

Dear Parents,

I hope that you've had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend. We are still all incredibly busy here at MPS, staff and children alike as we head towards half term! We are also planning the work which needs to be prepared for the next academic year! Time really has flown by!

Dates for next week:

Monday 2nd June is our book give-away and cake sale. For a voluntary donation, there will be a cupcake (kindly baked by Four Seasons Mess) and a drink along with 5 books given to the children of their choice.

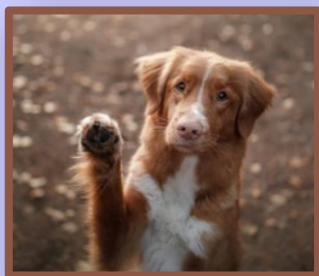
Your support at the event will be greatly appreciated.

Thursday 5th June — School photographer visiting to take individual, class and whole school pictures.

Friday 6th June is our Golden Assembly. If your child has been chosen for the Golden Certificate, you will be contacted on Monday 2nd June, in time for you to organise time off work to celebrate with us.

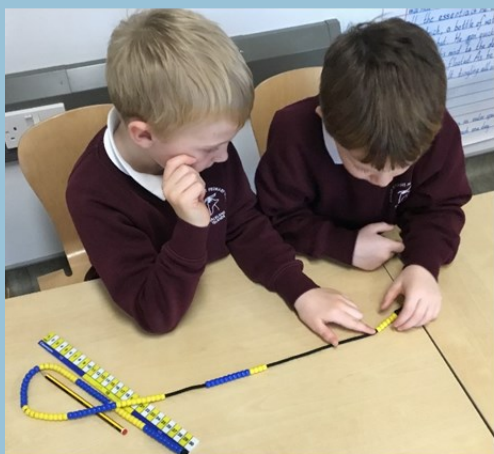


To Mrs Dunne and Mrs Smith for organising our winter fete enterprise club. The children were busy as bees yesterday making some super gifts to sell.



This week we have said a fond farewell to William and his family, who will all be greatly missed in school; William always had lots of positive energy that brightened up everyone's day and his enthusiasm for learning was second to none.

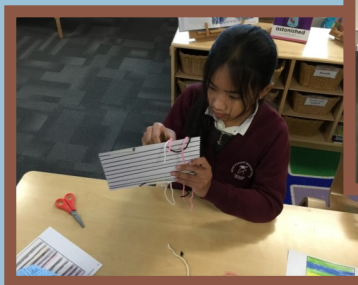
Wow! What a superb week Commerson class have had. The FS1s have been enjoying number songs, learning to use scissors correctly and putting together puzzles. The FS2s wrote their first story this week based on an alien that they had created! The year 1 and 2s have also been busy improving their story writing skills based around their Launchpad space themed machines! They all did so well that all the FS2s, Year 1s and Year 2s went to share their stories with Mrs. Summers. Unfortunately, all the fantastic writing cannot be shared in the newsletter, so I will type them up and send them home just like the last time. What I can share with you is photos of the year 2s sharing their knowledge of halves with the year 1s. This happened because the year 2s have just completed their fraction unit and the year 1s are just beginning.



It has been a busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter update. Orca class has been busy with all sorts of things from 'time traveller' guides to weaving!

In English, our 'survival' project continues with lots of enthusiasm and engagement. Our final writing pieces are almost drafted and there has been some excellent work so far. We enjoyed exploring instructions in a practical way in the hall last week – first of all directing Mr Moore to make a jam sandwich with only a couple of mishaps! We then worked in small groups to create 'mystery machines'. The audience had to work out what kind of machine was being acted out by listening to the instructions being given as well as observing the actions.

Our weaving project in DT is well underway – we have completed our 'practice pieces' with some great results! We have since planned our final tapestry colours and are currently busy 'weaving' away! Look out next week for the finished products!




Orca News

The Mayan Adventure

Welcome to the Mayan civilisation...

I've visited a Mayan ruin but then I found a symbol, which looked unusual, and then the whole world around me flashed! I have travelled back 1200 years to Chichén Itzá.


