

Dear Parents

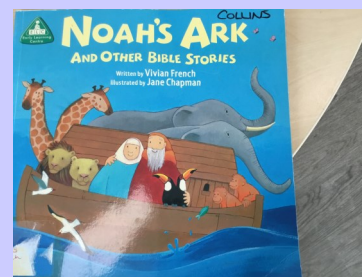
It was wonderful to see the inventive ways to wear blue and yellow today to show our support for Ukraine. We raised an amazing £130 from our non uniform day with many children also donating their pocket money. This is a fabulous amount from such a small school and it clearly demonstrates how the events in Ukraine are impacting us all.

As we speed towards the end of term we have our fingers crossed that the years 5 & 6 residential to Bleaker Island will go a head this time. We will keep year 5 & 6 parents informed as the date gets closer!

Thank you to the MET Office Team and Wg Cdr Gow for organising such fun and informative STEM activities for us all.

EYFS:

This week it has been STEM week. We have had the story 'Noah's Ark' as our book focus. We have been lucky to have some visitors in school this week including the MET Office and Wg Cdr Gow.



We have been retelling the story of Noah's Ark using pictures, words and small world. FS2 have been designing and making boats and rafts for salt dough animals which they tested in the water tray. All children have had the opportunity to use junk modelling materials. FS2 had the chance to explore chain reactions in the hall using wooden blocks.



Caracara Class:

This week Caracara Class have been reading the book 'Dragon Machine'. We went on a dragon hunt around the school and found dragons doing peculiar things, like hiding in cupboards and hanging from the TV screen! We wrote about how to spot a dragon using positional language and conjunctions. In maths, we've been busy learning about fractions.

We have been lucky enough to have the MET Office and Wg Cdr Gow come to speak to us about all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Here's a few comments about Wg Cdr Gow's session:

"My favourite thing was doing the tall tower and knocking them down. There was a chain reaction." Amelia



"I loved STEM because we learnt about chain reaction and we learnt about thrust, drag, weight and lift. We made the brick crash around a corner. One brick can knock other bricks over with force." Jacob

"We were doing STEM and we learnt drag, thrust, lift and weight. My favourite part was building a tower and the first rule was don't mix the bricks. Also, lift means up, thrust is forwards, drag means backwards and weight is down." Crisha

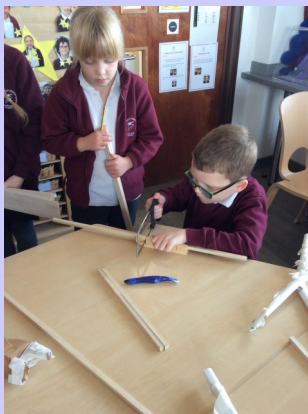


Newsletter

18th March 2022

Falcon Class:

What an exciting week Falcons have had! In DT we have almost completed our wooden catapult designs and have created quite a range of sizes and shapes. Luckily no injuries were had even though the children were wielding hammers and saws! Well done for being so thoughtful and careful this week. We have had a really exciting visit by Stanley's resident Geologist Emma Brookes who brought in a lot of different types of fossils, including fossilised poo and an Ichthyosaur spinal bone. Harold had one of his fossils identified as a Trilobite! We have also had some wonderful support from the MET Office and Wg Cdr Gow who have supported the school in running a STEM week where the children have learned about Tornados and about the forces involved in a chain reaction. The children were able to take part in a range of hands on activities that has brought STEM to life and made them aware of exciting opportunities for their learning in the future. The children loved the activities and we truly appreciate the time and effort that the volunteers put in and the support they have shown the school. A big thank you to you all.



Meadowlark Class:

This week was FUN! We had Stem day on Thursday and finished the rigging on our ships. We were also fortunate enough to meet with a local geologist, who talked about the fascinating rock formations in the Falklands. We're going to show our ships next week. I hope our parents like them.

Luke S.

This week we took part in a workshop with a geologist where she talked about fossils. Yesterday we had an exciting STEM session with the Supreme, Inter-galactic, Wing Commander Gow. Did you know that 'STEM' stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths? I really enjoyed learning about forces like weight, lift and how a force can be multiplied.

Eliza C.





Diary Dates

- **Monday 21st March- 1400 Celebration of learning for KS1 & KS2**
- **Monday 21st March-1430 Musical performance in hall- Parents invited**
- **Tuesday 22nd March-1530 Dance performance for parents of children in Dance Club**
- **Wednesday 23rd March-1000 Leavers Assembly**
- **Thursday 24th & Friday 25th-Yr 5 & 6 residential trip to Bleaker Island**
- **Thursday 31st March - School finishes for Easter at 1300**
- **Tuesday 19th April - School starts for children**
- **Tuesday 26th April- Charity Quiz night for Ukraine- 1700-1800**
- **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 - MPS will join the events in Stanley**
- **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**

We hope that the weather is kind to you all this weekend and you manage to get out and about exploring from all at MPS

Term Dates

Mount Pleasant School

Year 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

First day of term	Monday 29 th August
Half Term	Monday 17 th October to Friday 21 st October
Last day of term	Thursday 8 th December

Spring Term 2023

First day of term	Tuesday 3 rd January
Half term	Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February
Last day of term	Thursday 06 th April

Summer Term 2023

First day of term	Tuesday 25 th April
Half term	Monday 05 th June to Friday 09 th June
Last day of term	Thursday 20 th July