

### Newsletter 12th September 2022

#### Dear parents

On Thursday, we were deeply saddened to hear the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She faithfully served the nation during her reign as Sovereign. Thank you for joining us on Friday as we remembered the Queen and her life of service and loyalty.

Following the announcement of the details of the state funeral, Mount Pleasant School will be closed on Monday 19th September to give everyone the opportunity

to appropriately mourn the queens passing.



**In Plover Class:** This week the children enjoyed looking at the book 'Carlo likes colours'.

We made beautiful Abstract- and Rainbow collages in art. In Music and movement the children experimented

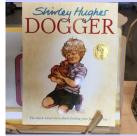
playing loud and quiet sounds on the xylophones and danced with bells and ribbons! We have been developing our hand-eye coordina-

tion, as well as fine motor skills, by scooping and pouring sand using various spoons and containers, some with lids on.









#### In Albatross Class:

This week our text focus has been Dogger by Shirley Hughes. We created a fair in the classroom for launchpad and we hope you enjoyed playing the games inspired by the book with your child.

Throughput this past week, FS children have been answering questions about the story, drawing pictures of Dogger, making cards for the char-

acter Dave, exploring colour mixing in messy play, using tools to make marks inside and outside. We have had a role play shop in our classroom this week which has encouraged lots of talking and marking making of shopping lists.



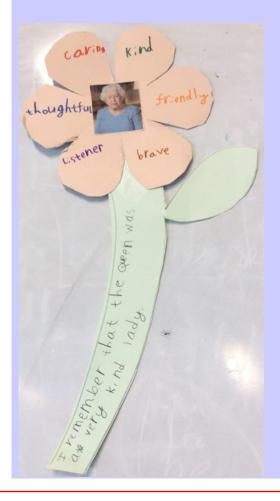


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**In Caracara Class:** Caracara class enjoyed spending time with their parents and appreciated everyone coming in to work with them. Thank you! We created some lovely flowers which will be put on display











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### In Falcon Class:

In Falcons Class this week the children have been working hard towards completing their revision of place value concepts and moving towards dealing with larger numbers. They have been challenging themselves by competing to complete the reasoning and problem solving challenges which moves them up the 'Beat the Supervillain' ladder, ultimately working towards becoming a superhero mathematician. They have learned all about the structure of Saxon society and how the different social classes interacted with each other and are looking forward to next weeks Viking Invasion. In PSHE we have looked at what makes us happy and we have drawn our 'Find your Happy' pictures so that when we feel a little sad we can remind ourselves of the cheerful things in our lives and the things that make us laugh.







Our launchpad event was focussed on creating a timeline of important stages in the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Our display has brought together the work of both the KS1 and KS2 children and they have made a wonderful tribute to Her Majesty.





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#### In Meadowlark Class:

It is with great sadness that we heard about the passing of the Queen. She was a beacon of hope, kindness and stability and will be missed by millions of people around the world. Thank you to all the parents who joined us at Launchpad to help with creating a KS2 timeline of Her Majesty's remarkable life through the decades.



The Queen meant a lot to me. She was the longest reigning monarch and it was a pleasure to be one of her subjects. - Eliza Collins She listened and paid attention to people. - Logan Keenahan

\*words generated by Year 3-6 pupils, artwork created by Lara Chohan (ex-year 6 pupil)

#### Swimming:

Children in FS2—Year 6 will be swimming from the 16th September on Friday afternoons. The first week will be an assessment week and then the children will be grouped accordingly. There will be one KS2 group and one FS2 and KS1 group. The children will be bused to and from the pool and will be back at school for the end of the day.

#### Dates for your Diary until Easter

- Monday 12th September- 1st Stay and Play sessions starts for pre nursery children and their parent /carers 1400-1500
- Tuesday 13th September Clubs Start 1505-1600
- Wednesday 12th October Parents Evening 1515-1715
- Thursday 13th October Parents Evening 1600-1800
- Monday 17th October Friday 21st October Half Term
- Monday 17th October Inset day for teachers
- Friday 11th November Remembrance Event & Timings to be confirmed
- Friday 18th November Children in Need Events TBC
- Friday 18th November Join your child in Celebrating their learning timings TBC
- Monday 28th November Christmas Decorations that we have made hanging on tree Event at 1415
- Friday 2nd December Christmas Production at 1400
- Wednesday 7th December Christingle in the school hall at 1415
- Thursday 8th December School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 3rd December School starts for children
- Thursday 12th January Join your child in Learning/Launchpad at 1415
- Friday 20th January Sports Afternoon for FS2 Year 6 1330
- Monday 20th February Friday 24th February Half Term
- Thursday 2nd March World Book Day details TBC
- Thursday 9th March Celebration of Learning class events at 1415
- Wednesday 29th March Parents Evening 1515-1715
- Thursday 30th March Parents Evening 1600-1800
- Thursday 6th April School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 25th April School Starts for children

Our thoughts are with the whole community at this sad time as we mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II.