

Dear Parents

It is great to be back in school after a busy half term where many of our families went exploring the islands. The children are quickly getting back to routines and are challenging themselves with their learning. There is a real buzz around school.

We are delighted (airbridge permitting) that Mr Rowland Bucknill Assistant Chief Education Officer 'Rest of World' Defence Children Services will be visiting MPS for the week 7th March. It is a long time, due to Covid, since we have had any visitors out from DCS and we are looking forward to sharing our work and plans in person with him.



EYFS: All the children have settled well after the half term break. Our learning this half term is about traditional tales. We have been using the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears as a focus for our learning this week. We have had a busy week. Some of the activities have been retelling the story using our words, made porridge and added our choice of toppings, drawn pictures of the three bears and acted out the story.



Caracara Class:



This week Caracara Class has been learning to divide through sharing and grouping. The year 1s have used objects to do this whilst the year 2s have used informal written methods (number line and bar models) and division number sentences. In English, we've been writing warning posters using ideas from Roald Dahl's 'The Minpins'. We had great fun making up adjectives and proper nouns, for example: Amelia's "brainpulling Crishgobbler" or Beatrice's "Heartgobbling Gloodymuncher".

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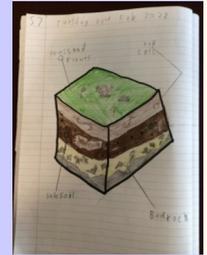
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Falcon Class:

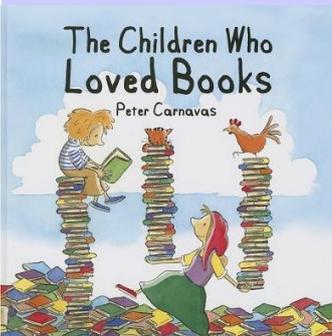
In Falcons Class this week the children have learned all about the different layers of soil and some of the processes that help create it. In Maths Year 3 have started their measurements unit and have recapped prior learning on using a ruler and measuring in cm, mm and M as well as converting between the different units of measurement. Year 4 are continuing work on fractions, by adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

Our Geography topic has started with a look at the Roman Empire and the modern day countries that it covered. The children have used an atlas to locate and name the countries by their Roman and modern terms. Our Design and Technology project has been introduced and the children have been evaluating some common designs, looking at what is good and bad about each before they design one of their own. They have also enjoyed their first gymnastics PE session using the fabulous hall equipment to complete a tiring circuit and presented their wonderful homework projects to the class.



Monday 28th February-Townhall

It will be great to see as many of you as possible at the Townhall the Deputy Commander will be holding at 7pm on Monday 28th February in the Oasis conservatory.



Library Books

Please can everyone have a good hunt for any overdue library books including checking if they have accidentally been returned to the MPC library rather than the school. Although any library expects a small number of books to be accidentally lost and damaged each year, there are currently, quite a few missing! We are not asking for these missing books to be replaced at the minute but is something that may need to be considered for the future.

Year 5 & 6 Residential:

Unfortunately, at the 11th hour, we have had to change the date of the Y5/6 residential trip to Bleaker Island.

The weather forecast is poor and additionally, upon completing the required pre-trip checks as per our risk assessment document, Mrs Stobart has been informed that the SARS will not be available during the evening/night of the 28th February, thereby making any emergency evacuation impossible.

We have re-arranged the visit to take place on Monday 14th March, returning to MPA on Tuesday 15th March.

We know that this will be disappointing news for the children attending, but hope you appreciate that everyone's safety has to be our first priority .

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Meadowlark Class:

ATIs give Meadowlark a day of exercise and teambuilding activities to remember.

On the last day of term before the half-term holidays, we were fortunate enough to take part in a whole day of sports activities to promote a healthy lifestyle in Year 5 & 6. We would like to thank Sgt Mark Rooney and Cpl Kyle Clements-Barnes for hosting a memorable day.



We have been doing algebra in Maths and looking at the book 'Who let the gods out' in English. We also made stands out of recycled pallets for our Endurance ships.

Lara C

This week was brilliant! I loved making the stand for my boat, writing a descriptive paragraph about Stonehenge and learning some algebra that I have never tried before.

Olivia P





Diary Dates

- **Thursday 3rd March-World Book day, dress as your favourite book character**
- Wednesday 9th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1715
- Thursday 10th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1800
- Monday 14th March-Years 5 & 6 residential to Bleaker Island (1 night)
- Friday 25th March - 1400 Event to showcase learning all parents of **children in Y1 to Y6 invited**
- Friday 25th March-1430 Musical performance and Leavers Assembly
- 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 1505 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 - Event to be decided
- Friday 24th June - Fixmas Eve event in school - details to follow
- Monday 11th July - Reports out to parents
- **Thursday 14th July-Nursery & FS1 Sports afternoon, 1430 in hall**
- Thursday 21st July - School finishes at 1300

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend from all at MPS.