

## Dear Parents

It was lovely to attend the Susan Whitley Art Exhibition at IJS, the art work displayed was truly impressive. I was delighted that some of our families made the journey and joined us to celebrate the collaboration project and art work. I was also very proud, that so many of our children received Highly Commended Certificates. The certificates for the children whose work was 'Highly Commended', will be presented with their certificates on Monday 10th July.

We had our last School Governance Committee meeting of the year today and I would like to thank all members for their hard work, support and challenge this year. Your time and commitment, have helped ensure priorities on the school improvement plan have moved forward and that the school is in a strong position for the next academic year.

## Plover Class:

We enjoyed our learning in Nursery this week!  
We did plenty of colour, number and messy play activities.  
Our book focus was 'The perfect square'.



## Albatross Class:

This week in Albatross Class ...

In maths, FS2 have been replicating models and using positional language to describe where objects are in relation to other items. FS1 have been practising the formation of numerals and counting quantities. Everyone has had a go at completing sea themed puzzles.

In literacy, FS1 have been learning all about the letter 'I'. FS2 have been writing about the book 'Three by the Sea'.

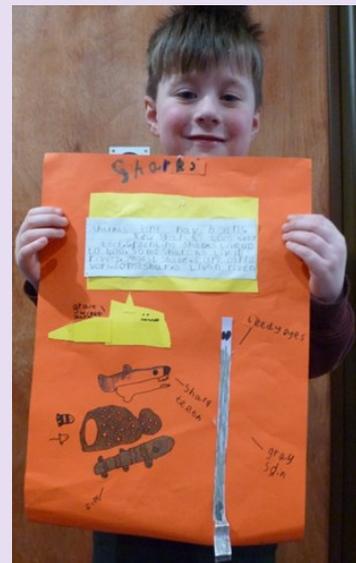
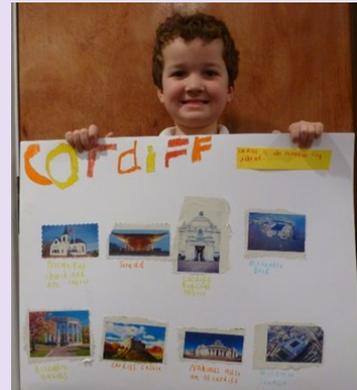
In creative development this week, we have been drawing with crayons onto textured surfaces such as sandpaper. Children have been designing and making beach huts.



Congratulations to Eloise and Miles for being awarded 'Highly Commended' in the Susan Whitley Art Exhibition in Stanley this week.

## Caracara Class:

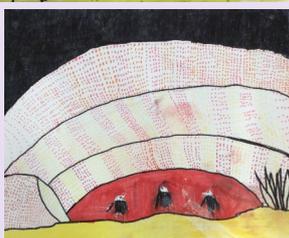
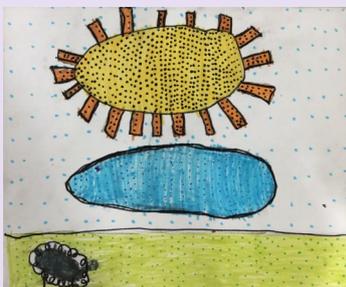
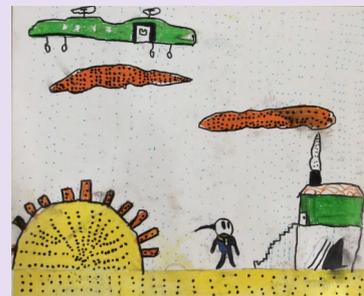
This week, Caracaras have enjoyed presenting their own research. We chose our own interest and learnt about different topics from Ancient Egypt to Cardiff and the lifecycle of little creatures.



## Falcon Class:

This week, we continued to delve into the story of 'Starbird' and wrote our own summaries of the book itself. We had to think of engaging and interesting phrases to ensure the reader would enjoy it. In geography, our learning focussed on the continent of South America and we looked at capital cities, flags and time zones. Science allowed us to be investigators as we had to find the best material for sound insulation. The most common result was wool inside polystyrene. There was lots of engagement as we tested different materials in both plastic and polystyrene cups—our version of ear defenders.

