

Dear Parents

Where does time fly? We are now speeding to the end of the academic year and I can't believe, that we are about to say goodbye to a number of families and start to welcome some new ones to MPS.

In school and out, we have all been enjoying the first serious snow of this winter, which has enabled the children to get their sledges out. It does however, take us all a little while to get all of our snow kit on and be properly prepared for fun in the snow!

We were delighted that Group Captain Jamie Grindlay was able to visit school today, to present the children with their commemorative King Charles III coronation coins. Please look carefully in book bags tonight to retrieve these very special coins.

Plover Class:

Bog Baby: 'When two small sisters go fishing to the magic pond, they find something much better than a frog or a newt.

They find a bog baby! Small and blue with wings like a dragon, the girls decide to make him their secret. I won't tell if you won't.



But the bog baby is a wild thing, and when he becomes poorly, the girls decide they must tell their mum. and she tells them the greatest lesson: if you really love something, you have to let it go.'

'The Bog Baby' has been our focus book this week. It captured a lot of imaginative talk in the classroom, and the children enjoyed creating their own bog babies and environments for them to take home.

We also had plenty of fun playing outside in the snow!



Albatross Class:

This week in Albatross Class

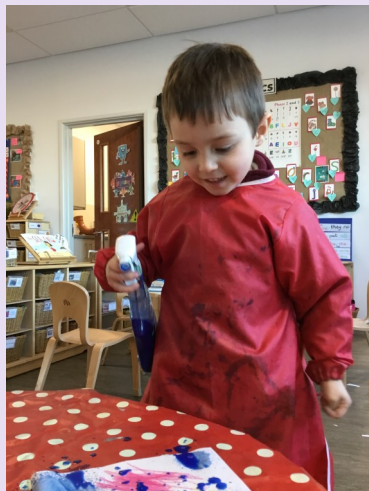
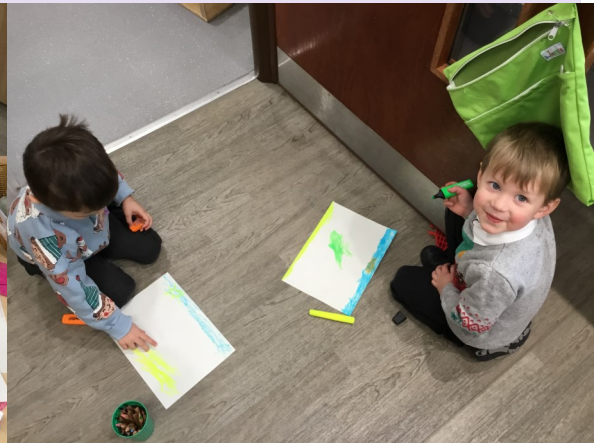
In maths, FS2 have been finding odd and even numbers. They have been identifying odd and even quantities and numerals. FS1 have been sequencing events.

In literacy, FS1 have been learning all about the letter 'p'. FS2 have been writing about the book 'The Sea Saw'.

In creative learning, we created wax resistant storm pictures.

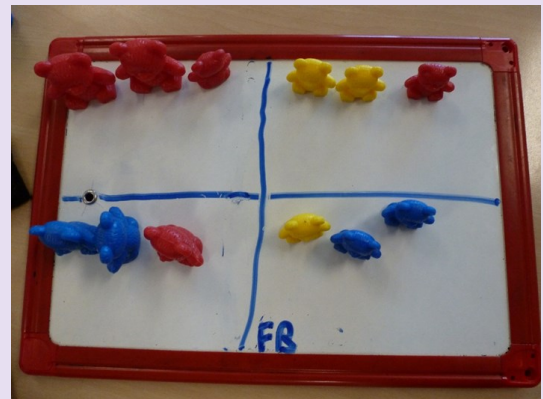
We have enjoyed lots of time outside this week; mark making, building and playing in the snow. We also enjoyed turning the snow different colours. Some people made snow cup-cakes and even added real sprinkles!

We hope you enjoyed FIXMAS jumper day and the winter fair, thank you for your support.



Caracara Class:

This week, Caracara class have finished writing their badger fact files and learnt about cinquains and quintiles in English. We have learnt to count syllables and explain what we like, or dislike, about poetry. In maths, the year 2s having been working hard at position, direct and movement using Beebots and the year 1s continue with fractions. We are enjoying learning about the United Kingdom in geography and should be able to tell you the four countries and their capital cities. Some of us also might be able to tell you the names of the surrounding seas!



Meadowlark Class:

In English this week, we have started to write a balanced argument about whether gorillas should be kept in captivity, which is based on the novel 'King Kong' by Anthony Browne. In maths, the Year 5's completed their final, end-of-year assessments.

