

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Parents,

The weeks leading up to the Christmas break always seem to pass at great speed and with much hectic activity, as the children and staff prepare for the Christmas play amongst other end of term activities.

For me this year seems especially poignant, as it will be my last Christmas performance as a teacher/headteacher and the children certainly saved the very best to last.

I was blown away by the performance on Tuesday afternoon and was so impressed that such a small school community could do such an amazing job, with all the children realising the importance of working together as a Team. Their joy and enthusiasm was a delight to see.

Well done and thank you to all those involved for making this performance so memorable. Another thank you must go to Mrs Summers and all the MPS Community for organising an incredible leavers assembly for me on Wednesday afternoon, recognising my 36 years in teaching. Mount Pleasant Primary School has been a truly special last headship and I have many superb memories of my time in the Falklands to take on our next adventure.

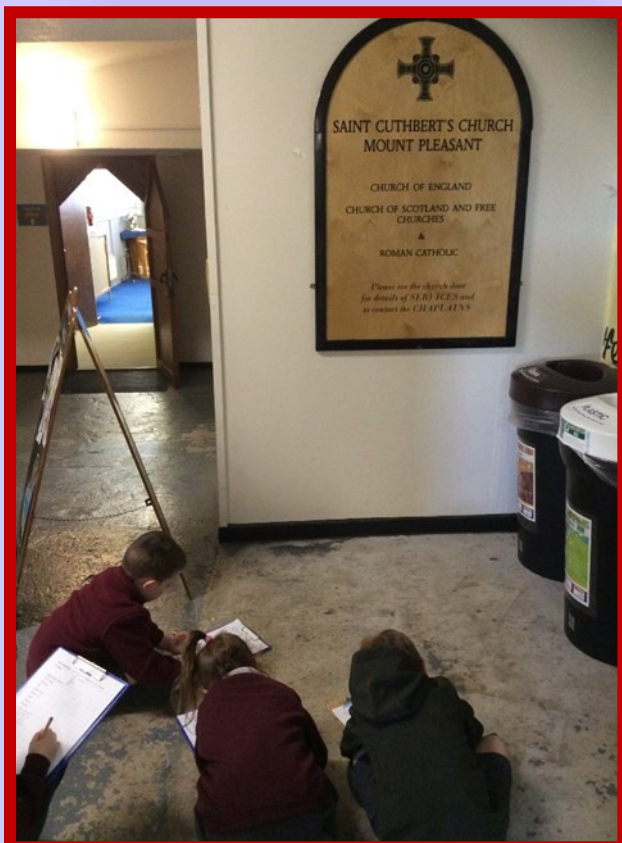
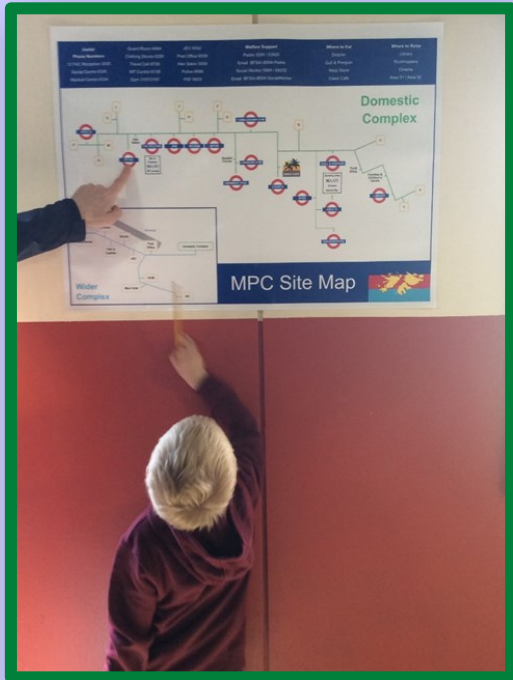
Ralph and I have had an amazing four years in the Falkland Islands, filled with many remarkable opportunities and experiences. Thank you for all being part of this adventure.

We wish you all a very joyful Christmas with family and friends

Verity



In Commerson Class:



For the Year 1 and 2s Geography focus, the Local Area, we went for a walk along the corridor to find all the different facilities that are available to us.

The question we had to work out was: Is M.P.C. a village or a town?

At the end of our walk we discussed the initial question and decided, that with all the facilities available to us, we live in a town.

The FS2s have been enjoying finding out about shapes. We have learnt how to describe 2D shapes using the simple properties. We drew different images from 2D shapes too.



