

Dear Parents

Mount Pleasant School was thrilled to welcome Mr Graham Potter, a former football player and manager (most recently of Chelsea) to the school on Thursday 29th February. Mr. Potter met with the children and answered their exacting questions, before leading a fabulous coaching session for the children in KS1 & KS2, thank you for the support of those of you who were able to join us. This was an incredible experience for our children and one that engaged and motivated the children. We were so lucky to be given this unique opportunity and would like to thank Graham Potter for this brilliant session, we certainly had a few tired children for the afternoon session!



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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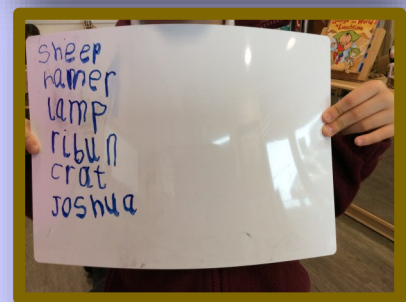
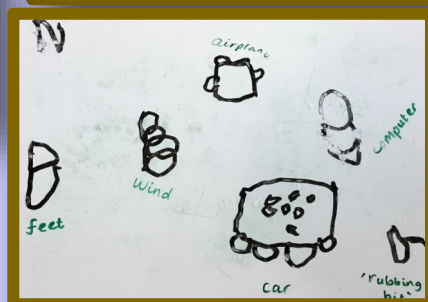
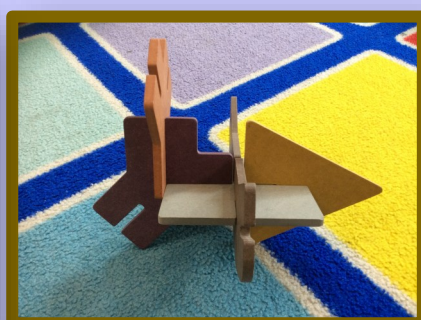
Plover Class:

It's been lovely to welcome the children back to Plovers class after our break. The children have settled back in beautifully and have had lots of fun in the outdoor kitchen where we made the most of the fine weather. Indoors we have been doing lots of painting, shape sorting and puzzles.



Albatross Class:

It has been a busy first week back in Albatross class - we are really starting to think carefully about how we use the construction area and you can see this in our buildings and creations. This week we have created homes for animals as well as banks to protect money (guarded by worms of course) as well as typhoons using the 'u-nu' tiles. Lots of thought and time goes into these models, which is great to see! FS2 continue to work on their phonic knowledge using and applying new sounds while FS1 have been working on their listening skills using their 'big ears'. Sound discrimination is a very important early phonics skill and some children could differentiate between all sorts of sounds outside from bin lorries to drills to swirly whirly wind as it was described!



Caracara Class:

This week, Year 2s have continued learning about money in maths and year 1s are developing their understanding of number. In English, we have started a new unit and are learning how to write information reports so that we can write our own in the not too distant future! In R.E. we have continued thinking about Easter with a particular focus on Holy Week. Microhabitats is our theme for science this half term, following on from 'Habitats', so we have been finding out about how to distinguish between the different types of arthropods. But, the most exciting event this week has to be having Mr. Graham Potter in school! Caracaras loved playing football. Thank you, Mr. Potter!



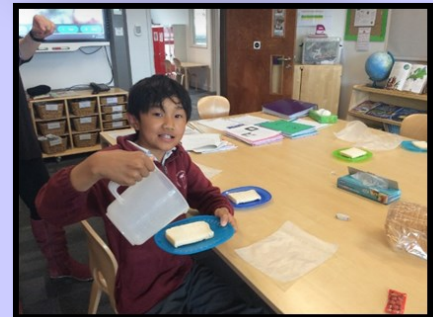
Falcon Class:

We have had some exciting learning in science this week, all about the water cycle. The children made their own water cycles using soil, seeds and bags and are observing over the next couple of weeks to see if it begins to rain and the plants begin to transpire. The children enjoyed learning about condensation and how water changes state. Watch out for writing on your bathroom mirrors! In maths, Year 3 are continuing to master measurement by comparing measurements in mixed units and Year 4 have moved on to mixed fraction number lines. In English, the children have completed their Roman Pompeii stories and have moved on to looking at our new topic 'The Whale' which is all about wildlife and pollution in our oceans.

Meadowlark Class:

Meadowlarks have completed a science experiment this week to understand the term 'variable' and 'fair testing', in the hope that we can grow mould on bread! We have observed nothing so far, other than an earwig which crept into Eleanor's investigation overnight. We will keep you updated!

We had a super morning with Graham Potter on Thursday who was just **brilliant** with the children - a huge thank you from Meadowlarks who loved every minute and returned to school exhilarated and filled with inspiration!



An E-Safety update:

On **Tuesday 19th March at 14.15**, we would like to invite all parents and families along to an online safety session in the school hall. We are fortunate that Detective Constable Helen Taylor from the Royal Falkland Islands Police is able to come along and join us in school to help spread the message about staying safe online. Helen is the 'Public Protection Officer' and part of her role covers internet safety. While we recognise that the internet brings with it a wealth of possibilities, it also carries some risks and safeguarding children from these is a high priority as we prepare children for a future in an ever increasing digital world. Please do come along and find out more about how you can play an active role in keeping your child safe online.

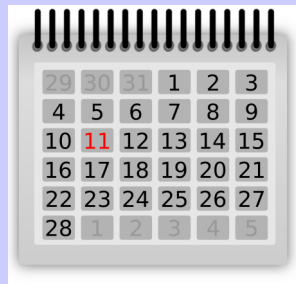
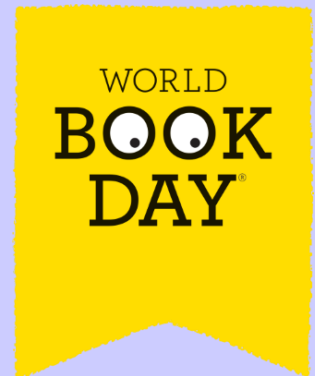
World Book Day Thursday 7th March:

With World Book Day rapidly approaching we thought we better share our plans for this day. We are keeping things simple this year whilst celebrating our love of books and stories.

There will be a book sharing event after school for the whole school from **1515-1600 on Thursday 7th March** in the school hall.

Children are encouraged to bring into school their favourite books to share with each other. Hot chocolate and a biscuit will be enjoyed as we share our books.

There is no pressure for the children to bring a costume to change into but if they wish to, the children could bring a book related costume or their PJ's & dressing gowns to change into before this session starts.



Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 7th March- World Book day- 1515-1600 after school session for the whole school
- 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 an restful weekend form all at MPS