In geography, as part of our topic on Mountains, we learnt about the seven highest summits in the world and in science, we looked at the physical changes of different materials. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supported Meadowlark at the Winter Fayre - we raised a whopping £83.54 for our school!

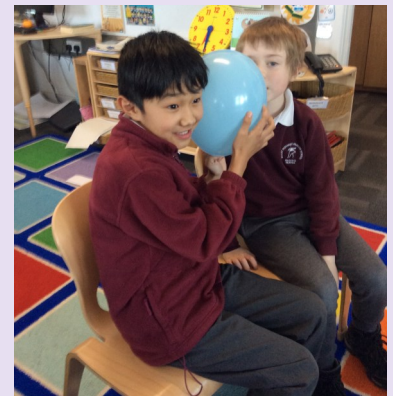
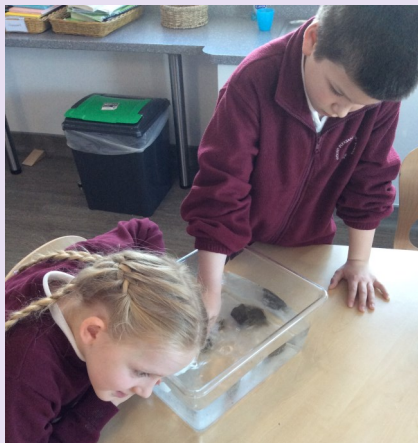
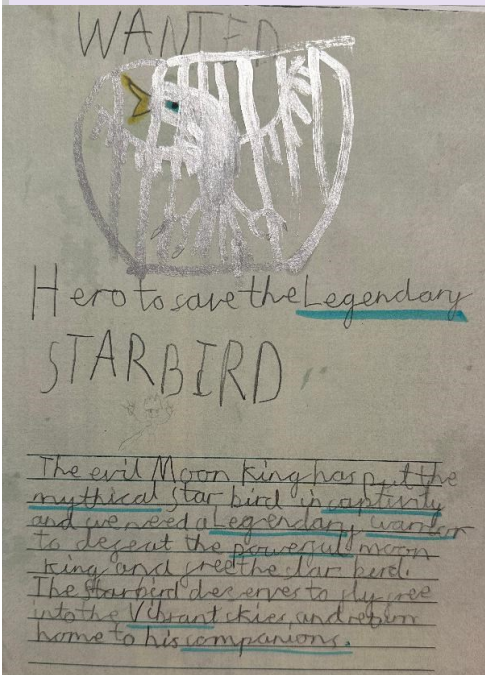


Falcon Class:

It has been a busy week in Falcon class, starting off the week with our 'Winter Fair'. A great effort from all of the children, from planning the fair, creating some of the products and posters and finally running the stall on the day. This was, however, except for when they were eating anything they could win or buy from other stalls! There were many delicious treats on sale at the Falcon class stall, and we must say a big thank you to Veronica, Heather and the Chef from Mount Pleasant House for providing these.



Back in the classroom, in English, we continued exploring the text of 'Starbird', creating our own 'Wanted' posters, where we had to persuade a valiant hero to help save the majestic creature.



In science, we explored how sound travels through different mediums. We tested how sound travels through the air, through solids and through liquids.



Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter
30th June 2023

The MPS Mid Winter Fair on Monday 26th June

This was a great success! We had an amazing atmosphere and the event was enjoyed by all. We raised lots of money for our non public fund so a big thank you to all, for your generosity and support.



The classes made the following profits after costs

Plover Class--£25

Albatross Class-£31.55

Caracara Class-£105.16

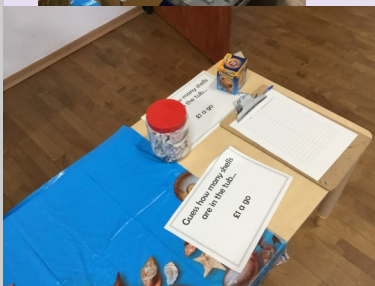
Falcon Class-£114.08

Meadowlark Class—£83.54

Total profit: An amazing £359.33

The class that made the most profit was **Falcon class**.

The winner of guess how many shells was Nick Lane, who was the closest with his guess of 57. There were 56 shells in the pot and the chocolate orange prize will be sent home tonight.



Susan Whitley Art Exhibition:

All the work children made during our art collaboration Day with IJS will be displayed at the Susan Whitley Art Exhibition held at IJS on Wednesday 5th July from 1700. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible down town to see the children's work in this exhibition. Teachers from MPS will be attending the art exhibition that evening.



Dates for your Diary

- 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 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 24th July term finishes at 1505

We hope you all have an enjoyable, winter weekend in the Falklands from all at MPS