

Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter 14th February 2025

Dear Parents,

Here we are already, the week before half term! We have lots to share with you so please enjoy finding out what we have been up to and what we are looking forward to at MPS.



Have a lovely Valentine weekend.



Office Orcas

The Office Orcas have begun their work, supporting Mr Crofts and Mrs Bailey with their daily tasks. This week they have been counting cash, matching it to receipts and supporting Mrs Bailey to prepare learning resources.

Golden Assembly

Friday 21st, 10:15, will we be our 1st Golden Assembly! For the parents of the children who have been awarded the Golden Certificate, expect a phone call on Monday 17th February inviting you to attend the assembly. Please keep 'hush' about it so that it comes as a lovely surprise for the children.

The children will be playing the ukulele which will make the assembly even more special and on this occasion, all parents are invited!

Baked Delight Afternoon

We are hoping that parents will join us on Monday 17th February at 3pm for our fundraising event. You will be able to enjoy a delicious cake and a drink with other parents, while supporting us in raising money for school funds.

A huge THANK YOU goes to the Four Season's Mess chefs, who have supported this event.



HMS FORTH

Weather permitting, Commersons and Orcas (FS2 to Y6) will be visiting HMS Forth on **Tuesday 18th February**. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to see the ship at close range and explore inside to find out and experience what life on board is like.

Thank you to parents who will be supporting, you are very much appreciated and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

PLEASE NOTE - there will be no FS1 provision on Tuesday 18th February.

Commerson Class

We have had a fabulous time cooking over the past four weeks. I think that you'll agree the products were delicious! A huge thank you to Poppy, Neal, Michelle and Emily from the Four Seasons Mess for organising and delivering the sessions. We hope to see you all at the bake sale on Monday.



The year 2s are loving the new dart board to help aid them count in multiples of 10.

Thank you to all the Early Years parents for coming to our first 'see what we're learning' sessions. We're looking forward to seeing you again on Monday.

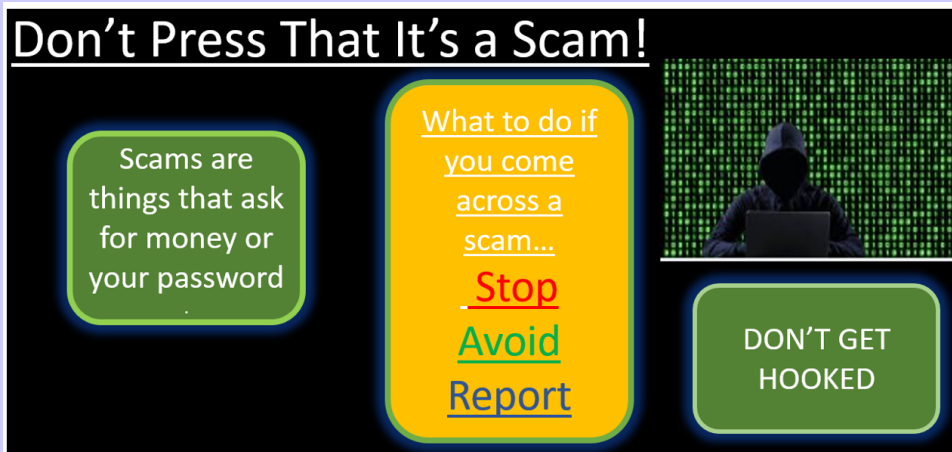


Orcas

On Tuesday, we took part in a 'live lesson' with the BBC that was to mark 'Safer Internet Day'. This year's theme was "too good to be true" and it helped us to learn more about scams and other risks we might encounter online.

KS2 engaged brilliantly with the lesson, being 'scam spotters'. We then used what we found out to make our own posters to warn others of the dangers and risks when gaming or using the internet on any device.

You can see lots of good advice in the posters as anyone can be scammed! Remember to be a SCAM SPOTTER and stay safe online!



Stay safe on the internet!

*If anything pops up on your device just ignore it even though you might really want it, because you don't know if it is a scam or not!
DO NOT CLICK LINKS YOU DO NOT TRUST!*



***DO NOT TELL PEOPLE ONLINE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION...**
Keep your number, name and address safe!*



Avoid bumping into scammers!

Be extra careful online because could be anywhere!

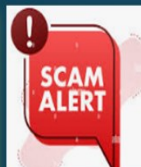


REPORT SCAMS!

If something comes up on your screen don't touch anything at all and then if it's still there tell someone – an adult you trust!

Stay safe from Scammers

Spot, Avoid, Report



Never fall for it

If a request comes up like this one
- Click ignore or dismiss

Get a new controller for free!



Never click

If you see anything come up on your screen tell a trusted adult and make sure they report it.



