

Dear Parents

School has been a hive of activity this week with some fabulous learning, the children's excellent behaviour and attitude to learning makes all of us here at MPS proud.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have Deborah Taylor the Teaching and Learning Advisor ROW from DCS visiting this week. This has been an incredibly timely and worth while visit; it has enabled us to ensure our curriculum for September 2024 embraces all the advantages and opportunities provided by our unique location and small mixed age class sizes. We will continue to make the most of all that the Falkland Islands have to offer, ensuring that this forms the core of our high-quality curriculum, enabling all our pupils to flourish.

Mrs Stobart continues to be available for appointments if you wish to discuss your concerns for September 2024 further and continues to be the first point of contact regarding education.

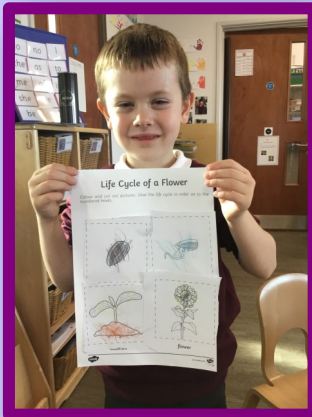
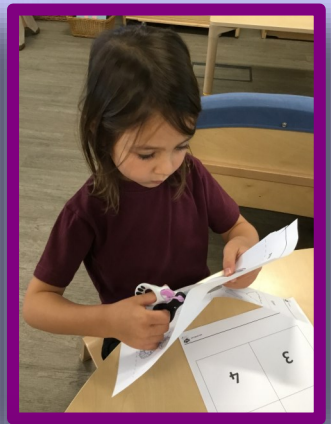
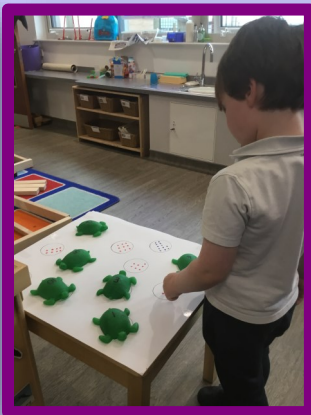
Plover Class:

The children have had lots of fun this week. We've focused on art and have made paper chains, cherry blossom pictures, and have done plenty of free painting. The children have also been working together brilliantly and learning to share by collaboratively building a train track, among other things. Zaffi has also settled in really well this week which has been fantastic to see.



