates for your Diary up to the end of Autumn term

- Friday 22nd October School finishes at 1505 for half term
- Monday 1st November School restarts
- Friday 5th November Golden assembly
- Thursday 11th November Remembrance Day
- Monday 29th November Christingle at 1400
- Wednesday 1st December Christmas tree decoration event
- Friday 3rd December Christmas production in school hall
- Thursday 9th December Wear a Christmas jumper to school
- Thursday 9th December School finishes at 1300

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In Meadowlark Class they have been busy preparing for "MasterChef in the woods".



This week in English, we have been learning about WW1 poetry and the use of figurative language in our poems. We also went to Bear Woods where we cooked different 1stWW meals on camping stoves as part of a Meadowlark MasterChef competition. My team had to cook a trench stew and we won the competition with a total of 49 out of 60 points. Go #Dragonchefs!!





I enjoyed doing MasterChef in the woods and tasting our delicious food. Our team's name was 'Perfect Pancakes' and we had to bake pancakes. YUM! William Hart





Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term, we look forward to welcoming you back on 1st November 2021.