

Dear Parents

This week was full of many special moments. From a delicious Christmas lunch on Monday where members of the School Governance Committee were able to join us. A very big thank you to Sgt David Bradley and his team for putting so much effort into providing us with such a wonderful Christmas feast.



On Wednesday morning we were incredibly fortunate to have our own performance by His Majesty's Royal Marines Corps of Drums and they even encouraged children and staff members to have a go. Some of the children were absolute naturals!



On Wednesday afternoon it was lovely to welcome parents and grandparents to our Christingle service. Thank you for joining us and in supporting the children with making their Christingles and finding time to stop and reflect.



Staffing News:

We are delighted that **Mr Alan Moore** will be joining us around the 12th January 2023 as a teacher at MPS. Mr Moore will be working across the school in the first instance as he gets to know MPS and the children. Teachers and Classes in January 2023 are:

Plover Class (Nursery)—Mrs Blom

Albatross Class (FS1 & FS2)- Mrs Collins

Caracara Class (KS1) -Mrs Hill

Falcon Class (LKS2)- Mrs Grindlay

Meadowlark Class (UKS2)- Mr Blom

In Plover Class:

This week in Nursery we enjoyed making and creating plenty of Christmas-related art as well as playing with and sorting shapes into various shape boxes.

It has been so lovely to see how friendships have formed in the room and how well they all play together.

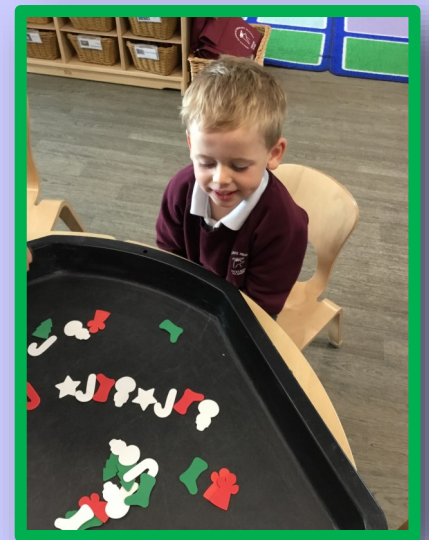
Have a wonderful Christmas time whatever your plans may be - I look forward to seeing them all again in the New Year!



In Albatross Class:

So this has been the final week of the Autumn term, what a week it has been! We have had a very festive week. We have taken part in lots of exciting Christmas activities such as Christmas lunch, a performance from the Royal Marine Band, Christingle service and a class party.

In Maths we have been making repeating patterns, paper chains and learning the names of shapes. In Literacy we have been learning about the Christmas story by retelling it using pictures and props. We have made our very own sleigh, wrapped presents and wrote Christmas cards. We have also been very creative this week making lots of lovely things to take home. We wish you all a very merry Christmas.



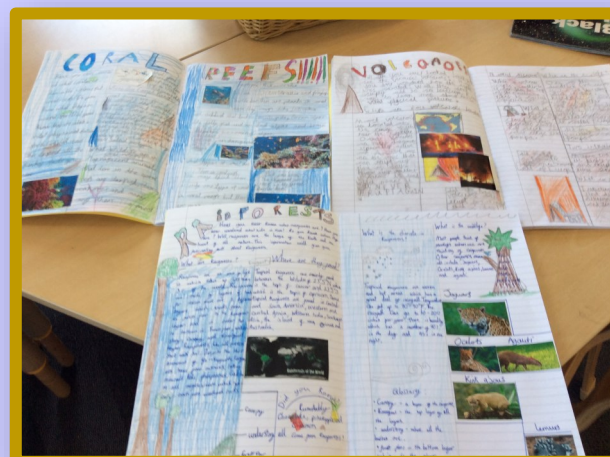
In Caracara Class:

The children of Caracara Class have had a lovely creative week! They've finished their learning about collages creating a collage that reflects the meaning of Christmas to them. They also made picture frames and have enjoyed participating in the Christingle. Now it's time for a relaxing and peaceful break. Wishing you and your family a merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year.



In Falcon Class:

Falcon Class have been busy finishing their work this week, completing their information texts on the world's natural wonders. In geography they have been learning all about the Prime Meridian line and its significance, using it to convert GMT to world times across all 24 time zones. The children thoroughly enjoyed Christmas lunch on Monday and the Royal Marine Band performance yesterday. I think we have some budding drummers in the class. The Christmas party is well and truly underway with fun and games and lots of Christmas prizes. Have a wonderful holiday Falcons and I look forward to seeing you all in 2023. Merry Christmas from Mrs G



In Meadowlark Class:

HO-HO-HO! I would like to wish everyone from Meadowlark a joyous, relaxed Christmas and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THANK YOU for your support.

Please see below what my students thought of their learning this term:



The highlight of my term was the school play because I had the lead part. In Geography, I have learned that time travel is possible! In Maths we have been learning about fractions - how to divide, simplify, times, find equivalents and fractions of amounts. In English we have been writing flashback narratives. I also enjoyed making our Christmas presents for our parents which was really fun. One of the best things was doing the Scottish dancing with Mrs Graham when we went up to Timmy hanger and met Princess Anne. I also liked going to the Tumbledown gym with the PTIs.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Jemima - Y5

This term I enjoyed learning about different time zones and that you can travel through time. I also loved writing my flashback narrative; did you know that if you want to write a flashback narrative, you have to include a trigger and a transitional phrase? The highlight of this term for me is making our surprise Christmas presents for our parents. I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new Year!

Eliza - Y6

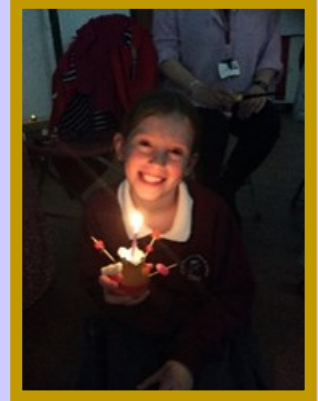
I enjoyed learning about fractions in Maths, time zones in Geography and meeting Princes Anna. In Art, we made Christmas presents for our parents. My highlight of the term was making poppies with the veterans at Timmy hanger and taking part in the Scottish dancing. In English we wrote war poems. I enjoyed doing PE with the PTI'S and doing the school nativity play, called the Landlord's Cat. Another highlight this term was that we were fortunate enough to see two military bands perform at school. When the Royal Gurkhas came to MPS, I tried to play the bagpipes, drums, and blow on a bugle.

Logan - Y5

I enjoyed making a present for my mum and dad for Christmas. The highlight of my term was constructing poppies with the veterans in Timmy hanger. And I now know that time travel is real; you just need a boat or plane. I also enjoyed, doing PE with the PTI'S and loved doing the Scottish dancing. I liked the play which was called the Land Lord's Cat and swimming was so much fun.

Eleanor - Y5

Meadowlark Class continued:



Dates for your Diary

- 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
- **Monday 8th May- Bank holiday -No school**
- Tuesday 9th May Key Stage 2 SATs start
- Monday 5th June-Friday 9th June Half term
- Friday 23rd June- mid Winter Event-details to be confirmed
- Thursday 20th July school finished for the year at 1300

**Wishing you all a very enjoyable and
happy Christmas with family and friends
from all at MPS.**

