

# Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter  
16th September 2022

## Dear parents

It has been another busy week in school with the children really focused on their learning. It has been great to see the new School Council elected and to begin to working together for the benefit of all children in the school. Congratulations to Eliza (Chair), Logan (Vice Chair), Jemima (Secretary), Eleanor (Publicist), Alfie and Dirk Pieter.

On Monday 19th September MPS is closed for the public holiday for the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The values for this half term are **Friendship** and **Kindness** and we have been exploring these values in class, in assemblies through stories, songs and activities based on these themes.



**In Plover Class:** Our Nursery Rhyme focus this week was 'Incy Wincy Spider'. We incorporated the rhyme throughout our play on Monday and Tuesday (luckily for us it rained on Tuesday so our spiders 'could go up and wash out the spout' during our outside play!)

On Wednesday the children's interest shifted to the 'Animal Boogie' songbook. We read it, sang it, danced along to it and acted it out. We all had a lot of fun! Our focussed art activity this week was clay sculptures inspired by Dale Chihuly! We have put them proudly on display in the classroom.





## In Albatross Class:

This week we have been reading the book 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat'.

In the outside area, we have been exploring which items float and which sink, mark making using chalks and water and role playing going on a long journey. Inside, we have made rings out of pipe cleaners, used junk modelling to make guitars, created water colour paintings, described different types of boats, used owl puppets and even tasted quince jam.

In phonics, FS2 have been learning the letters g,o,c and k and have been practising letter formation.



## In Caracara Class:

Caracara Class have been learning about materials this week. We have sorted materials according to the type or the properties and have enjoyed using metal detectors to find objects made out of metal. This led to a discussion about different types of metals. We have also been learning to weave; last week we weaved paper and we used this skill to weave wool to make a bowl.

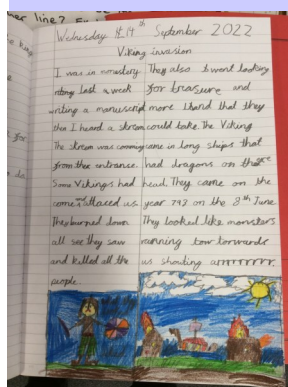
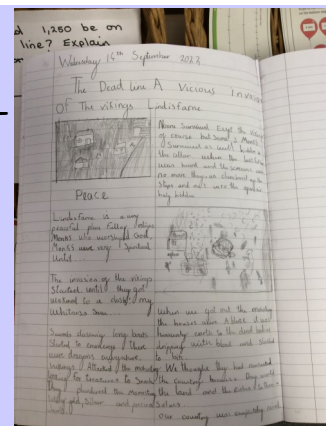




## In Falcon Class:

The children in Falcons class are settling nicely into their new routine and have impressed me with their general attitude towards completing their work this week. In maths they have continued with their Place Value recap and have been looking at placing numbers on number lines to 1,000 and 10,000 and partitioning these numbers in different ways. They have been using equipment to help them to work out the different groupings that can be made. In English, we have been looking at making adjectives into adverbs by adding the suffix 'ly' and learning the different rules depending on which letter the word ending has. We have also started to look at making interesting sentences using fronted adverbials to indicate the time and

manner in which an event is occurring. In history, the children learned how the Vikings invaded Lindisfarne in Northumbria and have written a newspaper report chronicling their experience as a very lucky monk who escaped the carnage. The children are also looking forward to starting their swimming lessons this afternoon and excitement is high!



## In Meadowlark Class:

Maths this week, we started with our topic on the four calculations; we looked at adding and subtracting numbers bigger than 4 - digits, and used and applied our knowledge to solve addition and subtraction multi-step word problems.

In English, we wrote a diary entry from the perspective of one of our characters, using adverbials of time, emotive language and informal language. We also learnt how to use parenthesis (brackets, dashes, commas) to add extra information and be more descriptive when describing a scene or a character.

In Science, we made a light - catcher to investigate how light is reflected off of different coloured surfaces and in History we continued to look at the effect of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WW on the Homefront in the UK.



### **Swimming:**

The first swimming session was a great success this afternoon with the children now all assessed and ready for their lessons to start next week. We are incredibly lucky to have such a great facility to use again. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Grindlay for all her hard work in preparing for school swimming sessions to start again.



### **Dates for your Diary until Easter**

- **MONDAY 19th September - Public Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
- **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 January - 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**

**Wishing you all a quiet, reflective and peaceful long weekend as we remember her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from all at MPS.**