

Dear Parents

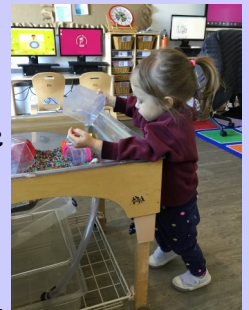
The learning environments throughout the school, enable the children to enthusiastically engage with their learning, which they do with excitement and wonder.

Thank you, to all staff for making the school such a vibrant place to learn. We look forward to showing the school to the Head of DCS, Ms Bev Martin and the Assistant Chief Education Officer, Mr Rowley Bucknill next week.

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend the informal drop in tea/coffee session with Ms Martin and Mr Bucknill on **Thursday 12th October between 1415 and 1515 in the school hall.**

In Albatross Class:

This week, we have been busy exploring capacity using different sized containers. We first filled them with different amounts and described what we saw. We then had to problem solve to see what happened when we poured between different sized containers. We have been playing lots of turn taking games this week as well - FS1's favourite one was the memory game. FS2 enjoyed exploring pattern and making their own patterns using anything they could find in the classroom. Our carpet was full of cool patterns and we enjoyed guessing what the pattern was, that our friends created for us. Towards the end of the week, the children asked if we could use the mini pianos again so we had our own mini dance party made possible, by the wonderfully loud tones of the Albatross Band!



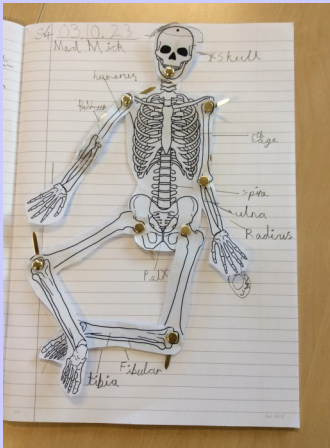
In Caracara Class:

Thank you to all the Caracara parents for attending parents' evening this week. If you've any questions about the homework that was explained please let me know. On Thursday, we enjoyed making careful observations and measurements of our plants. Today, we've worked extremely hard at retelling our story so that we're ready to write on Monday.



In Falcon Class:

Our science learning has focussed on the human skeleton, naming the main bones and learning the functions of each. The children made their own skeletons to label and built the human skeleton, using our fabulous resources. They learned how bones can regenerate themselves and how to keep their skull safe when riding their bikes or skateboards. In computing, the children have been making their own soundtrack by layering musical instruments to include a beat, melody and lyrics. The children played their finished pieces to the class and discussed the good points and where they could be improved. In English, the children worked in pairs to give each other instruction on how to draw an animal. They learned that precise instructions are essential!



In Meadowlark Class:

In English this week, we wrote informal letters from the perspective of a WW1 soldier, using a range of literary devices. In maths, we concluded our unit on how to do long multiplication and solved a selection of multi-step word problems. In science, we learnt about puberty and the physical changes people go through as they grow older. In history, we learnt about the role of animals during WW1. Our favourite story is definitely about the courageous Sergeant Stubby, a wandering mongrel, that saved the lives of countless soldiers. In art, we learnt about colour mixing and using different shades to blend paint.



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

- 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 relaxing weekend from all at MPS.