Finally, it was lovely to see some of our art work on display as part of the IJS Susan Whitley Art Exhibition in Stanley - you can see our art work below, which was created on the collaboration day a couple of weeks ago.



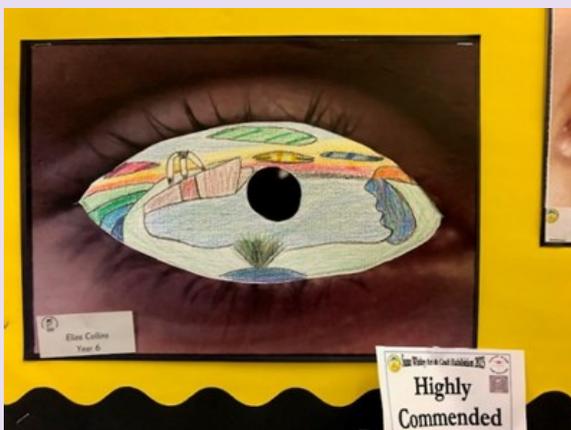
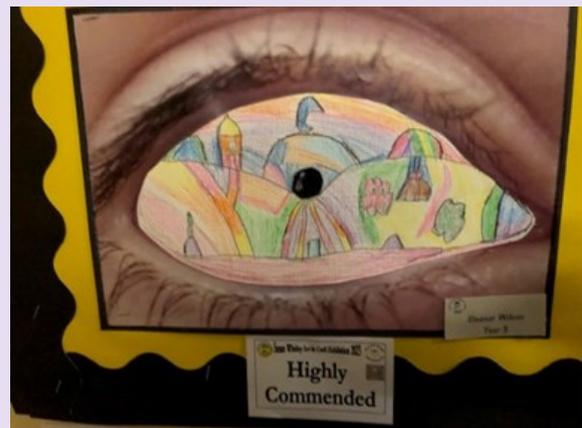
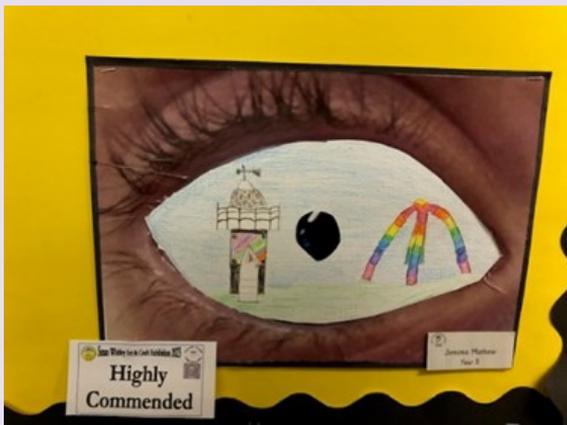
## Meadowlark Class:

In maths this week, we have revised 'tricky' topics from earlier this year, including multiplying and dividing fractions and decimal numbers

In English this week, we have finished writing a balanced argument about whether gorillas should be kept in captivity and self-edited our work to improve the quality of our writing.

In geography, we learnt about the four different types of mountains and how they are formed. In science we looked at irreversible changes with chemical reactions.

I would also like to congratulate all my students for achieving 'Highly Commended' at the Susan Whitley Art Exhibition with their wonderful, strange surreal art work of the Falklands, based on the work of surrealist artist, Rene Magritte. Well done Logan, Eliza, Eleanor and Jemima!





# Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter  
7th July 2023

## Classes for September 2023

Nursery, FS1 and FS2 Albatross class due to numbers initially in one class with Mrs Blom and Mr Moore

KS1 in Caracara Class with Mrs Hill

LKS2 in Falcon Class with Mrs Grindlay

UKS2 in Meadowlark Class with Mr Blom

The children will have a story session in their classroom with their new teacher on Wednesday 19th July at 1430. Children who are leaving us will have story in the hall with Mrs Stobart and Mrs Summers

## Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 18th July-School Disco I
  - Plovers and Albatross class 1430-1500 with collection as usual at the end of the day
  - Caracara Class, Falcon and Meadowlark class 1505-1540
- 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

Wishing you all a fun packed weekend, hope to see many of you at the mid-winter dip.

From all at MPS