

Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to be back in school this week and to see the calm and purposeful atmosphere with a real buzz of children learning. A particular mention must go to our Year 6 children who are busy preparing for year 6 SATS next week and are now, as ready as they can be for these. I know that each of these children will shine and try their very best.

We are delighted that on the third attempt **Mr Rowland Bucknill Assistant Chief Education Officer, Rest of the World, Defence Children Services (ACEO ROW DCS)** will be visiting MPS next week, airbridge permitting. Staff are looking forward to sharing the work of the school with him. Mr Bucknill and I will be around at the entrance to the school at the start and end of the day at various times, so please come and say hello. We would also like to invite parents to a Parent Forum discussion on **Thursday 12th May at 1430-1500** we look forward to seeing you then.

The Value for May is 'perseverance', we will be looking at how we have to work at and practise things even if we are good at things.

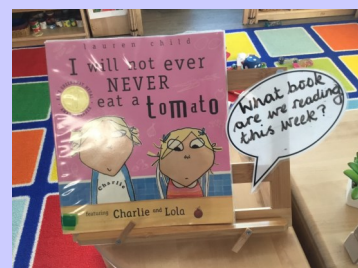
This week

In EYFS:

During the topic 'people that help us' we have had a focus on being a chef. The role play corner has been set up like a shop to select the groceries needed to prepare meals. We have enjoyed messy play with coloured spaghetti and bread painting.

FS2 have been using the text 'I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato' to support their learning when writing labels for food, shopping lists and story telling.

We have all enjoyed using the outside area so much this week.





In Caracara Class:

This week Caracaras have been very busy comparing the weight of objects. They have been able to explain how they know if an item is heavier or lighter than other items and that when two items 'balance' the weight/mass is equal.

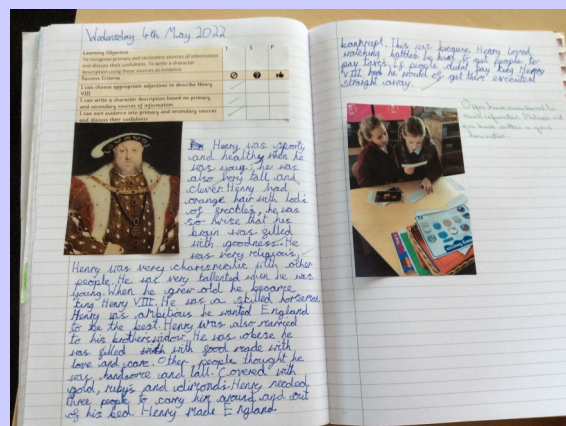


Our Caracara family trees were very interesting, causing quite a stir with discussions about brothers, sisters and cousins; talking about the names of older family members added extra fascination and a really lovely touch to the activity. Thank you to parents who supported us in this. The history of 'coronation chicken/Quorn sandwiches' has been on the 'menu' this week so we are all looking forward to creating our special sandwich!



In Falcon Class:

This week, the children have been learning about Henry VIII and how he changed over his reign. The children wrote a character description based on information from both primary and secondary sources. In Art we have started to design our own illuminated letters, looking at colour, line and shape and we have experimented with different shading techniques. In Maths, Year 3 have continued their excellent learning about fractions and are now adding fractions with the same denominator whilst Year 4 have been using a calculator to solve multi step money word problems. In English we have been concentrating on our writing technique, punctuation, spelling and general presentation skills by recapping our SPAG from prior learning before we continue with our Tudor character descriptions. The children have enjoyed tinkering with the series circuits, building different models and experimenting with incomplete and complete circuits, looking at the correct names for the components and making predictions based on their learning last week. They have also created a human circuit and static electricity which proved to be a popular activity.



In Meadowlark Class:

I was another extremely busy week for Year 6 between practising for their SATs, having breaks with biscuits and 'insulting' each other with SPAG terminology.

Our Year 5's had a hands-on week during Maths, estimating, measuring and then converting different units of measurement.

In English, we analysed a balanced argument and looked at the different features that constitute an excellent piece of writing. Do you know the difference between your modal verbs, causal conjunctions and adverbials for opposing views?



The Queen's Jubilee Event 27th May:

Our plans for the Queens Jubilee event on Friday 27th May are taking shape and we warmly invite families and friends who live in SFA Accommodation to this event.

Children and guests are encouraged to wear red, white and blue to school that day.

At around 1310 the school will be walking to the Flagpole outside CBF's house to gather and sing the National Anthem and to make the Number 70. Families and friends are welcome to join us around the Flagpole, and then return with us for a Tea Party in the school Hall.

As part of these celebrations there will be a short display of country dancing and we will be judging the school based Queens's Commonwealth Baton Relay Competition and announcing the winners. The entries for this competition will be completed in school.



Please can you let the school office know if you are intending to attend by phoning 3191 or by email to dave.crofts@modschools.org





The Queen's Commonwealth Baton Relay BFSAI Event 6th June 2022:

Although not a school day we are excited to be supporting this event and will be arranging transport for children in FS2 - Year 6 who wish to attend. Please can you let the school office

know if your children are able to attend. Please can children wear school uniform and be at the entrance to the school with coats at 1615.

For those of you with children in the Nursery and FS1 we do hope that parents will be able to attend with their children and meet us up in the Hangar. The nature of this event means that there will be some time spent standing waiting with the rest of the community.



Diary Dates

- **Week 9th May - Mr Rowland Bucknill in school ACEO ROW DCS**
- **Week 9th May - KS2 SATS**
- **Throughout May - Year 2 Assessments**
- **Thursday 12th May - 1430 Parent Forum, parents are invited to a discussion with Mrs Stobart & Mr Bucknill**
- **Friday 27th May - An early school Queens Platinum Jubilee event for family and friends in the SFA community**
- **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**
- **Monday 6th June - 1615 children in FS2- Year 6 to meet at entrance to school to travel to Timmy's Hangar for BFSAI Queen's Commonwealth Baton Relay Event**
- **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**
- **Monday 29th August - New School Year starts for children**

Wishing you all a restful weekend from all at MPS.