

Dear Parents

Another busy week here at MPS and it has been my privilege to share the excellent work going on in school with Mr Rowley Bucknill. It is great that the hard work staff have been putting into the school, the children's learning, and in creating a calm and purposeful atmosphere around school is recognised.

I know he has also really enjoyed meeting many of you, giving you chance to share your views. Such visits always remind me of how fortunate we are to have such a unique location and such fabulous facilities for our children, and how working closely in partnership with parents, makes such a difference to the children.

Plover Class:

This week in nursery the children learnt a little bit about people who help us - the everyday superheroes.

We made and decorated masks and capes and enjoyed playing dress up.



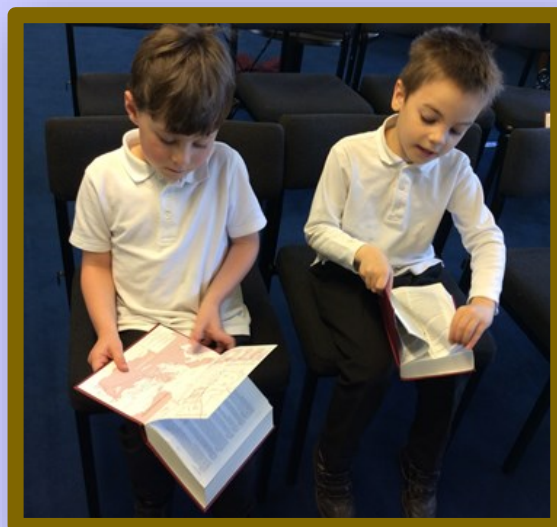
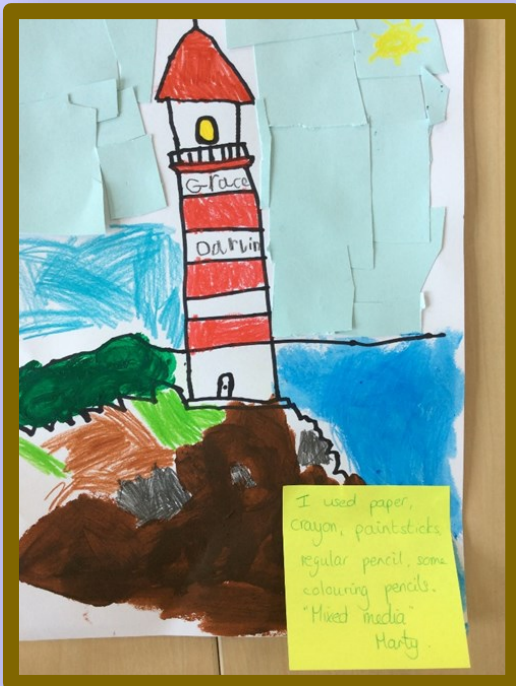
Albatross Class: This week we have been using the text 'George Saves the World by Lunchtime', as a focus for our learning. We have been learning to reduce, reuse, repair and recycle this week. We have had a recycling station in our classroom where we have been sorting different objects. We have also been learning about what happens to our rubbish and created a small 'landfill site' using paper and compacted it using different vehicles.

We were very excited to see the bin lorry when it came to visit us. It showed us how the bins were lifted up. We were all allowed to sit in the driver's seat. Thank you to the Sodexo team and John Gadjus for explaining the functions of the lorry.



Caracara Class:

This week, the year 1s in Caracara class have been writing their first story. I am super proud of everyone of them for the perseverance and stamina shown. I am also proud of the year 2s, for developing their descriptive writing skills. We have been revising what mixed media is and have had a go at using art hub to draw a lighthouse but to use different media to decorate it. This links with our learning about Grace Darling too. For R.E. this week, we visited St Cuthbert's Church on base, to learn more about the Christian faith and gain an understanding of Holy week.



Falcon Class:

This week the children have been writing their Egyptian mystery story which includes tension and a narrow escape from a dangerous ancient Egyptian scenario. They have also completed their pastel art of Egyptian Gods, using the papyrus paper that they made during this term's launchpad. In science, they have looked at how shadows are formed and how they change size according to the time of day, season or distance from the light source the object is. They have carried out practical activities to prove the theory. In maths, Year 3 have been looking at how multiplication and division can be used to scale up or down and year 4 have been looking at dividing using flexible partitioning and their times tables to help them with larger numbers.



Meadowlark Class:

In maths this week, we compared decimal numbers and started to multiply and divide decimals, using the column and bus-stop method.

In English, we started with letter writing and looked at how and why people use emotive language. We also practiced using modal verbs; looking at how it can change the meaning of a sentence with different degrees of possibility or certainty.

In science, we built sundials for an experiment to investigate the rotation of the earth. We found out that instead of using North as your starting position on 12, we should use South to collect the correct data... because we live in the Southern hemisphere!

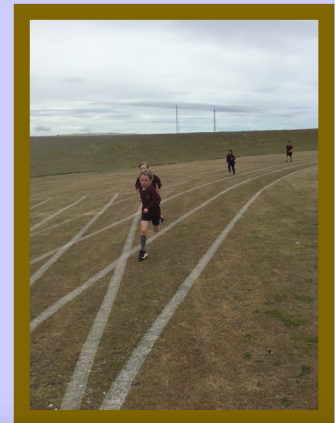
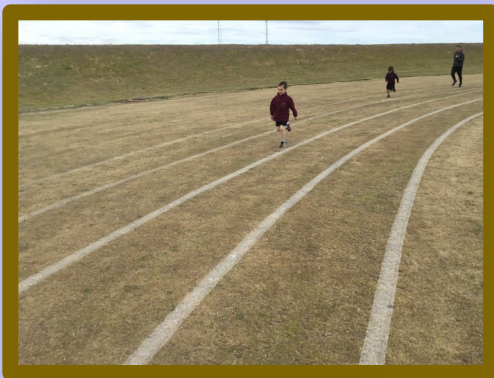
In history, we made notes on the 'Cold War' and how it affected the 'Space Race' from the sixties to the eighties.



Sports Afternoon:

Last Friday, the Falklands weather was kind to us and we enjoyed a fabulous afternoon of sport. Thank you Mr Blom for organising, staff for leading sports activity and parents and carers for their wonderful vocal support. I was particularly impressed with the children running around the long track and all children achieving this distance. I think there might be some long distance runners in the making and I believe there were some sore limbs the next day.

Well done Rockhoppers for being the winning team and being awarded the Sports afternoon trophy.





Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 16th February - Theme Day with Stanley schools TBC
- 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.**

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend and a great Burns Night celebrations from all at
MPS

