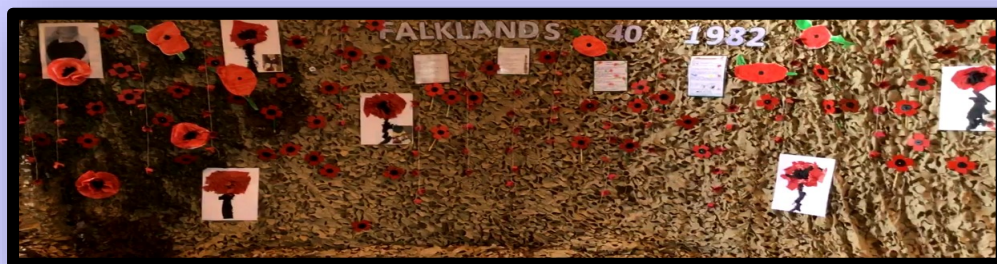


Dear Parents

My goodness the term is gathering pace with so much going on in school and around base. I think we will all be in need of a good rest by the Christmas break!

Please see below the article submitted to DCS following our recent involvement in Timmy's Hangar with the 1982 veterans.

131 Veterans (and their next of kin) of the 1982 Falkland Conflict visit the Children of MPS.



On Remembrance Day, the staff and children of Mount Pleasant Primary School were incredibly proud and honoured to be involved in the visit by 131 veterans of the 1982 Falklands conflict in this 40th anniversary year. For many of the veterans and family members it was their first visit to the islands since the conflict and was proving to be an emotional rollercoaster.

In what was an inspiring, thought provoking and amazing afternoon the children worked alongside veterans to talk about their experiences whilst making, signing, painting and displaying wooden poppies. The veterans spoke of their appreciation that the Falklands War was taught to the children and that their sacrifices were remembered, recognised and not forgotten. Many of the veterans spent time carefully reading the lettering on the display where all the names of the fallen were inscribed and poignantly pointing out when they found the name of a loved one or of one of their friends.

Many of the veterans spoke movingly of their experiences forty years ago and how the visit was enabling closure after all these years.

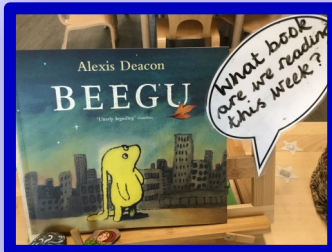


In Plover Class:

Another brilliantly fun week down in Nursery!

We played with colours again, this time colour mixing. We started with shaving foam and used the pipettes to drop different colours into the foam. We then mixed it all up to see what new colours we could make. Our nursery rhyme focus was '1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive'. We did fun spray painting activities - large scale outside with paint-filled water guns and inside with a spray bottle, string and a stencil. We practised our cutting skills, scooping and pouring skills and sorted different shapes. A fun highlight was when we made playdough together by following pictorial instructions and the children got to take some home.



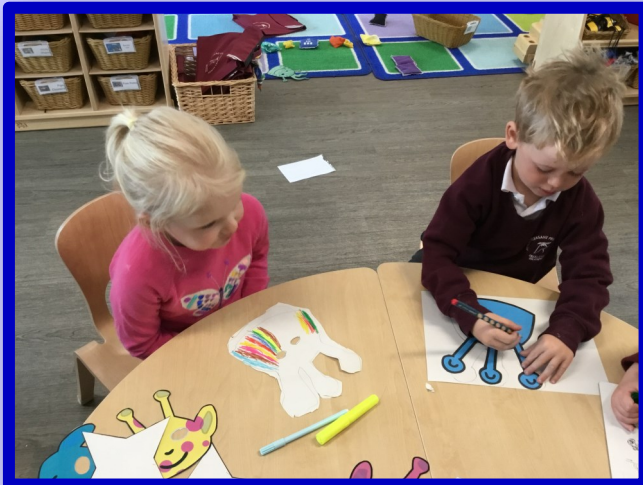


In Albatross Class:

We have had another super busy week in Albatross class. This week we have been focusing on the book 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. This is a tale about an alien that becomes stranded on earth when his spaceship suddenly breaks down.

The story is all about Beegus search for friendship on earth and the struggles that he faces when doing so...FS2 children have been writing sentences and drawing pictures to show their understanding of the story.

We have been making and decorating our own flying saucers. We practised using a stapler to join paper and card. We had great fun making them fly on the field. We found out that Lottie's flying saucer went the furthest. We have made alien masks and acted out the rhyme 'Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer'. In maths we have been finding one more and one less.



