

Dear Parents

This term has ended with much to celebrate, we are very proud of the children at MPS and how determined they are to do their very best. A term of fantastic learning has been completed which has seen all children making good progress. I am sure the recent parents evenings and mid-year reports highlight this, as well as explaining the next steps for your child.

Today we enjoyed an Easter egg hunt which created a real buzz, with each child being rewarded with a small bag of Easter eggs.



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Charlie Sidwick - Year 6

Meadowlark visits Bleaker Island: A residential to remember!

After several frustrating delays and postponements, Year 5 & 6 Meadowlark eventually had the exciting opportunity to go on a residential trip for an overnight stay to Bleaker Island on the 24th March.

Everyone was so excited about the trip that one enthusiastic student even brought his pyjamas and hiking boots to school, a day before the trip, ready to jump on the F.I.G.A.S. (Britten-Norman BN-2B Islander airplane)

The whole aim of the trip was to build resilience, independence and to have fun with friends. We also had the opportunity to do our bit for the Falklands local environment, by planting tussock grass to combat erosion along the coastline of Bleaker.

Activities were planned for the duration of our stay and students were divided into groups that had to do all the cooking and cleaning. We went on a long hike to Sandy Beach, explored the local beach for sea urchins and were fortunate enough to see a colony of Rockies!

For our night-time entertainment, we had a very talented line-up for 'Mount Pleasant's Got Talent' with singing from Les Misérables and stand-up comedians telling funny jokes. We also had a Bleaker general knowledge quiz, which Rebecca Donald and Charlie Dunn won. After hot chocolate with marshmallows, everyone went to bed, exhausted from a full day of activities.

Meadowlark visits Bleaker Island: A residential to remember! Continued.

Going to school should be about creating memorable learning experiences... those memories that you think back to fondly when you were at school! Listening to our children talk about their experience; they will hopefully look back to their time at Mount Pleasant Primary in years to come and still talk about their time on Bleaker Island.



"My favourite part of the trip was the tussock planting, because it was really enjoyable to be doing something that was good for the environment and fun at the same time!"

Lara Chohan - Year 6



"Even though this is my first residential trip, it is one that I will remember for years. I just enjoyed spending time with my friends, taking care of the environment and seeing different wildlife in their habitats. We are all very thankful that Mr Blom and Mrs Dunn planned this all for us."

Olivia Petley - Year 6

"The residential to Bleaker Island was definitely the best ever. Most of year five and six got to go:

*Plant tussock * Fly in a F.I.G.A.S *Go on a very long hike * Have the best time ever! * See penguins

Zach Pummell - Year 6



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Newsletter

31st March 2022

Enrichment clubs: Thank you to all staff who ran a club this term, your support in making enrichment clubs possible and in the giving of your time is truly appreciated. Snippets from a few of this terms clubs.

Art Club:

A big thank you to all the children that took part in art club this term. They have made wonderful pieces including stained glass windows, lanterns, puppets, paintings and pictures. They have used a variety of skills including colour mixing, blending pastels, sewing, designing and constructing. We have looked at artists such as Mondrian, Matisse and Miro.



Science Club:

This term in science club, we have investigated;

Chemical Reactions by making film canister rockets

Archimedes Principle by making heavy things float and light things sink. We have also made our very own lava lamps.

Forces of attraction by making magnetic slime

Does light travel in curved lines? By making light boxes to see what is inside and creating shadow puppets.

Light refraction by making magic colour changing pictures

Can water walk? By investigating how water can travel from one cup to another without being poured!



Lego Club: Was a great hit with lots of technical know how!



Leavers Assembly 23rd March 2022:

Today we said goodbye to three members of our school community. Millie and Charlie confidently gave great presentations on all things to do with Guernsey and the things they have enjoyed in the Falklands. We also said goodbye to Mrs Bale one of our committed and hardworking LSA's who has given so much of herself to the school and our families. We shall miss you all, although I am sure I will bump into the Bale family regularly during trips to Stanley.



Diary Dates

- **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**

Relax and make the most of the Easter break, if you are not up to your elbows in packing!

I know that I am looking forward to seeing my daughters and family (fingers crossed) with a trip back to the UK, the first for me in 14 months. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 19th April 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