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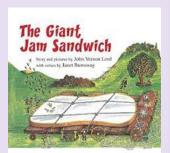
Dear Parents

It was great to show CBF Brig Dan Duff, around MPS on Wednesday and for him to see the school in action. We look forward to welcoming him to future events at school. Thank you to the parents of children in KS1 and KS2, for joining us for our maths workshop event on Thursday, it was a great success. Thank you, Mr Blom and the teachers, for organising this event to help parents understand more about how maths is taught in schools today.

Plover Class

This week in Plovers, our book focus was 'The GIANT Jam Sandwich' by John Vernon Lord.

We made bread dough, watched it rise, baked it, then ate it! We painted bread, toasted it and ate it with butter and sprinkles. We made 'jam' and did a science experiment to see what happens to different things when placed in water.







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Albatross Class:

This week in Albatross, we have been using the text 'Kate Who Tamed the Wind' to help support our learning. It is such a great book to read in the Falklands especially with our knowledge of the wind!

We started the week making and flying kites as there was plenty of wind! We managed to improve our kite designs as the week went on. Some children chose to lengthen the string that they hold the kite with and others made bigger or smaller kites.



In literacy, FS2 have been using the text to answer questions about what happened in the story.

In maths, FS2 have been taking away. We have completed number sentences and number stories, including some about kites flying away!

We have used lots of different percussion instruments to make wind noises and enjoyed hearing the wind in different places within the school.

We were very lucky, to use an anemometer to measure the wind strength on two different days. We held it in different locations, outside our school, to see which location was the windiest! We also tested wind direction using streamers.















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Caracara Class:

This week, Caracara Class have been learning to write character descriptions. We have also been improving our teamwork skills, so had to work in pairs to agree on the language used for the descriptions. This was very successful and we all managed to write an accurate description of the king who banned the dark. In maths, year 1s have learnt about equal and unequal groups and are able to use repeated addition to work out the total. For D.T. we have been learning about structures and have built, using templates, a windmill with an axle and a turbine. Some of us were more successful than others but we had great fun testing them in the wind!





Huge congratulations to our Year 2s for showing an outstanding attitude during their SATs week. Mrs. Hill is extremely proud of each of you for demonstrating such positivity!



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Falcon Class:

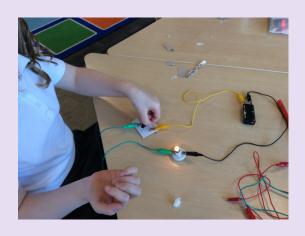
In Falcons this week, the children have been learning about how poetry is performed using intonation and tone, so that it is brought alive by the reader. Some of the children, read a poem about Cinderella told from the point of view of the stepsisters, really showing how mean they were, by emphasising certain words and using actions.

In science, the children have made and tested their own switches, ensuring that the circuits are working.

In English the children have started to look at many different biographies, picking out the main features and language used, and have begun to plan their own biographies of a famous inventor.











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Meadowlark Class:

In maths this week, we looked at coordinates and translated a variety of shapes.

In English, we finally finished writing our survival guides. If you want to find out how to survive on a deserted, tropical island, the Amazon rainforest or in the unpredictable weather of the Falklands - you need to ask the children of Meadowlark for their amazing tips on how to stay safe.

In art, this week, we have started to sculp Inca pottery, from chicken wire and ModRoc. Once we got used to manipulating and bending the chicken wire to give us the shapes we needed, we had a lot of fun layering our designs with ModRoc.

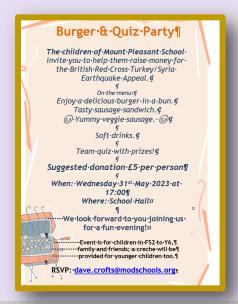






Quiz Night 31st May at 17:00

The children are excited and ready to host our Quiz night on Wednesday31st May. Please let the school office know if you are attending, so we can ensure we have enough food etc. Staff are providing a creche for children in Nursery and FS1, children from FS2 up will form part of the family quiz team, in the hall. We will all join together after the quiz to enjoy the delicious food prepared by Four Seasons Mess.





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Admissions Information MPS:

All admissions information for MPS can be found on our website under our Admissions Tab and then under Admission procedure

https://www.mountpleasant.school/admission/admission-procedure/

This includes information and guidance on placement out of chronological year group.

Swimming:

A big well done, to those pupils who have received their well earned badges this week. You have worked really hard and Mr Moore and Mrs Grindlay have been really impressed with the effort you are putting into your classes. Don't worry if you haven't received a badge this time, you are all working towards your next goal and are doing brilliantly.



Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 31st May 1700-1800- Family Quiz in aid of Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal
- 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
- Monday 26th June at 1430-Mid Winter Fixmas Fair, please bring money to spend on items made by the children
- Thursday 20th July School finishes for the year at 1300

Please note the key dates for 2023-24 are available on our website

Wishing everyone a fabulous Falklands winter weekend

