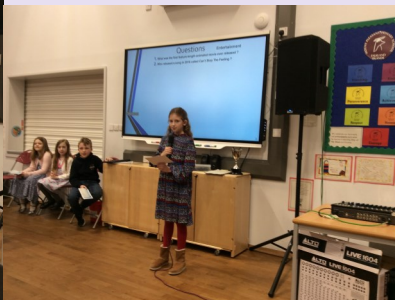


Dear Parents

This has been a good week for memories in the life of the school. Plovers and Albatross sports afternoon was great fun and a great success. Thank you to Meadowlark class for organising such a well planned and thought through event, and thank you to parents for joining in the fun with us.



I was also incredibly proud of Meadowlark class and Sophia, for planning, preparing and running such a brilliant Quiz. The children who led us on the night, were all such great quiz masters and we have had so many positive comments about the evening. What more can you ask for but fun, laughter, food and good company, whilst raising money for charity. Thank you to Mrs Summers, Mr Blom and the Office Team for supporting the children with this fund raising activity. After food costs, we made an amazing **£274.74**, for the British Red Cross Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal. Thank you all for your generous contributions. Over all three school events, we have raised and donated **£688.33**. This is an impressive amount from such a small school.



Plover Class

This week in Plovers, we learned all about bees. The book focus was 'The Bumble Bear' by Nadia Shireen.

The children learned a fun 'Bee hive' rhyme that they memorised quickly and recited it a few times every day.

As we had glorious sunshine, we spent plenty of time enjoying our learning outside this week.



Albatross Class:

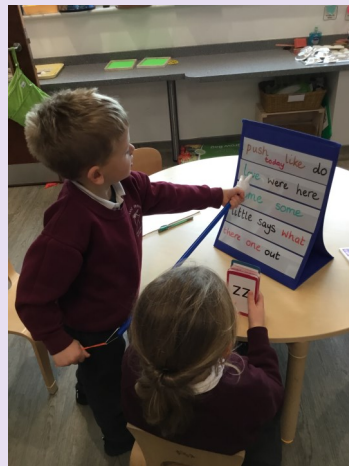
This week in Albatross, we have been using the text 'The Extraordinary Gardener' to help support our learning.

In maths, FS1 have been investigating the language of capacity e.g. full, half full, empty. They found out how many scoops of soil it would take to fill different sized pots. They have also been counting a quantity.

FS2 have been using shapes to make other shapes, completing tangrams and discussing how shapes can be the same but also very different in how they look.

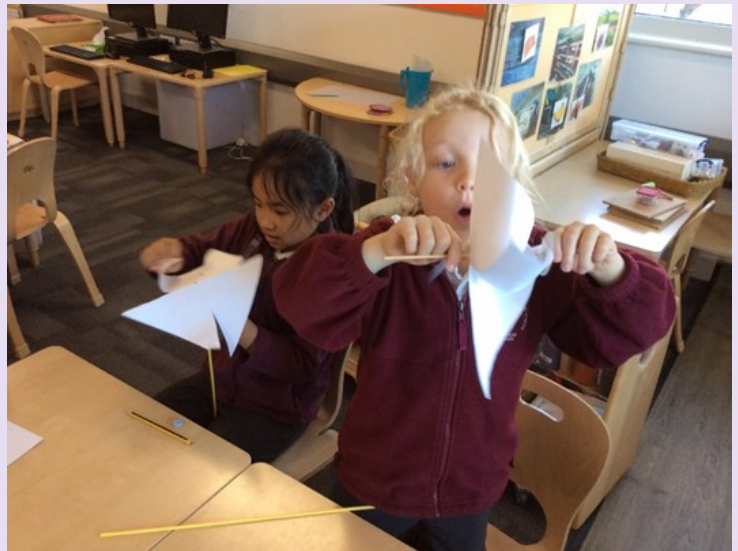
We started the week, looking at and drawing our own version of Van Gogh's sunflowers. Throughout the week we have painted a variety of flowers, some real and some from our imagination.

