

# Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter 7th February 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a great week - we certainly have! Teachers will regularly show me super examples of work and this week, I have seen beautifully presented, descriptive writing from both Commersons and Orcas. The work demonstrated an enormous amount of thought and effort from both children and staff and the level of progress is outstanding! This is evidence of having quality staff, amazing children who are eager to learn and want to be the best that they can be. I feel incredibly proud and privileged to work at Mount Pleasant School.

## Commerson Parent Invite

Mrs Hill would like to invite parents of FS1/2 Commersons, to share some of the wonderful work they have been doing this half term. These events will take place every Monday from 11:30 to 12 o'clock.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 10th February.



## Office Orcas

Mr Crofts and Mrs Bailey have met with the Office Orcas to explain their duties, starting next week. The Office Orcas each have a personalised office lanyard with an employee ID card and will be given a timetable on Monday, of when they will be required to help in the office.

Please see some of their quotes below. We clearly have a super group of children, who are eager to learn new skills and support Mr Crofts and Mrs Bailey in their daily work.

*'I want to apply for this job because I always like to help others even though it may take up some of my break times' Y4*

*'I would really love to be an Office Orca because I am courageous and I like to try new things. I like to take on challenges and this one would be a great one for me.' Y3*

*'I want to do as much as I can to help school, I want to work as a team with Mr Crofts and Mrs Bailey and help them with their daily work.' Y6*

*'I think it would be a great opportunity for me to get my first work experience in a job that sounds really fun.' Y5*

*'I believe that being an office orca will help me with my maths.' Y3*



## Stay and Play

Thanks once again, to the parents and children who attended our Stay and Play! We are pleased to be able to offer this facility and welcome children into MPS to enjoy the shared experience. We look forward to welcoming you all at the same time next week.



## Pizza Afternoon

As you know chefs from the Four Seasons have been teaching the children to make some mouth watering meals this half-term. Some lucky parents have already had the chance to sample delicious freshly baked goods, including chocolate chip cookies and savoury sausage rolls!

It's only fair to make sure everyone gets the chance to treat their taste buds.

Watch this space, we'll let you know more about our plans for you to join us on Monday 17th February, to enjoy a baked delight and raise a little money for school funds.





## Orcas

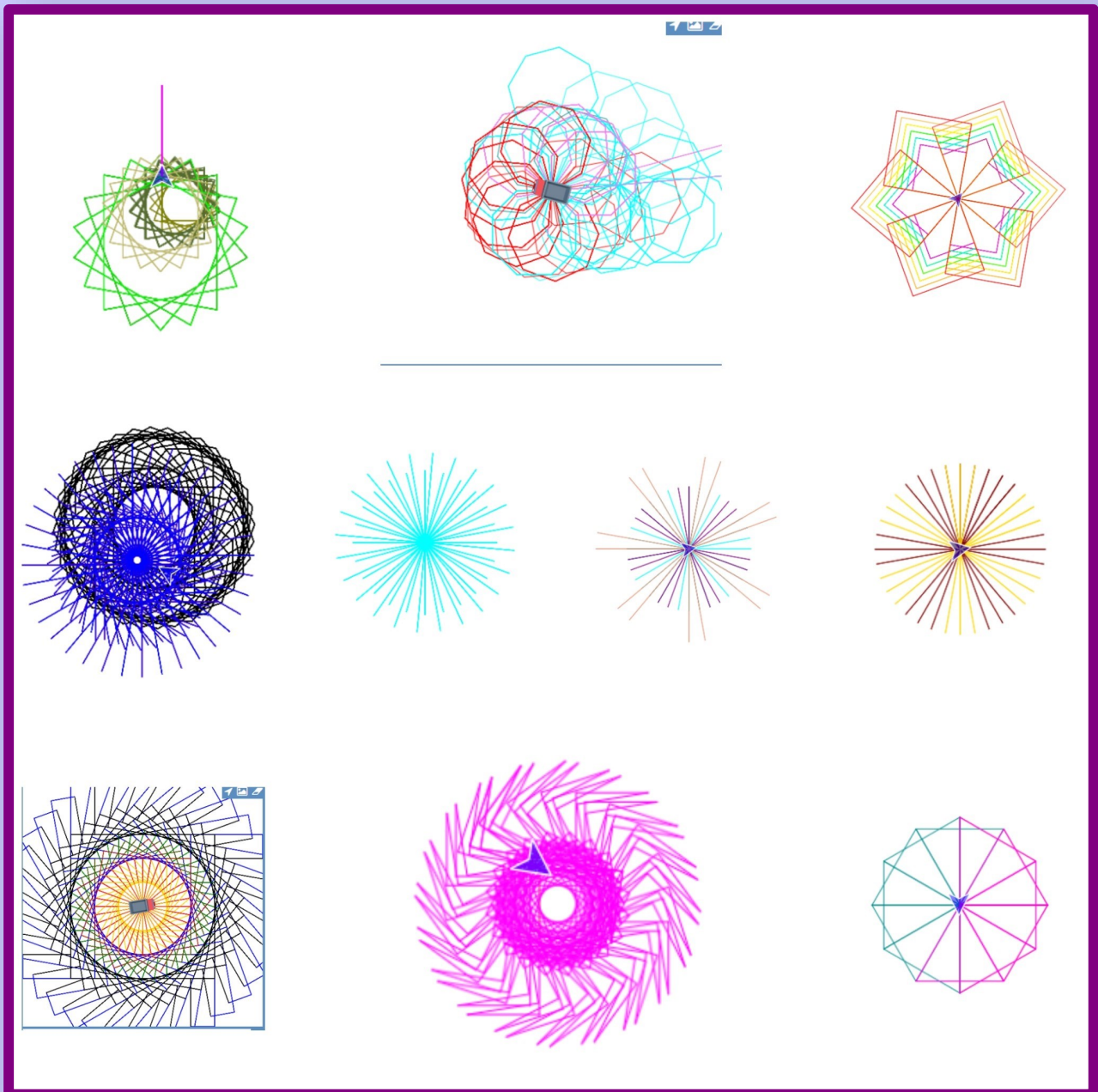
This week saw us completing our setting narratives based on the book FARThER - everyone has produced some wonderful pieces of writing with some excellent handwriting! Well done Orca class - keep up the hard work with this.

