

Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter 8th July 2022

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that it is now under two weeks to the end of term and the end of the school year. School has had a big move around ready for the new year and with children leaving and arriving the school already feels guite a different place.

We are very proud of the learning and progress the children have achieved this year and I would like to thank parents for their continued support. We wish those of you who are leaving all the best for your new adventures and look forward to welcoming old and new families back to MPS at the end of August for a new school year.

In EYFS:



This week it has been Shakespeare week and we have been learning all about the story The Tempest. We watched the version from the CBeebies website. We found out the story was set in Italy and made Italian flags using multilink cubes. We have acted out the story in full costume for the younger nursery

children, drawn ships and painted them using watercolour paints, used the small world, created storm music using per-

cussion instruments, made our own ships using construction and used the parachute in PE to create storm waves.

This week in nursery the children had fun exploring and playing in the newly arranged classroom. We have had lots of dressing up clothes out and the children have listened to the Tempest on CBeebies. The children particularly loved playing on the indoor climbing frame and with the wet sand! We had a go at process art - first painting and then drawing over or sticking things on top. As always we sang a lot of movement songs and read plenty of stories.









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In Caracara Class:

Caracaras have been busy learning about the Tempest this week. We've had fun finding out about the main characters in the play. We acted out scenes by miming and invited the years 5 and 6 to come and watch so that they could guess which part of the play we were performing. We also enjoyed listening to Meadowlark's writing. In art we have learnt to colour mix so that we could create the storm from the Tempest. As you can see the backgrounds are complete and we are moving onto a little more detail today. In maths, we've been focusing on adding and subtracting using either equipment or a blank number line as an aid.



In Falcon Class:

In Falcons Class this week, we said goodbye to both Sofia and Jake who are both off to exciting adventures in sunny Cyprus. We wish them all the best in their next class and they will be greatly missed.

Our learning has focussed on planning an historical narrative this week. The children have created characters who will be off on a journey to persuade King Henry to give them the job of their dreams. In Maths, year 4 have been doing some consolidation on division word problems and Year 3 have been recapping their reading of scales to measure weight and capacity. In Science the children have learned all about Concorde and why things can be described as supersonic. They have investigated which objects can best demonstrate that the speed of sound is slower than the speed of light. In Geography, they have been giving driving directions on UK roads using road numbers and the eight points of a compass and comparing how much easier it is to give directions on the Falkland Islands. Art has produced some fantastic portraits of the Kings and Queens and they demonstrate just how much the children have developed their artistic skills throughout the year.









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Leavers and Arrivals: This week, we said a very sad goodbye to three families who have been part of MPS for a number of years. We wish Luke and Sofia, Jake and Charlie all the best in Cyprus and Tilly, Ben and Zach all the very best in the UK. MPS simply will not be the same without you.

We also said farewell to Mrs Sancho. We will greatly miss her support and expertise, particularly in the teaching of Spanish, her work on supporting transition and the organisation of the library. Thank you for all you have brought to MPS.

We also welcomed Freya and Miles to MPS.

In Meadowlark Class:



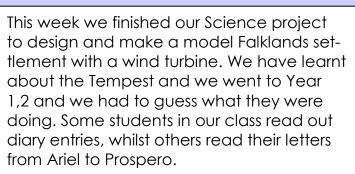


This week we have finished our wind turbine project. The project was challenging but we all have persevered and made it to the finish line. In English, we have written a diary entry as Ferdinand and Miranda from 'The Tempest' and had to read it out to the Caracaras from Year 1 & 2. The Caracaras entertained us with their acting where we had to guess their freeze frames.

We also had to say good bye to Luke,

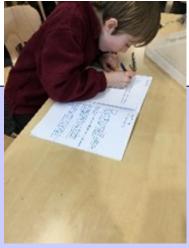
Sofia & Mrs Sancho this week.

Eliza -Year 5



Since it was Zach, Luke and Charlie's last Monday at MPS, they could choose which sport they wanted to play for their final PE lesson. They chose cricket - Charlie Dunn and I were the top scorers, whilst Olivia took the catch of the day.

We were all sad because it was the Sancho's last day this week. Good luck! By William Clark





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Teachers and classes for Next year 2022-23:

Mrs Stobart - Headteacher

Mrs Summers — Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Blom will be the teacher in Plover Class (Nursery / Two year old room) whilst we complete the recruitment of a new teacher

Mrs Collins will be the teacher in Albatross Class (FS1 and FS2)

Mrs Hill will be the teacher in Caracara Class (Years 1 and 2)

Mrs Grindlay will be the teacher in Falcon Class (Years 3 and 4)

Mr Blom will be the teacher in Meadowlark Class (Years 5 & 6)



Diary Dates

- Monday 11th July Leavers assembly at 10:15 (Gallimore's)
- Monday 11th July Reports out to parents
- 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
- Monday 29th August New School Year starts for children

If your leaving date changes please let the school know, so we can ensure we have your child's leaving assembly prepared.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend from all at MPS