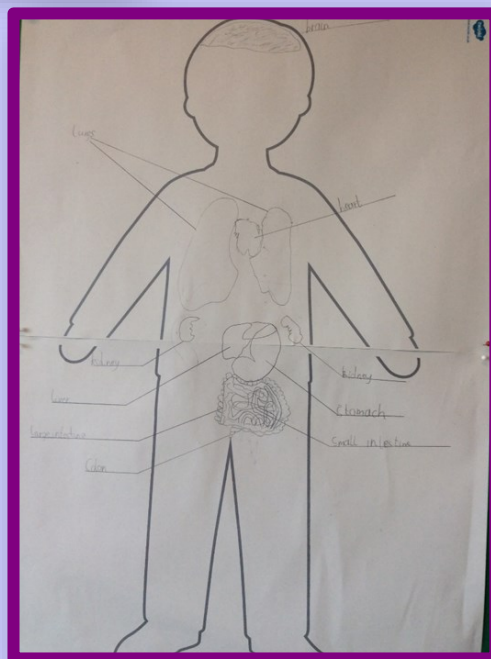
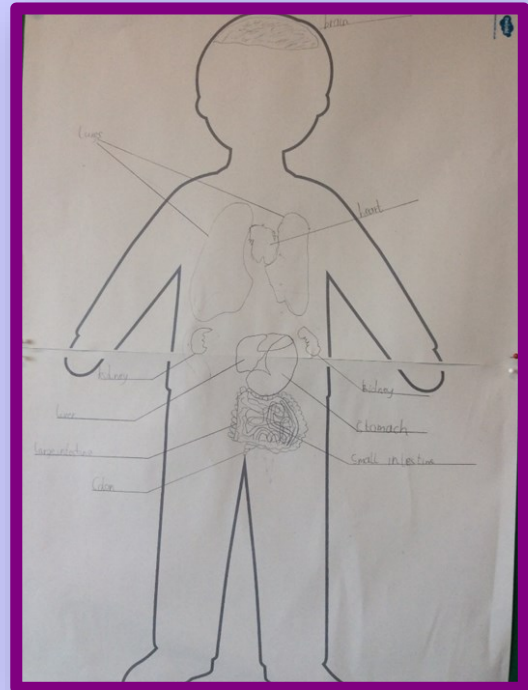
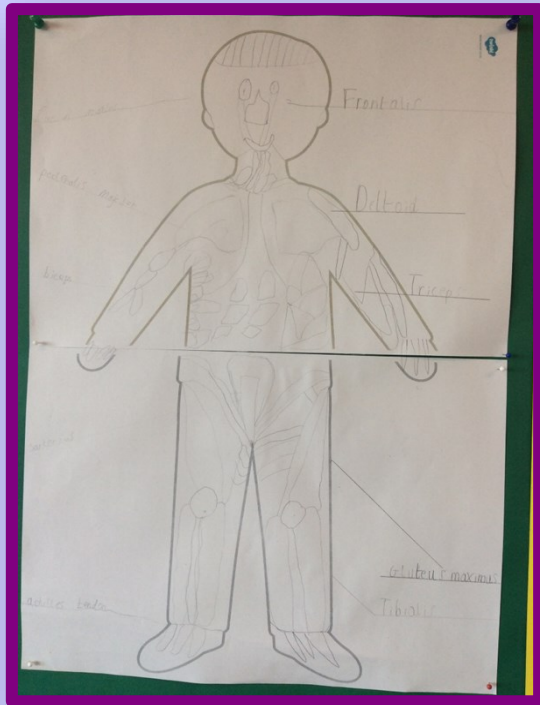
Albatross Class:

A very busy week in Albatross class - we've been learning more about plants and their life cycle. We have ordered the life cycle of a plant, FS2 wrote about this, created a movement dance to represent it and sang a song about it! We began the week by looking at types of books. We compared fiction and non-fiction books and looked at the features of each. We realised some of us really enjoy taking home information books when we visit the library! We have also been practising our counting skills through turn taking games and matching activities. In PE, we also enjoyed trying out some yoga poses. We challenged ourselves to hold our poses or balances for 10 seconds - some were easier than others!



Caracara Class:

This week Caracaras have enjoyed finding out about the human body. We worked in pairs to record our research about different areas, including the skeleton, muscles and organs. For geography, we have started to learn about Zambia, which will lead us into what it's like to live in a village in the next few weeks.



Falcon Class:

Falcon class have had a very busy week and it seems to have flown by! In maths, the year 3 children have completed their learning on Measurement and Capacity and have moved on to adding and subtracting fractions, whilst year 4 have been completing their Money topic. In English, they have written some lovely character descriptions of a rather unsavoury character, making him sound as disgusting as possible and using similes. Our history lesson this week was great fun. The children learned about Henry VIII's six wives. They wrote down and discussed good and bad points of each, before giving them a rating out of ten. They also learned the reasons why Henry married so many times and were surprised to find out that not everyone married for love. In RE the children discussed their reasoning about what a 'soul' is and how Christians should live their lives to ensure that their soul would go to heaven. Thank you to Stanley Museum Past Finders who thoroughly entertained the children on Thursday afternoon, they all seemed to have a great time and enjoyed having the company of Stanley school children.



