

Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter
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Dear Parents

On Thursday, the school joined the rest of the base in an act of remembrance, reflecting on how freedom is not free. The sun shone, the children were impeccably behaved and took on the role of laying the crosses for the 47 fallen in a calm and respectful manner. The thought provoking poems that Luke, Charlie, Rebecca & Lara had written and shared with us all were truly moving. It was a day to reflect, be proud of our school community and to remember those who have paid the ultimate price.



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In EYFS:

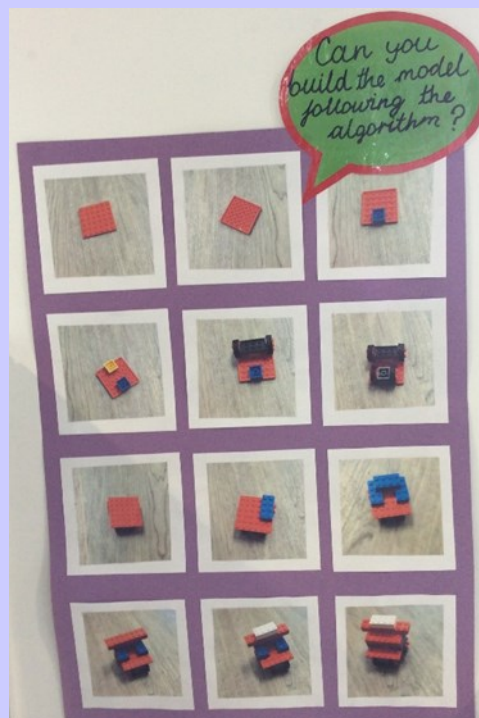
This week we have been reading the book Jasper's Beanstalk. We diligently picked up slugs, bugs and snails out of the slime in the water tray. We have planted our own beans, then checked that there were no slugs or snails around after being inspired by Jasper.

We talked about plants and the important things that they need to grow. Then we drew still life pictures of plants. We have watered plants in our outdoor area using water pistols and watering cans, and finally made a massive beanstalk to display on our window sill.



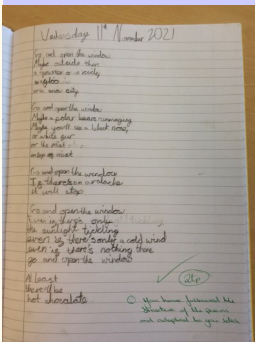
In Caracara Class:

Caracara Class has been busy writing letters so that we can post them during our trip. We have also been working very hard in maths developing our addition skills. Year 1s have been counting on, either by using our fingers (which is a fabulous resource) or using a printed number line. Year 2s have been learning to draw a number line to help solve calculations. In computing we have been learning about algorithms and took photos of each step of our Lego models so that another person could easily follow the instructions to make the model.



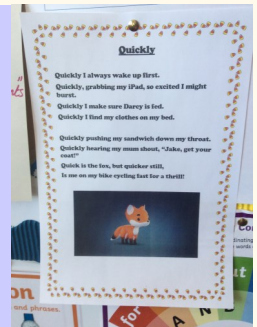
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Falcon Class:

This week in Falcons Class, the children have learned all about teeth. The children wrote a diary entry from the point of view of an apple being eaten and then created a labelled model of their own teeth using playdough. We have started our Geography topic of rainforests, looking at which regions of the world they can be found and naming some countries which do have rainforests using a world map. The children are looking forward to looking more closely at the Amazon rainforest next week and our focus country, Peru. In Maths, Year 3 have continued their learning to be able to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes on an analogue and digital clock, whilst Year 4 have been learning how to read television timetables and calculating intervals of time in seconds, minutes and hours. In English, year 4 have written some wonderful poems this week using adverbs and imagery, whilst Year 3 have been focussing on using adjectives and adverbs to create interesting sentences.



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"I shaped my teeth like mine. I don't have any incisors at the front so I did the bottom row instead."

Zoe

This week in Meadowlark Class:

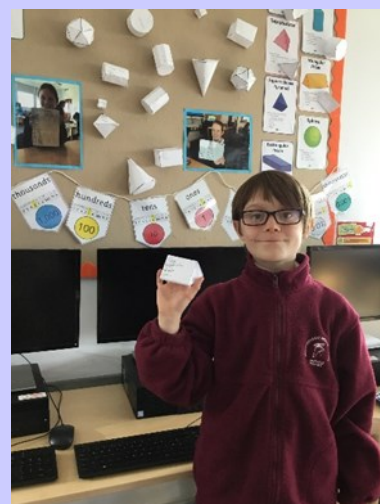


We have started rehearsals this week for the whole school production at the end of this year. I really like my character, Ferrari, because he can be funny. I also enjoyed our lunches this week.

William Hart

In Maths we have been learning to convert top heavy fractions (improper fractions) to mixed numbers and vice versa. We also learnt about a variety of 3D shapes. Did you know that an icosahedron is a polyhedron with 20 faces? In English, we wrote a diary entry as the main character from Louis Sachar's novel, 'There's a boy in the Girl's bathroom'.

Eliza Collins



Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 16th November-** Road Safety afternoon in school for children
- **Wednesday 17th November** BFSAI Photo for school- Timings to be confirmed
- **Thursday 18th November-** Nasal Flu Vaccination Day
- **Friday 19th November-**Yr5 & 6 Trip to Typhoons etc
- **Friday 19th November-** No Forest school
- **Monday 22nd November-** KS2 Trip to HMS Protector
- **Monday 29th November** - Christingle at 1400- Details to follow
- **Wednesday 1st December** - 1430-Christmas tree decoration event. The children will make the Christmas decorations in school as part of their DT work we will then invite you to join us to decorate the tree and hall and enjoy a mince pie with us
- **Friday 3rd December** -1400 Christmas production loosely based on the Nativity in the school hall- parents and invited guests are welcome to join us
- **Thursday 9th December** - Wear a Christmas jumper to school voluntary donation £1 towards our sponsorship of Antarctic-Quest Expedition
- **Thursday 9th December** - School finishes at 1300
- **Thursday 9th December** 1300-1530- Inset for teachers
- **Monday 3rd January** Inset Day 0900- 1530 for teachers
- **Tuesday 4th January** school starts for children
- **Friday 7th January** 0900-1000 Launchpad event, parents are invited to join child/ren with learning
- **Friday 7th January** 10:00- 10:15 Golden Assembly for invited parents
- **Friday 21st January** 1330- Sports Day afternoon- details to follow
- **Friday 28th January** 1330-Alternative date for Sports Day afternoon if the weather on the 21st January is against us.
- **Friday 11th February** school closes at 1500 for half term.
- **Monday 21st February-** school starts for children