

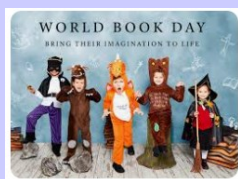
Dear Parents,

I am always impressed at how hard the children work and the work they produce! I have seen some super writing in Orcas and Commersons were busy planting bulbs this morning, talking about what the plants need to grow and survive. Our new topics are in full swing and our first visit of the new year to SARS was a great success.

Our new members of staff, Mrs Goatham and Mrs Painter have added huge value to our team and there is a tangible buzz of energy and team work across school. Thank you to all!

World Book Day

The 5th March is 'World Book Day' and while this is a very early message there is a point to it. We will be having a dressing up day, where your child can bring book characters alive and enjoy sharing their favourite books so I wanted to make sure that you have the time to either order an outfit or make one yourself. Details of the day will follow.



Chef's Masterclass

The chefs from the 4 Season Mess have kindly offered to share their cooking skills with the children for 5 afternoons this half term. The first one starts on Monday (in school) where Commerson class will be involved in helping measuring out ingredients and understand the importance of measuring. **Please ensure that the children bring along at Tupperware box or container on Monday, to take home their delicious wares!**

Orcas will join Commersons on the last week, with a focus on Egyptian food. We hope to invite parents to come and enjoy the food with us and help raise funds for MPS.

Commerson class water bottles

A polite request from Mrs Hill is for the children to have their names on their water bottles please, thank you.

Circuits afterschool club

Mr Dean and Mrs Hill intend to take the children out onto the running track—weather permitting on Tuesday. Please ensure that the children have suitable PE clothing and have applied their sun cream to enable them to enjoy the experience outdoors. I am taking this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to Mr Dean for his commitment to giving the children a professional and quality experience! I am pleased that I am watching and not participating!



Parent readers

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to read with our children. It makes for such an enjoyable experience and it is always good to have parent support. We will be in touch with times and dates shortly.

Stay and Play



Much to our delight, we have had a considerable amount of interest in our Stay and Play venture.

We are preparing the room so the parents and children can enjoy the session and we hope to start our first session in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Kavanagh-Hogg is excited to take the lead, she will ensure you have a warm welcome and enjoy being a part of our MPS community partnership. Thank you Mrs K!

School Council Project 1

Erin is our Y3 school councillor, she is committed to improving our school and has thought about a great project which we hope everyone will become involved in.

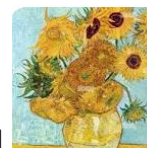
Erin's project involves children writing book reviews to recommend books they have read to their peers. If your child brings home a 'Book Review' template, please encourage them to support Erin and complete so that we can display in our school library. Thank you!

School Council Project 2

Eoghan is another super school councillor who also does an amazing job suggesting ideas to improve our school.

Eoghan's project involves an art competition. Taking inspiration from their work, children choose an artist and draw/paint or sketch a picture using any media, to be completed at home please. The work could also be a portrait of the artist.

The creations will be collected at the end of the term and a competition will take place. A display celebrating everyone's efforts will be put in the hall for all to enjoy.



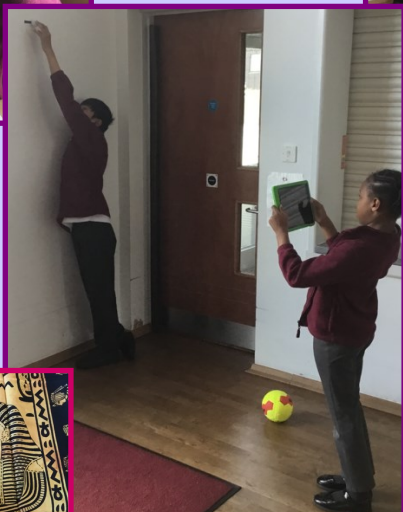
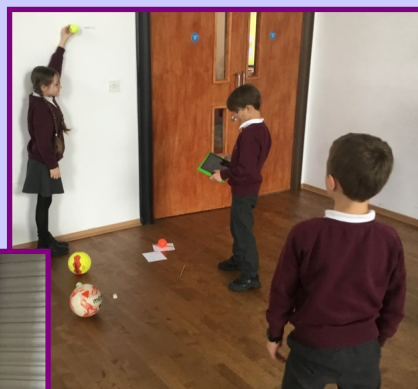
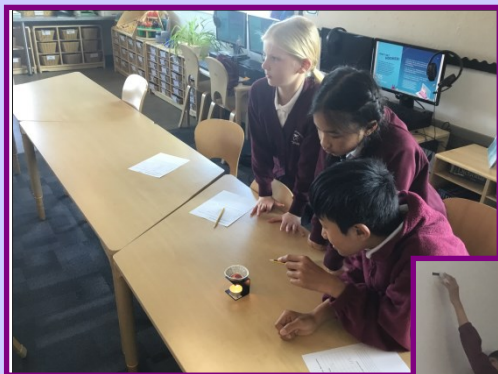
Class news from Orcas

We are fully in the swing of things now and our Christmas break seems a distant memory! We have enjoyed starting new topics and having new books to read and explore, particularly in English. After some engaging discussion amongst the class, we then wrote some impressive poems to describe the setting of one of the pages in our new book 'FARThER'.

In science, we have been enjoying lots of practical work carrying out investigations to discover more about gravity, in particular whether the mass of an object impacted its speed when falling to the ground as well as comparing materials to see which one made the best parachute.

Our scarab beetles have also been painted and they look amazing - we are continuing our learning in history, sharing our prior knowledge and researching further about the ancient civilisation of the Egyptians.

Finally, it has been fantastic to see Orca class take on board feedback about their presentation. We are focussing on ensuring we keep our work neat and presentable while applying skills across all subjects. Already, some children are increasing their effort with their presentation and you can really see a difference in their work when they are taking an increased pride in it! Super job - keep it up!



Wednesday 15th January 2025



The Stormy Sky

Bright Thunder struck the stormy sky,
As I watched my Dad wave goodbye.
The Clouds were misty grey,
Just like my heart on that very day.
The Roaring Waves went up and down,
And I really thought that my Dad would drown.
Darkness slowly filled the air,
And suddenly everything went bare.

Newsletter
17th January 2025



Dates for your Diary

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

- **Week commencing 20th January - FS2 to Y6 visit to Typhoons**
- **Friday 07th February - 14:00 to 15:00 Sports Day to be held in Tumbledown Gym, all parents welcome.**
- **Tuesday 18th February - FS2 to Y6 visit HMS Forth time tbc**
- **Friday February 21st - Last day of half-term**
- **February 24th to 28th - School closed half-term break**
- **Monday March 03rd - School re-opens**

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

~ The Mount Pleasant Team wish you a wonderful weekend ~