I was in a village where everyone here looked unhappy and overworked and most of them were carrying maize; there were tired sad faces everywhere. I asked someone where was the city and he pointed me in the right direction. When I arrived there, there were no streets so it was hard to find my way around and I ended up in a ball court spectating people playing a game with a rubber ball [which looked hard] where they only use certain body parts like their hips, shoulders, elbows, wrists and knees. I could hear shouting and lots of cheering as the players scored goals by making the ball go through the hoop. When the game ended, the team captain of the losing team was sacrificed. This looked very painful so I quickly wanted to leave.



Maya Time Travel

Hello time-traveller,
you have travelled back in time
1200 years to a Mayan ballcourt.
Get ready to play Pok-a-Tok.

Pok-a-Tok is a common Mayan
ball game. There were 2 teams
2-7 players, they played with
a rubber ball (30 cm in diameter
and weighing 3 kils) by hitting
it ~~W~~ THROUGH using their
hands or feet.



Finally, the game is over
and you can explore the city.
Time to get looking...

Headteacher's Awards

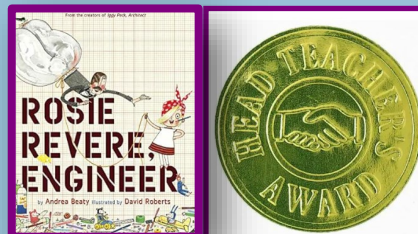
What a week we have had! Mrs Hill was so delighted with the whole of FS2, Y1 and Y2 in Com-merson class this week for the incredible effort that went into a piece of writing. So was I when I read each fantastic story.

So much so, that everyone achieved the Headteacher's award! Super neat hand-writing, great use of punctuation including exclamation marks and speech marks and stories which flowed beautifully with some use of paragraphs by the older children.

The children had written fantastic narratives based on their current literacy book, Rosie Revere, who dreamed of becoming an engineer. Rosie is taunted at school for day-dreaming but pursues her dream and constructs ingenious inventions from odds and ends. Rosie's classmates became truly inspired by Rosie's determination to succeed when she made a contraption for her aunt who dreamed of flying and joined in the fun.

What was heartening is how the children ended their stories, each with their own version of 'never stop believing in your dreams'.

Great job and well done to Kusang, William, Miriam, Richard, Enya-Rose, Eryn, George, Eoghan, Harry and Gracie.



School Photographer

We have taken the opportunity to ask a Stanley based professional photographer, Jo Summers, to visit school on Thursday morning 05th June to take traditional, yet up-to-date school photographs.

There will be the option to have individual, sibling, class and whole school photographs.

An email with prices has already been sent to you and we need you to reply to the school office by Wednesday 04th June to confirm that you want your child/ren to take part and what photo choices you would like to opt for.

Please note that if you don't want your child/ren to appear in the class or whole school photographs please contact the school office to let us know.

Mount Pleasant Extra!

Together we shine

30th May 2025



The help is
great!



Looking for more items please! 😊

We are still able to take any second hand, clean and in good condition items, for the Nearly New stall. This could include: **DVDs, books, clothes (any age), homeware etc.**

Also, if you have any new, unopened items - **food, toiletries, puzzles, games, Easter eggs, chocolate boxes, stationery etc.** - that you would like to donate to the Tombola stall we will be happy to take these items too.

As always – thank you for your support! 😊

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School newsletter distribution list

We're aware that some families only receive the newsletter to one parent, but if you do want us to also send a copy to the second parent to make sure they don't miss any of our news, just let us know.

We can send to work emails if that's preferred.



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

- **Monday 02nd June - 15:15 to 16:00 hrs bake sale and book give away in school hall, everyone welcome.**
- **Thursday 5th June - Pupil photographs**
- **Friday 06th June - Golden Assembly by invitation.**
- **Monday 09th June to Friday 13th June - Half term, school closed.**
- **Monday 25th June to Friday 29th June - DCS Quality Assurance advisor visit.**
- **Saturday 21st June 11am to 3pm - MPS winter fete to be held in school.**
- **Thursday 24th July - Last day of term, school closes at 13:00 hrs.**

Term time and holiday dates for the academic year 2025-26 can be found on the school website.

~ Wishing you all a fantastic bank holiday weekend ~