

Dear Parents

After a tense couple of days waiting for news on the airbridge departing, our super IT engineers thankfully took flight, back to UK yesterday, bound for Cyprus and Germany. They have worked very hard during their time at MPS to update our IT provision and server and we have thoroughly enjoyed their presence around school. The children now have updated iPads, accessible interactive whiteboards in EYFS and KS1 and hopefully we will all have speedier Wi-Fi!

In Albatross Class:

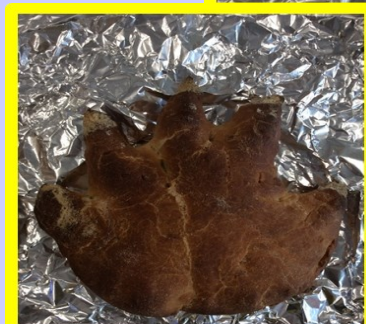
This week, our 'space' theme has continued. We worked as a team, to create our own planet representations using the paint sticks. We thought carefully about how to mix the colours and how to create different patterns on the planets. We made sure we had a sun so the planets could be orbiting around it. We also made our own junk model space craft. We had buggies, rockets and space ships. Once we created the model, we then had a go at painting it choosing the colours we thought would work best for our own models. On Friday morning, we attended the school assembly to find out more about Remembrance - back in class, we made our own poppy paintings to commemorate this year's event.



We will remember them.

In Caracara Class:

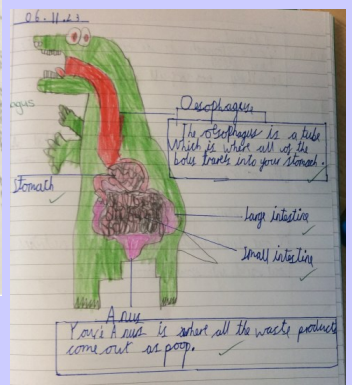
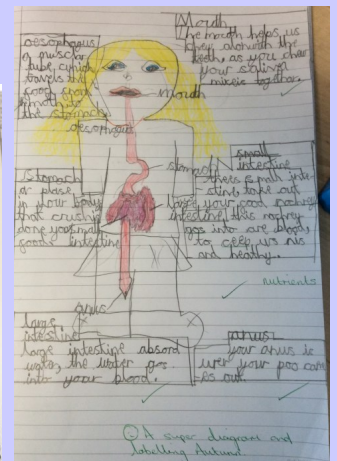
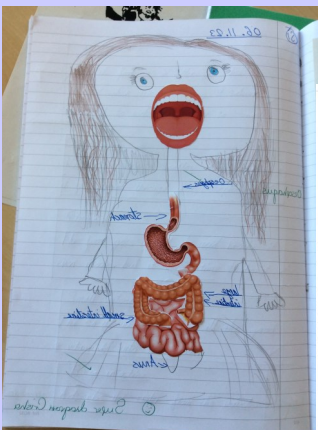
This week Caracara Class have enjoyed learning about Marc Quinn, a sculptor who made hand sculptures from bread dough! We created our own hands and some of us found it a little tricky to cut out the shape from the dough. However, everyone persevered to create a figurative form of a hand.



In Falcon Class:

We have had a very busy week in Falcons, learning all about the digestive system. The children learned the names of the main organs and discovered the functions of each, before walking through the digestive carpet mat, telling each other what was happening at each stage. They then recreated a digestive system using digestive biscuits, orange juice, a paper cup and a pair of tights. It was very messy, but fun, and the children have decided that it is best not to think about what happens to your food after you've eaten it!

In art we researched culture of the Yawanawa people, and created face paint patterns using the traditional colours of red and black. These markings are used to pay respect to the rainforest and the life that it gives them. In maths, Year 3 have been trying to understand why estimation is needed and Year 4 have moved on to multiplication and division using their 3, 6 and 9 times table facts. Our English learning has been focussed on vocabulary and how the meaning can change, depending on the context in which they are used. They then used some of the new vocabulary in sentences of their own.



In Meadowlark Class:

In Meadowlarks, we have more or less mastered fractions — all kinds of them too! We can now simplify, spot equivalent fractions, understand how to change improper fractions to mixed numbers and we can add and subtract, applying all our knowledge to solve problems! English has been focussed on new vocabulary; the feelings and atmosphere which images provoke, taken from an ominous historical sea journey by Darwin and his crew. Our hand-writing is looking magnificent due to everyone's best efforts to earn their pen license. Well done to all of you for your concentration and very hard work this week.

If you visited Meadowlark classroom, it looks like we are trying to re-create Stanley Growers! We have re-potted a variety of plants and are carefully tending to them, along with the tussac grass outside the main school entrance! It's a worthwhile, enjoyable 10 mins, which gives the children ownership and great pleasure, to watch something grow which they have cared for. Can you spot Cruz by the way ?



MPC Armistice Day Memorial Service:



As Remembrance day falls on Saturday this year, we are not attending this memorial service on base as a school. We would like to encourage all families and staff to attend the memorial service on base, which is occurring behind Jones Avenue, on Saturday 11th November 2023. Please can all families and staff attending be in place by 10:45 at the latest.

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 11th November Remembrance - 1045 be in place at back of Jones Avenue
- 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
- Monday 6th May-May Bank Holiday-No School
- Monday 27th May- May Bank Holiday- No school
- Monday 3rd June- Friday 7th June- Half Term
- Wednesday 24th July- Last Day of Term- School Finishes at 1515

Wishing you all a relaxing and fun packed weekend exploring the Falklands from all at MPS.