

Dear Parents

What a great way to spend a summer afternoon in the Falklands with our FS2 to Year 6 Sports afternoon. It was wonderful to see the children persevering, working as a team and achieving. Thank you Mr Blom for organising this event for us all, I think we can all agree it was a great success.

For children in Plovers and Albatross class we will run a second sports event in the school hall in the summer/Falklands-winter term.

It is great to have Mr Moore in school, he is currently working in all classes across the school as he gets to know the children, staff and families of MPS. I am sure many of you will have met him as he is taking this opportunity to see all classes out at the end of sessions to meet you all.

Next week we look forward to sharing the work we have been doing as a school with Mr Rowland Bucknill Assistant Chief Education Officer (Rest of World), I know he is looking forward to meeting you all.

Plover Class:

Nursery had another eventful week with plenty of outdoor learning. We enjoyed getting to know Mr Moore better and shared with him our favourite songs and all the other things we enjoy doing.

Our new Nursery rhyme this week was 'Hot Cross Buns' and our art focus was making and painting different lanterns!





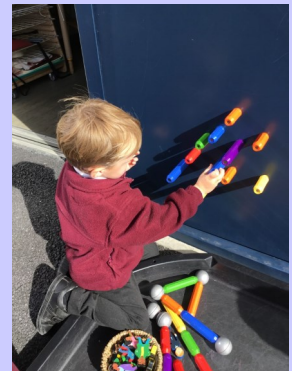
Albatross Class:

In FS2 and FS1 this week, we have been using the text 'Superbat' to enhance our learning. We have used different 'superpowers' in our learning such as perseverance and courage.

We have been using water pistols to aim at superheroes and we created artwork using water pistols filled with paint.

We have been looking at magnetic force and felt how magnets attract and repel. We have created shapes and letters out of magnetic blocks.

In literacy, FS2 have been learning facts about bats and writing about them. We have used our phonics to write about the story of the week.



Caracara Class:

Another busy week for the Caracaras! We have started learning about Grace Darling and talked about her daily life compared with ours today. No electricity (so no i-Pads etc) was a huge talking point! In science, we continue with the seasons and, alongside comparing UK and Falklands seasons, we have been thinking about 'What if humans hibernated?' A little tricky for some but it led to some interesting ideas! The children have produced some great work and I am as proud as a peacock of them all!



Falcon Class:

In Falcons Class this week, the children have been learning about primary and secondary sources of information. In history, they put themselves in the place of Howard Carter as he explored the tomb of Tutankhamun for the first time and explored our own version of the tomb by torchlight. The children then wrote fabulous diary entries of their experience. In math's Year 3 have been dividing with remainders and Year 4 have started to multiply 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. In English, they have been writing sentences that 'show not tell' what is happening, by describing the bodies reactions to events rather than telling the reader that the character is excited, or scared. In science, the results of our experiment into how long different SPF sun creams protect our skin, showed some very surprising results; the children have written up their findings in a report format.



In Meadowlark Class:

We started with a new unit of maths work on fractions, decimals and percentages this week. Sometimes this can be a really daunting topic for students but my 'Meadowlarks' took everything I threw at them in their stride and they are doing brilliantly in understanding the relationship between fractions and decimal numbers!

In English we wrote a descriptive, narrative setting; editing our work as we go along and improving our writing.

In science, we studied the earth's movement in space, understanding why we have day and night and time zones.

In PE we focused on athletics and prepared for our sports day. We threw javelins and ran with eggs and spoons to name but a few exciting activities!



The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment Band and Members of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment Band visit MPS:

We were treated to a very special musical treat on Wednesday when the PWRR & RG Bands visited MPS to share with us a musical programme designed for school children. It was a fabulous session and the looks of pure joy on the children's faces was wonderful to see. A definite WOW moment!



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Sports Afternoon: A report and photographs to follow next week

Clubs: Start Tuesday 24th January for school staff led clubs and Thursday 26th January for Environmental club with Mrs Keenahan.



Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 16th February - Theme Day with Stanley schools
- 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
- **Thursday 1st June - Nursery and EYFS Sports afternoon 1415 in the school hall** (For All children who attended Nursery, FS1 and FS2 and their families can come along to join us even if not booked in for a session that afternoon).
- 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

*** Please note the key dates for 2023-24 can now be found on our website.**

Hope you all have enjoyable weekends whether exploring the Falklands or having a restful weekend from all at MPS.