In literacy, FS1 have been practising writing their names and have started to learn more letter sounds. FS2 have been writing rhyming strings, using new vocabulary in their sentences and ordering some instructions.



Caracara Class:

This week, Caracara class have been busy making their own windmills, following on from the mock-up they made using templates last week. Alongside this, we are in the middle of writing our stories and have been busy learning to tell the time to 5 minute intervals in year 2 and making arrays linked with multiplication in year 1.



Falcon Class:

This week, the children have been concentrating on creating their designs, based on steam trains, from clay. They have used the techniques learned last week, to pinch, smooth, mould and carve the clay, into the required shape and add details to their models. The children have found innovative ways to include in their working circuit, so that their model lights up, but the components can be changed when necessary.

In maths, the children are revising their previous learning, telling the time to the nearest 1 minute on an analogue clock, with year 4 covering; conversions of time from hours to days, weeks to days, hours to minutes and months to years.

In English, the children have almost completed their biographies on a range of inventors. To complete our learning on electricity, the children have enjoyed a trip to MPC power plant; they asked a lot of questions and discovered how the power plant delivers electricity to our homes without using pylons. The Mitie team were fantastic, as always, and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Meadowlark Class:

We've had an extremely busy term in Year 5 & 6 Meadowlark, from writing survival stories to planning different school events. Well done Eliza, Logan, Eleanor and Jemima for being SUPERSTARS this term!

My favourite thing about this term was making my Inca pot because I got to use Modroc (which I have never used before). In English we have been writing survival guides and narratives. In history we have been learning about the Mayans. The best audiobook we listened to was the Explorer which is about 4 children who crash-land in the Amazon rainforest and they find an old explorer who helps them get home. In maths we have learnt about angles and we are learning about coordinates and translation.
Jemima -Y5



My favourite thing this term was starting my maths project. In maths I have been asked to plan a holiday to somewhere I would like to go to. I have to book flights, trips and a hotel. In English we have been writing survival guides; I chose to base it on the Falklands. We have also started to write a survival narrative. The best thing in art was drawing Inca patterns and designing our pots. I loved learning about solubles (something that can dissolve in a liquid) and insoluble materials (something that can't dissolve in a liquid).
Eliza - Y6

I have improved at joined-up handwriting, which I found very difficult before. I have enjoyed 3D shapes; it was so much FUN! And I LOVED our audio book 'The Explorer' - it was so COOL! The BEST bit about the term was making our Inca POTS!
Eleanor - Y5

This term I have enjoyed writing a survival guide in English and learning about the Mayans in history. We learnt about 3D shapes and coordinates in maths. In P.E we have been doing gymnastics. In art, we have been making Inca pots. We have also been planning a quiz and the EYFS sports day. But the thing I enjoyed the most this term, was the Magellanic's trip to the Oasis.
Logan-Y5





Dates for your Diary

- Monday 5th June 2023 - Friday 9th June - Half term
- Wednesday 21st June 2023 - Mixed art day with IJS
- **Monday 26th June 2023 at 1430-Mid Winter Fixmas Fair, please bring money to spend on items made by the children**
- Thursday 20th July 2023 - School finishes for the year at 1300
- Wednesday 30th August 2023-School Starts for children
- 23rd October-27th October 2023 Half term School closed
- Monday 30th October 2023-School starts for children
- Thursday 14th December 2023-School Finishes at 1300 for Christmas Break
- Tuesday 9th January 2024 term starts for children
- Monday 19th February 2024-23rd February 2024-Half term-school closed
- Monday 26th February-School starts for children
- Thursday 28th March- Term finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 16th April 2024-Term starts for children
- Monday 6th May 2024-Public Holiday-School Closed
- Monday 27th May 2024-Public Holiday-School closed
- Monday 3rd June 2024-Friday 7th June 2024- Half term-school closed
- Monday 10th June 2024-school starts for children
- Wednesday 25th July term finishes at 1505

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

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Half term Holiday from all at MPS