

## Dear Parents

The glorious weather has definitely lifted everyone's mood this week, with lots of outside learning in Plovers and Albatross classes. Who would believe, that you do not need a coat and a woolly hat in the Falklands! The children have been impressing the staff across the school this week with some wonderful writing which clearly shows the great progress they have made since September. I have been really impressed with the high quality vocabulary used by the children to engage the reader. Well done everyone.

## Plover Class:

We had five wonderful days down in nursery this week!

We looked at books about our sense of smell, made scented cloud dough (and played with it), created large cardstock doughnuts (also tasted real ones) and enjoyed a few colour matching activities. Our nursery rhyme focus this week was 'Pat-a-cake.'





## Albatross Class:

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

We have been learning all about Chinese New Year in Albatross class. We have tried some Chinese food and snacks, created dragon dances, made dragons, had a go at some Chinese writing, listened to traditional Chinese music, drawn fireworks and retold the story of 'The Great Race'. Ask your child which animal from the Chinese zodiac they were born in.



## Caracara Class:

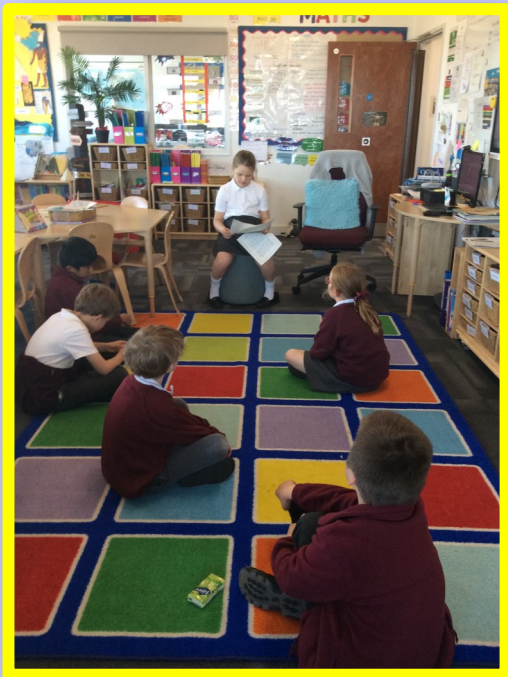
The Caracaras have gone above and beyond this week with writing! They have finished their stories (all are going on the 'Proud as a Peacock' display) and have carried out a re-count pretending to be Grace Darling writing about the events of the rescue. I could not be prouder - although I am sure they'll prove me wrong next week! The focus and energy in this classroom this week has been outstanding! Congratulations to each and every Caracara!

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023  
Dear Queen Victoria,  
Early yesterday morning I woke up and looked out of my bedroom window. I thought I could see a ship it looked like it had survivors on it. I went up to the top of the lighthouse where mother was on watch. Then father came and joined us. We told father what we saw. I was desperate to help but father said we had to wait until sunlight. Eventually, the fog lifted and it was clear enough to see the survivors. We pulled out the ~~small~~ <sup>row</sup> boat and started to row. We rowed and rowed I could feel the cold spray on my hands and I could hear survivors calling for help. Finally we got to the 9 survivors but the boat ~~could~~ could only hold ~~ten~~ five. So we helped the survivors onto the boat. ~~we got~~ father and I  
It was a ~~rough~~ <sup>really rough</sup> and difficult journey but <sup>finally</sup> finally we made it.  
from Grace Darling.



## Falcon Class:

After spending the early part of term learning how to write an adventure story, the children have written their very own, incredibly exciting stories based in Ancient Egypt. The children have impressed with their use of adverbs and descriptive language as well as adding tension and character reactions into their writing. In fact, they have done so well that a single star of the week could not be chosen so I am giving the award to the whole class. Keep up the great work! The children have also enjoyed listening to and performing their stories in front of an audience. In maths, the children have been recapping their knowledge of length, looking at measuring in mm, cm for Year 3 and 'm' and 'km' for Year 4. They have been practising drawing and measuring accurately. In art, the children have completed their fantastic ink drawings of the Egyptian pyramids, with a focus on 3D drawing, creating foreground and background and incorporating elements of movement and depth. I think you'll agree that the pictures look amazing and their hard work has definitely contributed to their sense of achievement this week. Have a lovely weekend Falcon families.



## Meadowlark Class:

Every once in a while, we need to pinch ourselves to remind us that we are so privileged to live in such a beautiful and unique location, with the most amazing opportunities for our students.

We were fortunate enough this week to visit IJS where we had a talk by the Captain of the ship, 'Captain Darwin'. Victor and his crew are on a five-year voyage to replicate the voyage of Charles Darwin on the HMS Beagle; so to gain a better understanding of how nature has evolved over 200 years. One of the questions that they want to answer is: can nature and mankind adapt fast enough to survive the on-going climate change?

Victor gave a talk to a group of Year 5 & 6 students about his voyage and it was inspiring to listen to him talk about animals, plants and the people they have met along the way. He mesmerised us with photos of his magical journey, and at times it felt like we were underwater, diving with sea-lions on the coast of the Falklands.

It was truly refreshing to hear that planet earth is beautiful and that collectively, we should all take more care of our environment.





## Dates for your Diary

- **Thursday 16th February - Theme Day with Stanley schools To be rearranged**
- **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 an enjoyable weekend, fingers crossed the sunny weather continues from all at MPS

