

Dear Parents,

I hope that you've had a good week and embraced the everchanging Falkland weather! This week's Newsletter is filled with the achievements of our children and sharing the wonderful experiences we are offered and able to experience in this unique and beautiful place. I feel privileged to be able to live here and work at MPS.

## Typhoon Visit

The whole school had an exciting and successful visit to the typhoons on Wednesday. It was a glorious day and was thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff alike! We would like to say a HUGE 'Thank You' to Sqn Ldr Turner for organising the visit and to Sqn Ldr Meadows who took time out of his busy day to share all that there is to know about their specialised flying suits and share his knowledge, perfectly pitched for the children, about the Typhoons! The children listened carefully, asked lots of thoughtful questions, all of which demonstrated their interest and enjoyment of the visit.



Don't miss the recount to the Typhoons (on the next page) written by George in Y2.

# Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

Going to 1315 flight

First we got on the big white coach to 1315 flight and we had to sit with <sup>our</sup> class. Luckily ~~there~~ <sup>there</sup> was space for Eoghan and Harry to sit next to me. Then we had a safe journey to 1315 flight.

Next we got taken by a pilot<sup>to</sup> a room with all the equipment. First he showed us a helmet that had a soopur visor and a special protective glass layer. The glass layer is used for the birds flying 200 miles per hour and the typhoon going 500 miles per hour because if the <sup>glass</sup> smashes the glass layer will protect ~~your~~ <sup>the</sup> face. They also wore a pair of protective trousers that keep the blood at the top of the body so they don't go unconscious.

After that we went to see the typhoon and it was amazing but we couldn't touch anything especially the red, white or yellow. Then the KS2 went in the cockpit and another pilot told them about buttons. Then he showed us missiles on the typhoon. Then he showed us the fuel tank it has 30 tanks full in a car that's a lot of fuel.

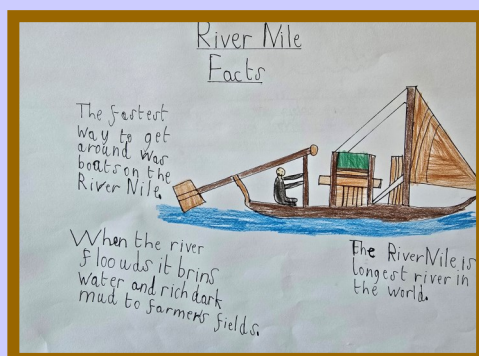
finally we walked back to the coach and we sat in the issacked seats and I talked and all the way back to school.



## Orcas

A busy week in Orca class, delving deeper into our class story 'FAR THER' and beginning to think about the 'detail' that will feed into our final writing piece. In science, we explored water resistance investigating how the shape of an object impacted its speed when moving through a body of water. In history, we worked independently to create our own posters about the River Nile. We had to use non-fiction books to find out the facts, practising our skills using the contents page and index.

Thinking back to last week, we also enjoyed our Friday PE session outside - despite the wind. We all showed courage and perseverance in the face of changeable weather - an excellent way of demonstrating some of our school values. When the weather allows, we will continue to use the field during the Falklands summer so please do ensure children are prepared for this in terms of clothing and sun protection.



We've had our second week of 'drawing club' where we are busy creating a 'portfolio' of all of our wonderful drawings - we are enjoying having some guided drawing sessions as well as free drawing when the time allows. You can see a sneak peek of our 'puppycorn' drawing from this week in the photo opposite.



## Commersons

Last Friday, Commerson Class visited the S.A.R. to find out about how rescues are carried out. The year 1s and 2s will use this information to make comparisons to Grace Darling's heroic rescue. Whilst at Heliops, the children were shown dramatic video footage of a rescue, the equipment that is used, and had a chance to go inside the helicopter. Some were even lucky enough to try out the infra-red camera! We had a great morning and I would like to give a personal thank-you to Callum, Livvie, and Matt for taking time out of their day to support the children's learning.



## Stay and Play

Our MPS community partnership venture of 'Stay and Play' will be open for 2-3yr olds on Wednesday 29th January at 2pm. Please arrive 5 minutes early so that you can sign in and be warmly welcomed into school. We will share our expectations of how we will support each other and keep all children safe during their time in school.

We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful Julia Donaldson inspired 'Stay and Play' room. Take a sneaky peek below at what is on offer!



## Commerson Class

- Please bring in a container (if possible) for the goods baked with the chef on Monday.
- Names on water bottles would be helpful please.

Mount Pleasant School is a 'nut free' school. Please ensure that children are not bringing any foods in which contain nuts. Thank you for your



## **Job opportunities**

We will soon be advertising for a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) and a Qualified Teacher Cover Supervisor to join our team. If you would like a truly satisfying and enjoyable role, with CPD opportunities, please keep a look out in the Penguin News.

## **Office Orcas**

KS2 children have the wonderful opportunity to become an 'Office Orca' which involves helping out in the school office. We had lots of interest this morning during School Council Assembly so we are looking forward to quite a few applications. Pupils will learn new skills, develop their confidence and equally as important, enjoy the role. Please see the attached job description and application form which are also available from the school office.



**Children who wish to apply should return their completed application form to the school office by the closing date - Friday 31st January.**

## **Visitors**

We are in a fortunate position to be able to welcome our DCS Senior Educational Psychologist, Dr Jess Lovett, into Mount Pleasant School week commencing 10th March.

Dr Lovett has offered both a parent workshop and personal drop-ins sessions for parents, giving you the valuable opportunity to discuss informally and confidentially any concerns that you may have regarding your child.

If you are interested in either session, please contact Mrs Bailey in advance so that we can then organise a timetable. Thank you.

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**Dates for your Diary**

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

- **Friday 31st January— FS1/FS2 and Y1— environmental walk**
- **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**
- **Monday 3rd March—DCS visit from 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.*

*~ The Mount Pleasant Team wish you a wonderful weekend ~*