We also enjoyed exploring the Ancient Egyptian artefact box which was purchased thanks to a grant from BFBS (thank you once again!). In our history lesson, we discussed how we could know so much about the ancient civilisation despite the fact it ended so many years ago! We found out more about sources of evidence discussing the difference between primary and secondary sources. We then used our historical skills to see if we could infer or deduce meaning from images of artefacts before checking our ideas against the facts. This took some great observation skill as some of them were particularly obscure. We finished our history session learning a bit more about Howard Carter and his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings.



## Orcas - Computing Collage

All of our 'patterns' are now complete too from our computing lessons - see the collage below. We showed some excellent computing knowledge, using commands and procedures to 'instruct' a screen turtle to 'draw' different patterns. We were really pleased with how they turned out!



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## After School Club PE/circuit club - extension

A big thank you to Mrs Hill and Mr Dean for extending Tuesday's PE clubs to include 'session 6' on Tuesday 18th February at Tumbledown Gym. Please pick your children up from this location at 4:15pm - thank you.



## Linda Cruse — Humanitarian Visitor

Karen Steen, the Executive Head of Falkland Islands Schools, kindly offered MPS the opportunity to welcome Linda Cruse to talk to the children about her incredible life experiences, extending the offer across BFSAI.

Linda will visit MPS and facilitate two assemblies, one for KS1 and one for KS2, on Friday 21st February. In order to take full advantage of this inspirational individual, we would like to invite parents to their child's class assembly:

FS2 & KS1 - Assembly at 14:00 hrs (please arrive by 13:55)

KS2 - Assembly at 14:30 hrs (please arrive by 14:25)

In addition, Linda is doing a 'fireside' chat at the 'Officers' Mess' between 5pm and 6pm on the same day—please see attached poster .



Linda is a leadership expert, international frontline humanitarian, speaker and author, Linda has spent the last two decades living among people in the most distressed places on earth, from the snowy

Himalayas to the deserts of the Sahara and in the aftermath of tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and typhoons. Linda has worked with survivors in refugee camps and war zones, has escaped from a rebel army, been held at gunpoint, caught in a landslide, survived severe hypothermia and even sutured her own face!

## Golden Assembly - Ukulele

On Friday 21st, the last week of half term, we will be having our 1st Golden Assembly - very exciting! For the parents of the children who have been awarded the Golden Certificate, you will receive a 'secret' phone call on the Monday of that week, inviting you to attend the assembly.

Mrs Hill would also like to share with you during our Golden Assembly, the musical skills of our children from Y2-Y6, who have been learning to play the ukulele. We would therefore, like to invite all parents to come along and enjoy watching and listening to their children/child demonstrating their musical talents.



## 25 YEARS, 7 CONTINENTS, 1 SUITCASE - THE ADVENTURES OF A HUMANITARIAN



A PUBLIC TALK BY LINDA CRUSE,  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN,  
LEADERSHIP EXPERT, FOUNDER OF  
RACE4GOOD AND AUTHOR

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Open to all MPOM & JWOSM Members

1700 – 1800 (seated NLT 1655)

Mount Pleasant Officers' Mess

[www.lindacruse.com](http://www.lindacruse.com)



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Term Dates School Year 2025 - 2026	
<b>Autumn Term 2025</b>	
First day of term	Monday 01 <sup>st</sup> September
Half term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Last day of term	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 13:00 - Finish
<b>Spring Term 2026</b>	
First day of term	Wednesday 07 <sup>th</sup> January
Half term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Last day of term	Thursday 09 <sup>th</sup> April 13:00 - Finish
<b>Summer Term 2026</b>	
First day of term	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Half term	Monday 08 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Last day of term	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 13:00 - Finish

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**Dates for your Diary**

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

- **Monday 10th February & Monday 17th February - 11:30 to 12:00, F1/2 Commerson parents sharing learning in class.**
- **Monday 17th February - Baked delights for parents—more details to follow.**
- **Tuesday 18th February - FS2 to Y6 visit HMS Forth time approx. 09:00 to 11:00.**
- **Friday 21st February - Join your child for their Linda Cruse assembly, KS1 14:00 hrs, KS2 14:30 hrs.**
- **Friday 21st February - Golden Assembly and ukuleles, all parents welcome.**
- **Friday 21st February - Last day of half-term.**
- **February 24th to 28th - School closed half-term break.**
- **Monday 3rd March - School re-opens.**
- **Monday 3rd March - DCS visit from our Rest of the World (ROW) Early Years Advisor - Tricia Wood .**
- **Wednesday 5th March - World Book Day .**
- **Monday 10th March - Dr Jess Lovett (DCS Senior Educational Psychologist).**

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