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The whole of Commerson Class had a fantastic time visiting the Dog Section where we learnt about the equipment used, saw the



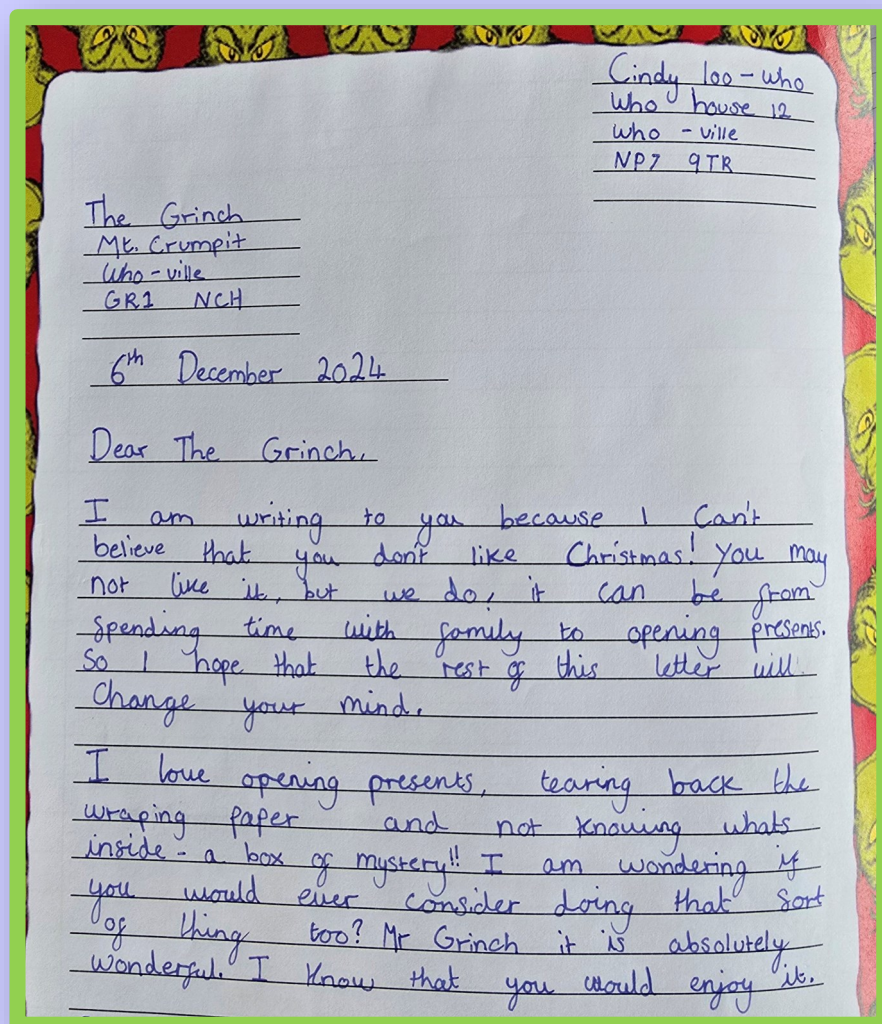
Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Kavanagh-Hogg and Mrs. Limbu
wish you all a very happy Christmas and best
wishes for the New Year.

Please stay safe and we look forward to hearing
about all your Christmases when we return .

In Orca Class

Time has flown by since the last newsletter and Orca class have been very busy, producing some great work as well.

We really enjoyed our English unit where our end product was an information leaflet all about one of the natural 'Wonders of the World'. We spent a lot of time researching this, both at school and for our homework, and we were able to produce some brilliant leaflets. We created both a handwritten version and an electronic version, complete with images, reviews and lots of relevant information. Once our leaflet was complete, we moved on to a final writing piece where we had to produce a persuasive letter. Our letter was to the Grinch! Our job was to convince him that Christmas is in fact a wonderful time of year for lots of people and that he should not steal it!



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In Geography, we finished our mini topic on mountains, finding out more about the Himalayas. Following this, we then began learning about climate zones and lines of latitude. We researched our own destinations comparing their climate zones and finding out what daily weather might look like in different places around the world. Science saw us learning more about changing states of matter, investigating freezing points, melting points and eventually studying the water cycle.

Mind– blowing facts

Did you know that the Parícutin is the youngest volcano in the northern hemisphere?

Have you heard that the Parícutin is part of the ring of fire which is in the Pacific ocean and that's where high eruptions are found?

Did you know that the Parícutin is named after the place it is located?

