

Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter
17th June 2022

Dear Parents

It was a humbling, informative and joyous day on Tuesday 14th June when we travelled down to the city of Stanley to take part in the 40th anniversary act of remembrance to commemorate the lives of those who died in the liberation of the Falkland Islands in 1982. The children were amazing and we were proud to take part in such an important and historic event. After an eventful journey down with a change of coach due to a break down, we quickly found a place to watch the parade and listen to the act of remembrance. The children also enjoyed exploring the hall and playgrounds of the Infant and Junior School which we were kindly able to use for the day. Then in the afternoon we were fortunate enough to visit the museum to look at the new 1982 exhibits as well as old favourite displays.



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In EYFS: Such another busy week for us! Our theme for the next few weeks is space. This week, we have been reading the book 'Here Come The Aliens' as a focus for our learning. The space travel agent role play area has been popular.

FS2 have been describing and creating their own crazy aliens. In maths the children have been using 2d and 3d shapes to make space ships and rockets. They have been naming and describing the features of the shapes.



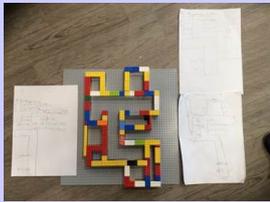
FS1 have enjoyed talking about similarities and differences between the aliens in the story. They have also been making junk model aliens.



We had a great time in Stanley on Tuesday for Liberation Day. The children stood so smartly for the parade. We had lunch at IJS and then went to the museum in the afternoon. They were all very well behaved.



In Caracara Class: It's been another busy week for Caracara Class! In English, we wrote thank-you letters to the Falkland Islands Government to say thank you for our 40th anniversary coins. Maths lessons saw us problem solving in the context of money (especially making amounts with coins). It was challenging at times as the problems required more than one answer. Our understanding of plans in geography has developed as we enjoyed drawing a plan of the school and then making this in 3D using Lego. And, of course, who could forget our trip to Stanley for Liberation Day! The parade and the trip to the museum were memorable.



In Falcon Class: This week in Falcons Class the children have been putting the finishing touches to their fabulous illuminated lettering art designs which have really come to life. In Maths, all of the children have really excelled in their learning of angles and they have all been able to compare, order and identify acute, obtuse and right angles with some moving on to reflex angles and drawing accurate angles using a protractor. In English, the children have been looking at ways to add depth to their characters by describing how the characters react to events which will really bring their stories to life and help the reader empathise with the story characters. Next week in science, the children will be moving onto the topic of sound where they will learn all about vibrations. Have a lovely weekend everyone.





Meadow Lark Class:

On Tuesday, we had the 40th commemoration of the Falklands conflict; it was great to see our Armed Forces in action with the Royal Marine band, contributing to the remembrance ceremony. Visiting the museum was another highlight, especially walking through the Falklands Conflict exhibition. Seeing the Remembrance wall was a poignant reminder



of why we are here - Lest we forget.

In Maths for Year 5; we looked at how data is transferred to line-graphs, 2-way data tables and how to analyse statistics from various different sources.

Our Year 6's are making good progress with their real-life Maths project to plan and book their ultimate family holiday. They are currently planning their 10-day itinerary, booking activities and meals on a strict budget. I think it is a real eye-opener for many of my students to see how much planning and Maths skills are needed to plan a holiday!

In English, we have been gathering facts last week about different island destinations on the Falklands. This week, each student created a persuasive leaflet about their chosen island to convince people to visit their favourite destination.



In Science, we are learning about electricity this term. As part of our topic, we will create a model Meadowlark 'settlement' where our houses will be powered by wind-turbines. Each student received a 'plot of land' and planned their ultimate house, completed with chicken coops and horse stables to name but a few exciting features!



Leavers:

We had to say another goodbye this week - all the best to the Chohan's on the next leg of their travels to Norway. Lara and Anna you will be missed next year and remember to send us photos of polar bears

Mid-Winter Event in School

On Friday 24th June we will be holding a Mid winter event for the children at 1430pm. The children will be encouraged to participate in a mid winter run/walk around the field in their PE kit followed by hot chocolate and stories back at school. We are looking for parent volunteers to help make the hot chocolate and to share stories, so if you are able to support us please let Dave or Andy know in the office by Wednesday 22nd June.

Diary Dates

- **Friday 24th June - Mid-Winter event in school - details above**
- **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 relaxing weekend and enjoy the mid winter swim! From all at MPS