

**Dear Parents,**

What a super start to the new half-term! It was great that so many of you were able to join us on Launchpad morning, thank you for your support as it really does make a difference. We have so much to share with you this week, including welcoming special visitors to MPS and you may have even spotted the Rainbow Fish making an appearance (a.k.a. Tricia Wood DCS ROW Early Years Advisor). It promises to be an eventful half-term and I can't wait to see what else it brings.

## WBD 2025

It's not everyday that a Storm Trooper is to be seen marching along the school corridor, closely followed by Snow White, The Cat in the Hat, Goldilocks, Sherlock Holmes and Captain America! However, when it happens it can mean only one thing - it's **WORLD BOOK DAY!**



Thank you to all parents who came along and joined us to make our 'reading carousel' such a fantastic event. The children were truly engrossed as they listened to stories, shared books with their friends and dipped biscuits in their warm chocolate. It was a shame to have to stop reading as it was clear, that the children would have continued to share their love of books with each other.





## Early Years Liaison Team

As you know, this week we have been able to welcome our visitor, Tricia Wood, the DCS ROW Early Years Advisor. So this was also a great week for Tricia and Mrs Hill to meet up with our early years colleagues in Stanley, take the opportunity to look around each others settings and share great ideas and best practice. On Thursday we welcomed the FI Early Years Advisory Team and staff from some of the early years settings in Stanley to Mount Pleasant. This provided a wonderful opportunity see and talk about what is working well in our settings and the whole team are now looking forward to continuing to collaborate and support each other as they move forwards. We must say thanks to Tricia for supporting the initiative and helping to make it such a success.



## Parent Coffee Morning

Next week we will be visited by Dr Jess Lovett, DCS Senior Educational Psychologist.

Dr Lovett will be hosting a parent coffee morning on Thursday 13th March, 08:45 to 10:00 hours and all parents are welcome to come along to meet and chat with her.

This is a great opportunity to discuss any aspect child development with an expert. So, if there is anything in particular you'd like to know more about, please let us know so that Dr Lovett can make sure that the subject is covered.

If you would like to have an individual appointment to speak with Dr Lovett, you can still sign up for a parent drop-in slot, just contact the school office -

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## Junk Modelling request

This half-term in design and technology, children in Commerson and Orca class will be designing and building structures, exploring how to make things stronger, stiffer and more stable and Orcas will be designing a space station. If you have junk (cereal boxes, egg cartons, cardboard tubes etc.) that can be used for modelling please bring it to the school office.

## End-Of-School-Year Fete ~ Get Involved

Time for a shout-out for help!

We want to start planning for a celebratory fete at the end of the school year and would like parents to get involved with planning, organising and running the event.

Can you run a stall? Paint faces? Provide entertainment?

Mrs Hill will hold a meeting on Tuesday 11th March at 7 p.m. in the school hall. If you would like to be involved, come along with your ideas and help to make it happen.

## Donate your unwanted toys and books to our school fete.

Having a 'Spring Clean'? Time for a clear out? Too much stuff?

If you have good quality, clean toys and books that you would like to donate to be sold at our school fete, we will be happy to take them off your hands.



Our purple polo shirts have now arrived! Plans to paint dandelions on shirts, can now go ahead and your child/ren will be able to celebrate on April 25th by wearing purple on 'Purple-Up' day.

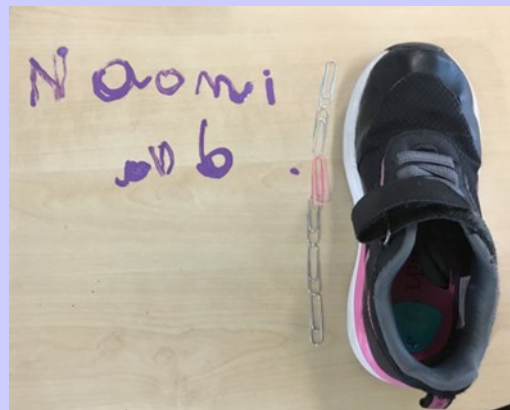
Remember, we hope you'll join your child in school to help them with the activity, so watch this space for date and time to follow.

## News from Commerson Class...

Wow, what a busy week it has been. I was fortunate enough to visit the 0-3 settings, a child minder and the FS1 and FS2 of IJS in Stanley this week with Tricia Woods. It was lovely to see the variety of the settings and the dedication that the staff have. Thank you to Jo and Bex from the Early Years Team in Stanley for arranging the visit.

In class, we have had great fun measuring our heights and measuring the height of our sunflowers. The sunflowers are really taking off with the tallest at 75 cm!

