

Dear Parents

It is lovely to be back in school after a slight delay and it has been great to see the children so enthused with their learning. World Book Day was a great success and the children had an amazing day. Thank you to everyone who supported us. I do appreciate that costume demands can be a stressful time for parents. My own girls often remind me of the nightmarish costumes I produced for them last minute! Enjoy the photos below.



Plover Class:

Our topic this week was based on the book 'It's my birthday' and didn't we have fun! We made birthday crowns, had a tea party, decorated (pretend) cakes and ended the week with a game of 'Pass-the-parcel'!





Albatross Class:

This week we have been using the text 'Little Red Riding Hood' as a focus for learning in Albatross class. We have been reading the story and using small figures to retell the story.

We have made cages to trap the wolf using lego, junk modelling and wooden blocks. We have been using various red craft materials to create 'red' paintings and pictures.

In physical play, we have all enjoyed playing "What's the time Mr Wolf"? Playing it everyday this week!

FS2 have been reading a non fiction text about wolves. They have been using their phonics to write about how they communicate, where they live and how they show their feelings.

We all looked amazing in our costumes for World Book Day!



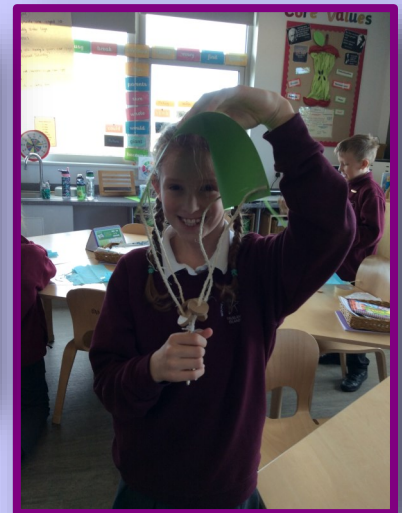
Caracara Class:

Caracara class have had a lovely week immersing themselves in Traditional Tales, especially Jack and the Beanstalk. World Book Day enabled us to ask the whole school what their favourite tale is by using a tally chart to record the data. If you have a favourite Traditional Tale please share it with your child at home. We would like to say a big thank you to Jenny Munro for coming in to read us a couple of her favourite stories



Falcon Class:

It has been lovely to see the class after the half-term holiday and the exciting chatter from the children has been a pleasure. Falcon Class have been investigating fractions this week, looking at numerators and denominators and what they mean in terms of the size of a fraction. They have been comparing fractions and modelling them using pictures to aid understanding. In music this week, the children learned how to compose and create their own tune on a keyboard using an interactive website, and how to write out their own music score. Our art lesson today introduced several artists who used plants as their 'subject' such as Claude Monet, Guiseppe Arcimboldo and our focus artist Georgia O'Keeffe. The children talked about what they liked and disliked about each artist's work and compared similarities and differences. The children were also lucky enough to join in with the Year 5/6 presentation by the RAF museum on forces, and made their own parachutes before testing them out.



Meadowlark Class:

The half-term holiday seems like a far-off distant memory and we are only five weeks away from the Easter holidays!

We were again fortunate enough this week to have had several enrichment activities in Meadowlark. We had an online session with the RAF museum where our students got an introduction to 'forces' and had to make parachutes to test air resistance.

On World Book Day, we had the opportunity to visit the Med-Centre, EAW 905 and DIO where we had a fun-filled, entertaining afternoon. Please see our messages of thanks below:

WO1 Phil Studdart (DIO): Thank you for inspiring our pupils and showing them a little bit more about what is happening behind the scenes at DIO; there might be a future engineer in that group. It was also good fun to listen to all the 'pencils' reading and learning that to conform shouldn't always be the norm!

Squadron Leader Joseph Monroe (EAW 905): Thank you for getting your team together to share more about their reading habits. The quiz was a hit and hopefully they have learnt a few facts about flying along the way! Luckily you didn't have any questions about the rhinoceros.

Dr Lane-Nicholls(Med-centre): Thank you for dressing up as Wally and reading one of your favourite children's stories to our pupils with great enthusiasm and showing your medical book on medicine. Please also pass on our thanks to your team for sharing some of their reading habits with us.



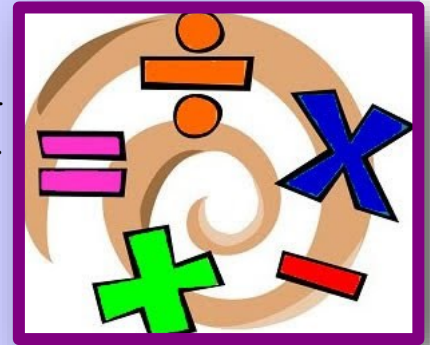


Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter
03rd March 2023

Maths Parent Workshop (Plover and Albatross Classes only)

If you have ever wanted to know how your child/ren are taught maths then please join us on Friday 10th March at 0845-0930. Mr Blom will begin the session by explaining our calculation policy and then there will have the chance to join your child in class. These sessions are not suitable for swapping over half way through, therefore if you have children in more than one class it would be great if both parents can attend.



Please note the new date for the rearranged KS1 and KS2 Maths Parent Workshop session is Friday 19th May 0845-1000 unfortunately we are not able to fit this in any earlier.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for some volunteers to help us clean and tidy the outdoor playground/classroom areas. This would be afterschool on **Tuesday 14th March starting at 1530**. and will involve washing the Astro surface and brushing and wiping down furniture, emptying the old sand from the sand pit and filling with new.

Anyone with a hosepipe/pressure washer, wheelbarrow, spades MPS would love to borrow these for this session.

If you are able to help in any way please contact the school office, so we are aware of numbers supporting us.

Meadowlark Residential: Update

We have had to move the residential with IJS to the 13th and 14th March. There is a parent session regarding this on Monday 6th March at 1505.





Dates for your Diary

- Friday 10th March 0845-0930 Plover and Albatross classes Parents Maths Workshop instead of celebration of learning event
- Friday 24th March KS2 Cake sale event in corridor near 12FAC and Gym - No swimming. Further details to follow in aid of Turkey/Syria earthquake relief event
- Wednesday 29th March KS1 Penguin march or Easter Bonnet walk in aid of Turkey/Syria earthquake relief event
- 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
- **Friday 19th May 0845-100- Rearranged KS1 and KS2 Parents Maths Workshop**
- **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 from all at MPS