Reviews

"The hiking of the volcano was really good for the view of the ruins, trees and at the top it was cool to see the inside"

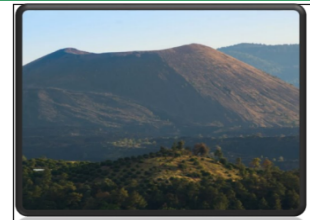
Lucy, Tennessee

"Wowing mind– blowing and just amazing"

- Teddy, Texas

"It was thrilling to see the ruins and I learnt a lot ..."

- Jake, Korea



POWERFUL
PARÍCUTIN

By Crisha



Introduction

The Northern Lights are found in the northern hemisphere.

This is something seen during the months of March, April, September and October. The colours of the Northern Lights are marvellous! The colours are green, pink and violet. Its colours are beautiful, pretty and mesmerising like a rainbow. The dark sky is black like an orca. Read on to discover more.

Fun Activities You Can Do

You can go dog sledding and its super fun and don't forget to hold on tight! You can do snow shoe walking where you can grip on ice and snow! You can do skiing and it is spectacular!



History

The Northern Lights occur when magnetic storms, that have been triggered by solar activity, happen within the earth's atmosphere.

When light hits something solid, some light is reflected and I, absorbed. The Northern Lights happen about 100-200KM above the earth.

People across the northern hemisphere see this dazzling light show.

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It has been a busy term for visits and visitors too! Ranging from Erin's lamb that we enjoyed meeting and finding out more about to the emergency services. We were very interested to see how EOD, the fire service and the police carry out their roles at MPC and beyond. Our highlight was certainly using the fire hose and seeing them manage to spray one of the water pumps over the school building! We then had the opportunity to go and see the police dogs in action. Everyone was very engaged, with lots of questions for the dog handlers and trainers. We were very impressed by the working dogs seeing them 'sniff' out things that should not be there as well as learning more about how they are trained and how they provide protection around camp.

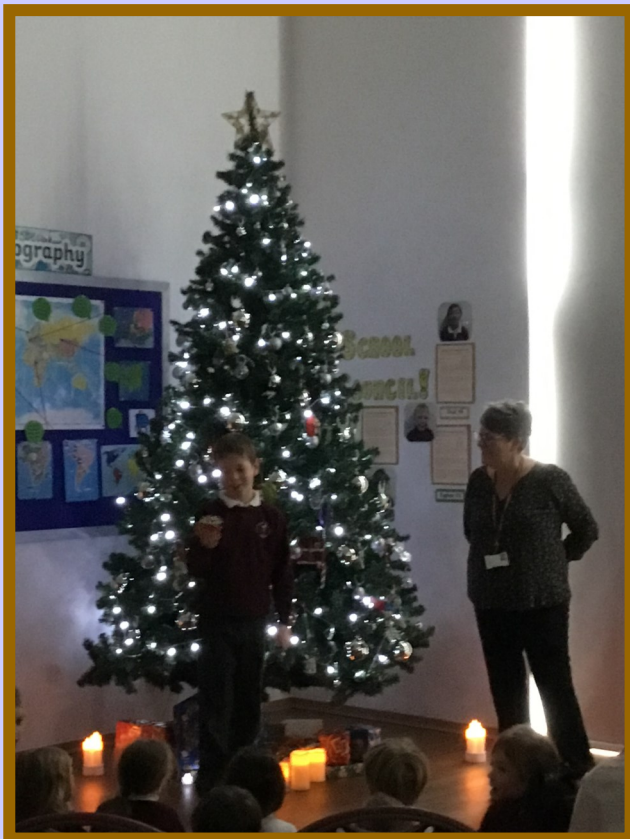


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Finally, we have had a busy lead up to Christmas with creating our own decorations for the tree, enjoying a delicious Christmas lunch and finally performing our Christmas show! The children have worked hard to learn their lines, places and songs! Well done everyone - a fantastic show!

We hope you all have a restful holiday and come back in January ready to learn! Orca class would like to say goodbye to Archie and his family and wish them luck on their exciting move to Germany!





Dates for your Diary

Further dates will be added to the newsletter as events are arranged.

- **Thursday 12th December - School finishes at 13:00 for Christmas break**
- **Tuesday 7th January - 08:45 - Term starts for children**
- **Friday 10th January - Join your child in school. Time TBC**
- **Friday 17th January - Visit to SARS - (FS2 and KS1)**
- **Wednesday 29th January- Chinese New Year**

Term time and holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25 can be found on the school website.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a wonderful Christmas from all at MPS

