

Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Dear Parents

We are now hurtling towards the end of term with many families departing in the next few weeks and a few new families joining us. It is really hard to believe that we have nearly completed the academic year! The children have been amazing at helping us move rooms ready for the new academic year and are now happily established in the new room locations.

I have been really impressed with the focused learning this week a taste of which is shared below.

In EYFS: This week we have been continuing our space theme.

FS2 children have been reading the ebook 'Silver Foil Rocket' independently on the computer. They have all made their own silver foil rockets and decorated them. In English, the children have been writing lists of materials that they needed to make their rockets and instructions explaining how to make a silver foil rocket. We have been using the chime bars in music to accompany the song 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom' and 'Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer'. We have also been exploring magnets and using the words such as 'attract' and 'repel'. As part of transition the FS1 children have been working alongside FS2 children and exploring the resources in the new classroom.

The nursery children have continued to practise fine motor skills by painting using very narrow brushes on tin foil whilst exploring metallic paint colours to create space rockets. They then glued on small pieces of shiny paper to decorate our space structures. The book 'Meg and Mog' on the Moon has become a clear favourite and we have been acting out what happens and making lots of wonderful voice sounds to accompany our actions. Re-reading this book most days has produced some wonderful discussion from the children using their knowledge and understanding.











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In Caracara Class:

The Caracaras have had a great time learning how to wet felt this week. Before we could wet felt, we had to think about the word 'detail' and create our designs so that they did not have too much detail on them as this would not work for wet felting. When creating our wet felt we had to look closely at our designs which had a focus of either commemorating the 40th anniversary or the Falklands landscape. We all managed to be successful in completing our work and are very proud of our accomplishments. In English we've been writing our own version of 'Tadpole's Promise'. In maths we've enjoyed problem solving where there has been more than one possibility for the answer and learning to double and half numbers to 20 and write explanations about the patterns that we see when carrying out these processes.













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In Falcon Class: This week, Falcons Class have been continuing their sound learning by carrying out an investigation to see how sound travels and what can make it easier to hear it. The children tried cupping their hands around their 'pinna's' and then listening with cones. They then discussed the differences and wrote up their investigations. They were also lucky enough to visit MPA Power Plant where the wonderful staff explained to them how electricity is produced for use in their homes and on station. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and it really brought their electricity science topic to life. A big thank you to all those involved.







Falcon's have been talking about their transitions to new homes and new classes and discussing the changes in feelings that they have and how to manage them. They have been making door notices for when they might be angry, or frustrated as they realised that they may need time to calm down alone. The other side tells people when it is safe to enter!

Maths has moved on to adding and subtracting weight in Kg and g where the children have converted between the two measures and then used strategies to solve problems.

Meadowlark Class:

In Meadowlark, we had some incredible fun this week. In English, we have been looking at The

Tempest by William Shakespeare and made a poster, trying to convince people not go to the bewitched island without name. On Wednesday, KS2 went to the new power station and we also had a look at the control

room of the old power station. Did you know that the old power station was built in 1984 and was supposed to provide electricity to MPC for only twenty years.

We were all really sad on Thursday in Meadowlark as it was Mrs Dunn's last day.

- Zach

This week has been awesome. We went to the old and new power station and learned that an engine turns with an alternator which turns a magnet that provides electricity for our houses, air traffic control, the mess, etc. We also experimented with electric circuits; we went on this computer program-its quite cool-and made online circuits. This week was the best last full week on the Falklands before I leave.

-Luke





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Values: Don't forget to email in any comments on the 7 revised values Kindness, Respect, Friendship, Perseverance, Courage, Honesty and Achievement. By 8th July.

Staff Leavers:

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Elena Clark, Berny Pummell, Laura Dunn and Jenny Gow this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support and hard work with all the children of MPS, School will be a different place without you all, but I know you will all continue to shine in all your new locations around the world. We will truly miss you.



Library books: Please return all school library books by Monday 4th July so Mrs Sancho can do a stock take before she leaves the Falkland Islands on the 8th July.

Falkland Islands Tourist board Competition:

We are delighted that Eliza won the Falkland Island Tourist Board (MPC) school Competition for a Social media Post on Falkland Islands birds. We are looking forward to hearing about how she enjoys her prize of a trip to her chosen Falklands location.. Well done also to Cruz, Crisha and Willow for receiving a runners up prize.





Diary Dates

- Thursday 7th July Leavers assembly at 10:00 (Holmes -Sancho)
- Friday 8th July leavers Assembly at 10:00 (Dunn's and Pummell's)
- Monday 11th July-Reports out to parents
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- Thursday 14th July Leavers Assembly at 10:00 (Clark's)
- Thursday 14th July Nursery & FS1 Sports afternoon, 1430 in hall
- Monday 18th July- 10:00 Leavers Assembly (Dickenson's, Lord's, Gow's, Petley's)
- Thursday 21st July School finishes at 1300