

Dear parents

It is good to finally have all children and staff back at MPS after a number of challenges mostly airbridge related. It has been a pleasure to welcome a new family to the school and to see they have already settled well into life out here.

We have another very busy term ahead with lots of fun, unique Falkland Island learning including; for our Year 6 and Year 2 children, end of key stage national tests and assessments and for our year 1 children the phonics screening.

Plover Class

Our book focus this week in Nursery was 'Big and Small' by Elizabeth Bennett.

We looked at concepts of size and talked about friendships, being kind and helping one another.

In creative development, we looked at colour mixing and painted playdough with various colours. Our little finger muscles worked really hard at squeezing the dough and then observing how the colours mixed! We also enjoyed making beautiful rainbow collages - choosing which size coloured strip to put first and then 'build it up'.

We are all thrilled to be back and even more so as we have a new friend who joined our class! Welcome Naomi!



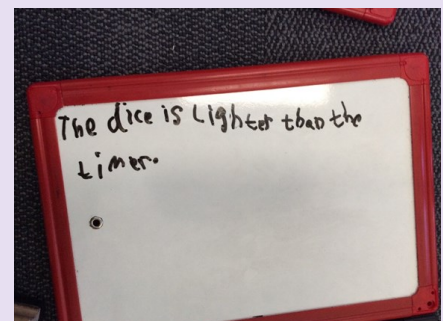
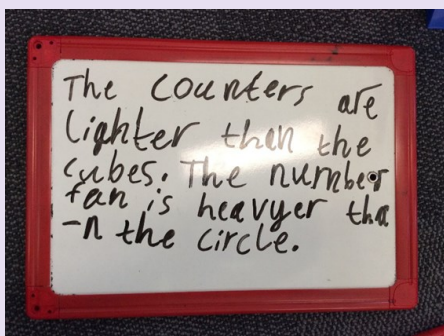
Albatross Class

Albatross class have been learning all about plants and seeds this week. We've looked at different kinds of seeds; some that we found in our fruit snack, and others that have been bought in packets. We've had a go at tasting some pumpkin and sunflower seeds (they went down surprisingly well), and we've planted some basil seeds and are now patiently waiting for them to germinate. We've also learnt that plants are living things and about what they need to survive. The children have also had fun filling pots with soil and counting and ordering seeds as part of maths this week, and in art we've used watercolours to paint our favourite plants.



Caracara Class:

Welcome back Caracaras to the winter/summer term! We have lots to look forward to. Our English has begun by looking at our focus text 'The King Who Banned The Dark': a rather apt book for the upcoming coronation and the nights getting darker! In maths, year 2s are developing their understanding of fractions and year 1s have been focusing on mass and weighing.

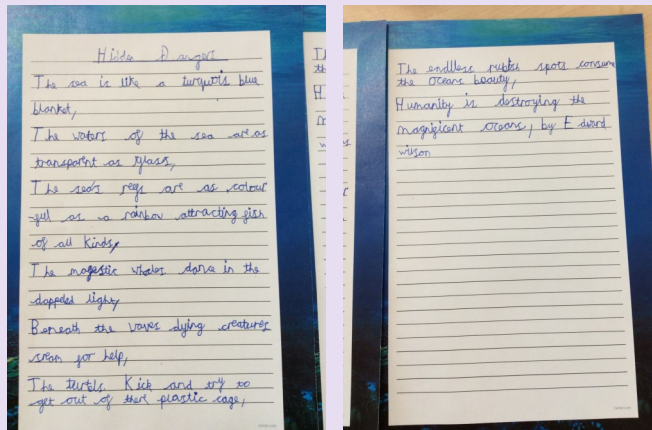


Falcon Class:

Falcons have made a great start to the term, and have made fantastic efforts in their writing. Using an ocean scene for inspiration, the children have been using similes, metaphors and personification to write a poem. The first verse, gave imagery of how wonderful the ocean can be and the second verse turned darker in tone with descriptions of how plastic pollution is damaging this unique environment. This example is Edward's, and it's also his first time writing in pen. I think you'll agree, he has done really well.



In history, the children have been learning about life before the steam engine was invented and how the invention changed the social and economic structure of Britain, as well as the every day lives of ordinary people



Meadowlark Class

Welcome back to everyone and I hope you had a relaxed break. I can't believe it but we are now in the 'home-stretch' to the summer holidays!

In maths, we did revision about how to calculate the perimeter and area of different shapes.

In English we started with an exciting book, called 'The lost book of adventure'. This book will help support us to write a survival guide if you get lost in the wild.

In art, we created our own geometric patterns, based on different Inca patterns used on pottery and ceramics.





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Explosive Power Demo 3rd May 2023

We have been invited, to take our **FS2 to Year 6 Children** to watch an Explosive Power demonstration next Wednesday 3rd May between 1000-1100. The children will need to wrap up warm as this event is outside and we will be mini bused to Mare Harbour range where we will be briefed before taking part in a number of activities and then watching an explosive Demonstration. This event is not suitable for our young FS1 and Nursery children but Mrs Blom and Mrs Collins will remain in school with these children.

Parents are welcome to join us for this event, but again, it is not suitable for very young children. If you are interested in joining us please let the school know. Mini bus shuttles will run from outside the school from around 0930. If you want to make your own way to Mare harbour range please let the school know, so we can inform the organisers of this event.



Swimming:

Swimming will run for 5 weeks this term for our children in FS2- Year 6. We look forward to seeing the progress the children have made in their swimming. Thank you Mrs Grindlay for leading these sessions again for us.

Friday 12th May

Friday 19th May

Friday 26th May

Friday 2nd June

Half term 5th June-9th June- No Swimming

Friday 16th June



Coronation King Charles III:

We are looking forward to the Coronation of King Charles III and the many events to celebrate this in school and around base.

To help us celebrate, we would like the **children to come to school dressed as Kings or Queens on Friday 5th May** as we take part in a number of school activities based around the Coronation. Other more suitable Falkland Islands clothing will also be required for breaks and lunch time plays.



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Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 25th April - School Starts for children
- Wednesday 3rd May - Explosive Power Demo - FS2-year 6 only
- Friday 5th May - In School Coronation Event children come dressed as Kings and Queens
- **Monday 8th May - Bank holiday - No school**
- Tuesday 9th May - Key Stage 2 SATs start
- Friday 12th May - 1300 Swimming starts again for 5 weeks
- **Friday 19th May 0845-1000 - 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
- Wednesday 21st June - Mixed art day with IJS
- 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 of catching up with friends after the Easter break from all at MPS