

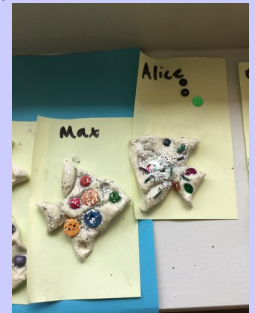
Dear Parents

We have had a very busy week in school with lots of great learning going on and we were also delighted to host a visit of Alison Stevenson, 2* Director of Overseas Bases, to Mount Pleasant School, she thoroughly enjoyed visiting all the classrooms and seeing for her self what a great educational experience the children receive out here.

As usual there is lots to fit in this term with Sports afternoon for years FS2 to Year 6 this Friday 21st January 2022. The plan, weather dependent, is for parents to meet us at the mound near the athletic track at 1330 where the children will then take part in a number of events and races organised by Mr Blom. Points to the Penguin teams will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible. There will be a separate event for our EYFS children at a later date.

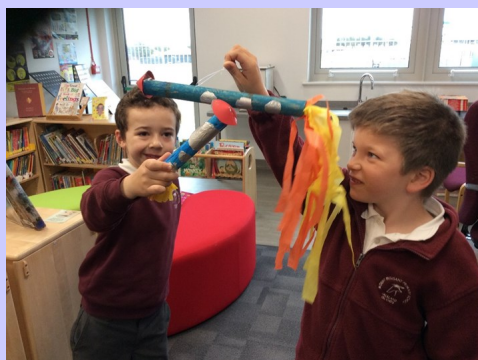
In EYFS:

We are continuing our learning all about rhymes. This week, we have sung the rhyme 'One, Two, Three, Four, Five Once I caught a Fish Alive' and used the story 'The Rainbow Fish' to enhance our provision. We have made salt dough fish with shiny scale embellishments, created underwater music, painted water scenes, made underwater dens, acted out stories and used fishing rods to collect numbers and letters.



In Caracara Class:

This week in English the children have been reading 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. We learnt to write a character description and to read and follow instructions so that we could make these rockets. In maths, we have been grouping objects and making arrays for the year 1s to make connections between these concepts and addition and the year 2s linking them to multiplication. The Great Fire of London continued with finding out about how the fire spread so quickly and the methods used to put the fire out.





In Falcon Class:

This week in Falcon's Class the children have entered the fascinating world of geology and have shown amazing interest in the topic. They have looked at the three different types of rocks and discovered how each is formed and where they can be found in the Earth's four layers. The children have brought in their own rocks to look at, which has proved to be fascinating. In English they have been focussing on creating detailed and interesting sentences based on the book 'Escape from Pompeii' using specific nouns, interesting adjectives and prepositional phrases. The children have created a timeline of British history so that they can place the Roman invasion correctly in relation to previous historical era and in Maths they are completing their multiplication and division topic. They have made a great start to the new term with some wonderfully neat handwriting. What a lovely start to the New Year, Keep up the good work!

In Meadowlark Class:



This week has been awesome. Only yesterday we built and mounted our masts on our launchpad boat. We've also started drafting a biography on Ernest Shackleton. In Maths we're doing fractions. I can't wait for forest school; it feels like it's been ages since we've been.

Luke

This week went really quickly; my favourite bits were planning and drafting a biography for the great Ernest Shackleton. The best bit though was sawing and drilling the mast for my Endurance model. To be honest this week couldn't get any better!

Olivia





Diary Dates

- **Friday 21st January - 1330 Sports Day afternoon - parents with children in years FS2-6 gather on the back mound near the athletics track to watch. For our EYFS children another event will be arranged on a different day**
- **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.**
- **Wednesday 9th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1715**
- **Thursday 10th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1800**
- **Friday 25th March - 1400 Event to showcase learning of term, all parents invited**
- **Thursday 31st March - School finishes For Easter at 1300**
- **Tuesday 19th April - School starts for children**
- **Throughout May - Year 2 assessments**
- **Week 9th May - KS2 SATS**
- **Friday 27th May - An early school Queens Platinum Jubilee event details to be decided**
- **Friday 27th May - School finishes at 1500 for half term**
- **Monday 30th May to 4th June - Half Term**
- **Monday 6th June - Additional public holiday - No school for children**
- **Week 7th June - Year 1 phonics screening**
- **14th June - Liberation Day - whole school event to be decided**
- **Friday 24th June - Fixmas Eve event in school - details to follow**
- **Monday 11th July - Reports out to parents**
- **Thursday 21st July - School finishes at 1300**