In Caracara Class:

Caracara class have been out and about this week! We've learnt to read basic symbols on a map, use simple compass directions and orientate a map accurately so that we could go on a scavenger hunt! Thank you to Sgt Aurona Lloyd (Leigh) and Johnny from the Outdoor Adventure Unit (Hillside) for all your work in organising this event. We have also been out by the school searching for the type of area dandelions like to grow in and comparing the flowering stage with the seed stage of the plant.



Children in Need:

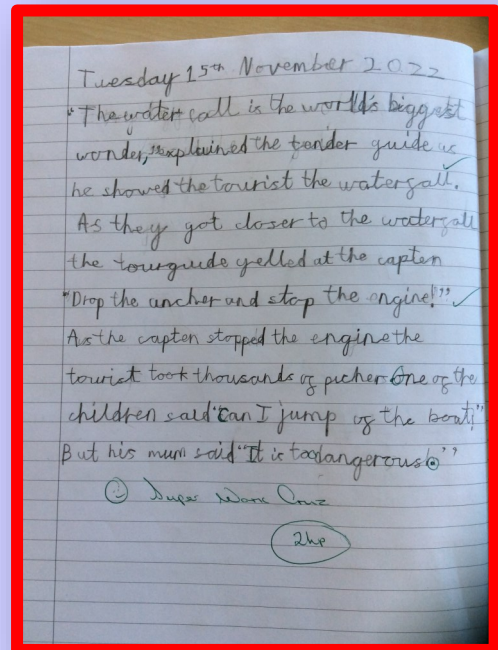
Thank you all for your kind donations for Children in Need we raised an amazing £67.40. Well done everyone!



Newsletter

18th November 2022

In Falcon Class: In Falcon Class this week, the children have been learning how to punctuate speech correctly using inverted commas. They have written a short diary entry containing speech, relating to a visit to one of the world's natural wonders. In maths they have been concentrating on times tables, learning the different techniques and methods to solve missing number problems and fast recall of facts. The children have also been learning their lines and songs for the upcoming Christmas production as well as practising their country dance for the Community Day tomorrow.



In Meadowlark Class:

In maths this week, we learnt how to multiply and divide fractions, including mixed numbers.

In English, we continued with our unit of work on writing a flashback narrative. We looked at how transitional phrases and triggers are used to move from the present state to past state and vice versa. In SpaG we looked at the different uses of hyphens and how to use it correctly in our writing.

We don't necessarily have the numbers in Meadowlark, but we do have talent! I would like to congratulate Eliza for achieving a 3rd place for painting and a first prize for felting, with Logan achieving a 1st place for sewing a cushion at the Falkland Craft Exhibition. Well done Eliza and Logan!



Royal Gurkha Rifles Piper and Bugler/Drummer visit to MPS

On Tuesday morning we were delighted to welcome the Royal Gurkha Piper and Bugler/Drummer to the school along with Sqn Ldr Bob Hylands for a musical display and some practical hands on experience. A really enjoyable morning was had by all. Thank you Dipesh Gurung & Sudin Magar.



Saturday 19th November Community Day:

Essential Information:

This event is a Saturday morning, please make your own way to Timmy's Hangar for the event opening at 0900.

We are asking for children and their parents to volunteer at the school table for 10-15 minute slots during the morning to share our wonderful art work and to add fine detail in gold to the poppies we made last week with the veterans.

We are dancing at approximately 0930 and 1045. Please find Mrs Stobart and Mrs Graham at 0915 so we can gather for the 1st dance and then find Mrs Stobart and Mrs Graham again at 1030 ready for our Dance when HRH hopefully will be present.

Please can the children wear school uniform and trainers.

Parents will be responsible for giving consent on the day for photographs taken in the moment. If you do not want your child in any photos please let the photographers know.

Any photos of the dance or school table sent to school by the official photographers after the event will be checked for photographic consents, but the school is not able to ensure this on the day due to the fluid nature of the day.

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 19th November-Community Event at Timmy's Hangar-Details above
- Thursday 24th November from 1400 parents invited into school to make Christmas decorations with children instead of event for parents on 18th November
- Monday 28th November - Christmas Decorations that we have made decorating on tree event at 1400
- Friday 2nd December - Christmas Production at 1400- doors open at 1345
- 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
- Thursday 16th February- Theme Day with Stanley schools
- 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

