

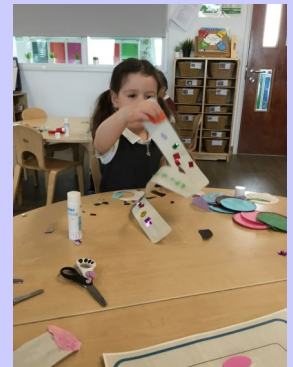
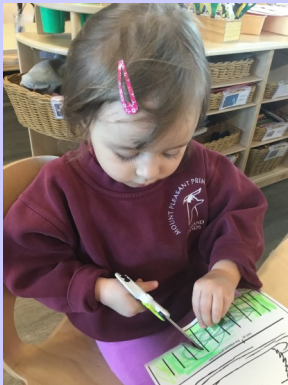
Dear Parents

The weeks are simply flying by and we are seeing some fantastic learning around the school. The children's books, clearly show the progress children are making. We look forward to sharing these with you at parents evening next week.

This week we said goodbye to Molly, as her family head back to the UK when the airbridge permits. We will also be saying goodbye to the Blom family shortly as they head off to Cyprus on 17th October. I would like to thank both Dirk and Mia for their work and support during their time at MPS.

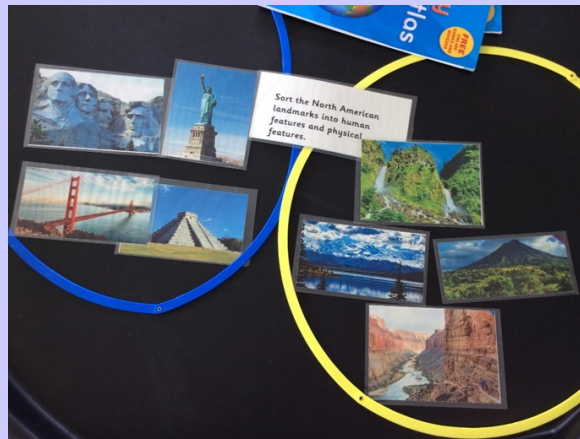
In Albatross Class:

In Albatross class this week, we have enjoyed various fine motor challenges which will help strengthen our muscles and help us as we grow into artists and writers. We also had a big focus on recognising our names this week. We explored our initial letters and made our own collage to go onto our lockers. FS2 had lots of fun exploring 'mass' this week - they became human scales where they had to work out whether items were heavy, light or an equal weight. We then challenged ourselves with the bucket scales, adding different amounts of cubes or numicon tiles. We had to see if we could make our side heavier, lighter or the same as our friend.



In Caracara Class:

This week, Caracaras have welcomed a new member to the class, Siana. We have continued with the story, *A River*, and are now analysing the story structure and language features so that we can write a similar version soon. In maths, year 2s have been focusing on number lines for numbers up to 100 and year 1s have been learning about part whole models and linking this to addition. Many of the children are now confident at naming the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world; they are also able to sort images into human and physical features. The routines of the Learning Chart are starting to be embedded and the children enjoy selecting from the choices available. Our plants continue to grow!



In Falcon Class:

This week, the children have been studying a new science topic, Skeletons. They have looked at the three different types of skeleton and sorted animals according to which skeleton they have. Some children sorted sheep bones according to the function that they have in the body. The choices were movement, support and protection. One child even tried to recreate the full skeleton. In history, the children have been researching Stone Age monuments and tombs and have started to create information posters about Stonehenge in Wiltshire.



Edward

"A Skeleton's job is to keep you standing up and not falling like a jelly. It protects your internal organs and it helps you move."

Dirk Pieter

"The vertebrae protect the spinal cord so they should go in there, but they also support us so that we can stand up, so I'll put half in each section."



In Meadowlark Class:

We've had another busy week in Meadowlark.

In English this week, we looked at informal letter writing and read quite emotional letters that were sent by soldiers to their families, during WW1.

In maths, we are learning how to do long multiplication with 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers.

In science, we measured the handspan of all pupils at MPS to understand the growth of human beings. In history, we learnt about the Battle of the Somme and how military leadership affected the soldiers on the Western front.



MPS Environment Week:

On the Week of 16th October, the whole school is going to join together in the afternoons to find out more about our local environment out here in the Falklands. The children are going to be involved in a number of events including, some work with Falkland Islands Conservation, Sodexo for recycling, a visit to Bertha's Beach and some litter picking. We are also hoping to take the older children to Mount Pleasant Recycling Facility.



We are asking for your support. Please can each child bring into school, **5 items of clean rubbish** that we can sort and decide if we can recycle? Please can these items be in school for **Monday 16th October**?

We are holding a litter picking event around Bear Woods on **Tuesday 17th October at 1400**, at which we would love you to join us. Please let the school office know if you are able to support us.

Dates for your Diary until Easter

- Wednesday 4th October - Parents Evening
- Week 09th October- Head of DCS visits MPS
- Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October Half Term
- Monday 30th October - 2nd Term starts for children
- Friday 10th November or Saturday 11th November Remembrance - Event & Timings to be confirmed
- Friday 17th November - Children in Need - Events TBC
- Friday 1st December - Christmas Tree decoration Event at 1400
- Thursday 7th December - Christingle in the school hall at 1415
- Wednesday 13th December - School Production at 1400
- Thursday 14th December - School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 9th January 2024 School Starts for children
- Friday 12th January - Join your child in Learning/Launchpad at 1415
- Friday 2nd February - Sports Afternoon for FS2 - Year 6 - 1330
- Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February - Half Term
- Monday 26th February 2nd Half term starts for children
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day - details TBC
- Wednesday 27th March - Parents Evening 1515-1730
- Thursday 28th March - School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 16th April - School Starts for children

Wishing you all a great weekend with some spring sunshine from all at MPS.