DO NOT TELL ANYONE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION...

Keep your name, address, password and usernames safe from scammers!

STAY AWAY FROM SCAMMERS!!!!

Scammers try to trick you online but you can avoid them by checking if it is a scam or not and this is how you can check:

- S**ounds too good to be true.
- C**ontact you did not expect.
- A**sks you for personal info.
- M**oney or trade requested.
- M**istakes in spelling.
- E**xtra urgency
- D**odgy source

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS ALERT

SCAM

SPOT IT, AVOID IT, REPORT IT – to a trusted adult



TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

When you see a add pop up that said you have won something you and you haven't participated in an event you should not tap on it because they will Scam you

MISTAKES IN SPELLING

If you see a spelling mistake in any website that means that it could be a scam. Don't click on adds that seem to good to be true like get million pounds for free



ASKS FOR PERSONAL INFO

Never tell anyone online your personal information because they could steal your **IDENTITY** and **YOUR MONEY**

Stop scammers!

EXTRA URGENCY

Some scams make you want to hurry you up so you don't have time to think about if it is a scam and they might have a similar name to someone you know.

DON'T TRUST ANYONE ONLINE

SPOT AVOID REPORT!

Never ever arrange to meet with a stranger or else they might be an adult who cold kidnap you! If a strange message comes up, double check if it has errors and also check who it is from and where you got it .

Some emails try to trick you!

If something pops up and it sounds too good to be true **do not click it** or you might loose money.

In games do not 'friend' strangers because they might not be who they say they are!

There is a thing called **phishing** and it is where hackers try to get personal information like your name and address. **But don't be fooled!**

If something pops up such as a message saying **urgent** come now or something bad will happen. Just stop and think because it might be a scam!

Stay away from Scammers

SOME THINGS LOOK TEMPTING TO BUY OR GET FOR FREE, BUT **DON'T!** THIS IS WHERE THINGS AREN'T EVEN REAL, AND SCAMMERS ARE TRYING TO GET YOU TO BUY SOMETHING THAT'S NOT EVEN THERE!



Never tell people that you don't know, any of your personal information or details about you. This can include your age, name, where you live, your school, anything like that.



If you see a scam... SPOT, AVOID, REPORT!!

You can find out if you have found a scam by checking grammar and spellings. If the words are all spelt right, it is probably not a scam, but if not, be aware that it could be a **scam!**

If you read an email or text that you did not expect, **ignore it**, go and tell an adult and they will sort it out for you.

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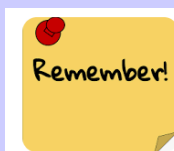
Linda Cruse — Humanitarian Visitor

We are looking forward to welcoming Linda Cruse on Friday 21st February.

Please join us at the following times:

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

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



We are currently experiencing all four seasons in one day (not unusual in the Falklands) so just a polite reminder to please ensure that the children have the correct clothes and are able to continue enjoying learning and playing outdoors. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY!

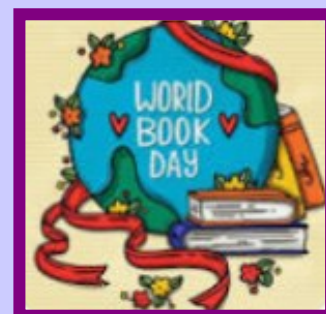
On Thursday 6th March, we will be celebrating **World Book Day 2025**. It will be a non-uniform day for the children who will enjoy arriving at school as their favourite character! As well as in-class reading activities we will end the day with an after school reading celebration, 15:15 to 16:15. Children will be able to enjoy a carousel of stories read to them, a hot (warm) chocolate drink and a home-baked muffin.

If you would like to volunteer, join the fun and read a story, please contact the school office, lauren.bailey@modschoools.org, thank you.

Reading to children is so powerful, so simple and yet so misunderstood!

Reading to their infant is one of the greatest gifts parents can give. By starting the journey of building a lifelong love of reading for pleasure, parents are giving their child the opportunity to be the best they can be: children who read for pleasure do better in a wide range of subjects at school and it also positively impacts children's wellbeing.

The National Literacy Trust





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



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

- **Monday 17th February - 11:30 to 12:00, F1/2 Commerson parents sharing learning in class.**
- **Monday 17th February—Cake bake fundraiser-3pm to 3:15pm approx'**
- **Tuesday 18th February - FS2 to Y6 visit HMS Forth time approx. 09:00 to 11:00.**
- **Friday 21st February - 10:15 Golden Assembly and ukuleles, all parents welcome.**
- **Friday 21st February - Join your child for their Linda Cruse assembly, KS1 14:00 hrs, KS2 14:30 hrs.**
- **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**
- **Thursday 6th 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.

~ Happy Valentine's Weekend ~