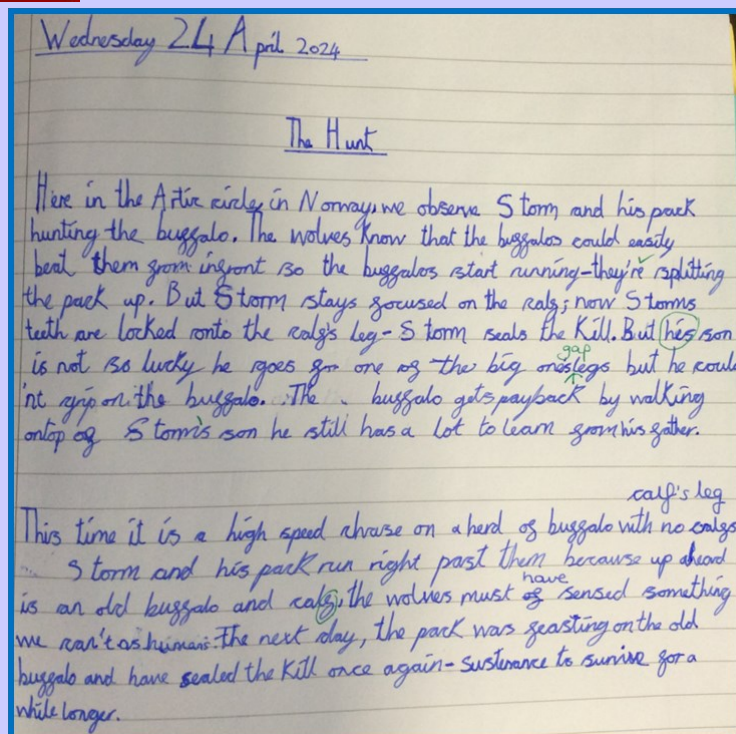
Meadowlark Class:

Meadowlarks have enjoyed a varied week, particularly when the 'Past Finders' visited from Stanley.

Eleanor : I have enjoyed the 'Past Finders' coming as it was really interesting looking at all the artefacts.

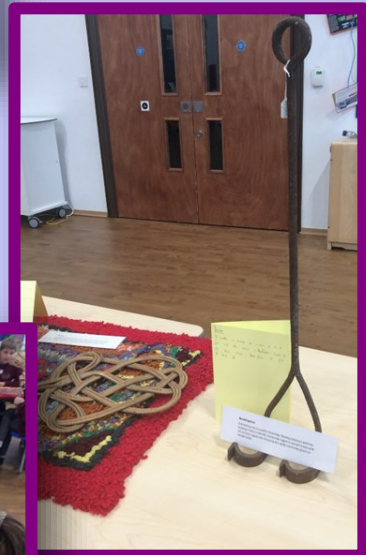
Jack: I enjoyed learning about statistics and how to interpret line graphs and our 'incidental write' about 'The Ways of the Wolves'. I also enjoyed the 'Past Finders' visiting our school.

Cruz: I enjoyed writing about the artefacts when Past Finders visited from Stanley and blowing the horn in the suitcase.



Past Finders:

Yesterday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Sandra Alazia (the Outreach Assistant with the Falkland Islands Museum and National Trust) and some of the volunteers and 14 children from the Past Finders youth group. After an interesting introduction to the history of the museum and the plans for the future, the Past Finders paired with our children and discussed an artefact that they had chosen from the wide array Sandra had brought with her. The children were tasked with writing a museum label for their artefact. All the children enjoyed the session and it was great to see all of our KS1 and KS2 children questioning and interacting with artefacts from the Falklands past.





Mount Pleasant Extra!

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26th April 2024

Month of the Military Child

It was great to see the children and staff wearing purple to school today as part of our celebrations of the month of the military child. We also had a very thought provoking assembly where the children shared their experiences of being a military child.



Friends of MPS:

Thank you for those of you who were able to join us for the first meeting of The Friends of MPS on Wednesday 17th April. Lots of fund raising ideas were discussed with the aim to raise funds to support the cost of coaches for school trips out and about the Islands. Thank you Mrs Hill for facilitating the first meeting of this group. The next meeting date is Wednesday 1st May at 7pm at the school.

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 30th April 1515-1600 2nd Science and Lego/Computing Club (runs for 6 sessions)
- Thursday 2nd May 1515-1600- 2nd Family Card Games Club(runs for 6 sessions)
- Wednesday 1st May 2024-1900 2nd Friends of MPS meeting at school
- Monday 6th May-May Bank Holiday - No school
- Thursday 23rd May Join your child in learning 1100-1200
- Monday 27th May - May Bank Holiday - No school
- Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June - Half Term
- Wednesday 24th July - Last Day of Term - School Finishes at 1515

Wishing you a restful weekend here at MPC and around the wider Falkland Islands