The FS2s used non-standard measures to see how long their shoes are and we discussed the difference in size of paper clips and the impact this would have on our measurements.



FS1s enjoyed working alongside the FS2s to create long and short worms using playdough.



We had a wonderful day for World Book Day. Year 1s and 2s presented their character explanations for 'The Ultimate Battle of Characters'. Well done to Enya for winning - her character explanation was based on 'The Cat in the Hat'.

## Battle

Name of character: Cat in the hat

Rate your character from 1 to 5. 1 is the least, 5 is the most

Kindness: 1


Brains: 3

Size: 5

Strength: 1

Funny: 5

Sketch your character



1. "My character's kindness score is a 1 because they are messing up other people's houses."

2. "My character's brains score is a 3 because they are not thinking about what they are doing."

3. "My character's size scores a 5 because they are very tall and he has a big hat."

4. "My character's strength scores a 1 because they are not strong and he does silly things."

5. "My character's funniness scores a 5 because they are really funny."

### New Starters

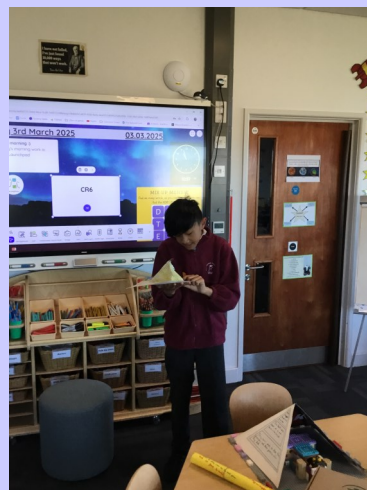
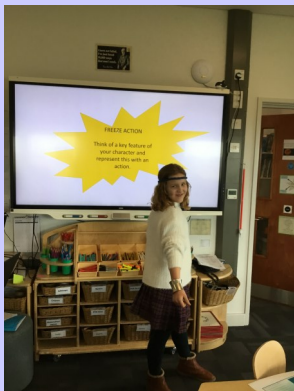
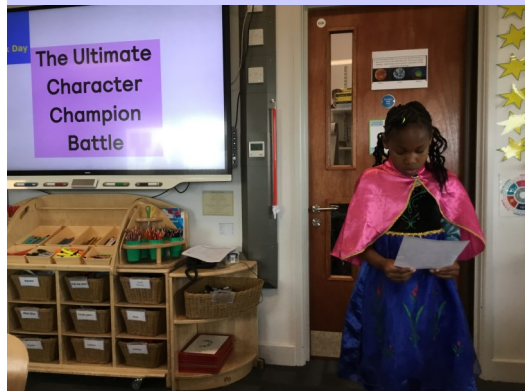
Our new starters Isla and Eryn, have settled in beautifully and have already made new friends.

We want to wish them both a very warm welcome and hope they enjoy their time with us at Mount Pleasant School.



## And in Orca Class ...

The first week back after half term has flown by, but that did not stop us cramming in lots of wonderful learning and experiences! On Monday, we 'launched' our topic of 'Earth and Space' with some wonderful 'out of this world' artwork - check back next week for our final pieces! Thank you to those who were able to join us for this event. There has also been lots of speaking and listening practice this week - we discussed how to present effectively as well as how to be a respectful listener. We shared our homework projects with pride, sharing lots of information about Ancient Egypt. Then, on World Book Day, we had the 'ULTIMATE Character Champion Battle'. We had to prepare speeches and present them to our classmates and the 'judges'. A very democratic vote then revealed our winners. Everyone earned votes in both categories (best speech, ultimate character champion) but those victorious were Bella and Immy for their characters and Erin and Cruz for their enthusiastic speeches. World Book Day was lots of fun, with wonderful costumes, story writing, book reviews and, of course, the hot chocolate and biscuit after school in amongst lots of amazing stories read by special guests! We even managed to squeeze in some French this week - showing curiosity and interest in learning a new language. What a busy time!



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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





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

- **Monday 10th March - Dr Jess Lovett (DCS Senior Educational Psychologist).**
- **Tuesday 11th March - 7p.m. Planning meeting for school fete, for all interested parents.**
- **Thursday 13th March - 08:45 to 10:00 Parent coffee morning with Dr Jess Lovett.**
- **Wednesday 26th March - Parents evening and school reports.**
- **Thursday 10th April - Last day of term, school closes at 13:00 hrs.**
- **Tuesday 29th April - School reopens, first day of term.**
- **Monday 05th May - Bank Holiday, school closed.**
- **Monday 26th May - Bank Holiday, school closed.**

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

*~ Have a fantastic weekend ~*