

## Dear Parents

Thank you for finding time to join us in school yesterday, to discover more about what your child is learning and to get involved with the lessons. We were delighted that someone from all our families was able to attend.

It is hard to believe that Mrs Grindlay will be leaving us at the end of next week after nearly three years at MPS. I would like to thank Abi for her enthusiasm, hard work, support, dedication and determination to make a difference to the lives of all the children at MPS. We will truly miss her and wish her the very best as she transfers to Naples.



LIFE AS A DANDELION  
MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD 2024  
COMPETITION WINNERS

## Month of the Military Child Competition Winners

Well done Alfie for his amazing poem the Dandelion Finder which won a prize in the MOMC Competition. Alfie, Mum & Jack will be attending an event at MOD Main Building on 24th June. As part of these celebrations, they are hoping to have a tour of parliament. Everyone at MPS is so proud of you.

### Dandelion Finder

by Alfie D. (6-8)

Dandelion finder  
Life adapter  
Place traveller  
House mover  
Bedroom planner  
Scare beater  
Brave adventurer  
Courage maker  
Worry leaver  
Fitting in better  
Friend maker  
Friend fixer

Please find a link to the [winners booklet](#)

## Plover Class:

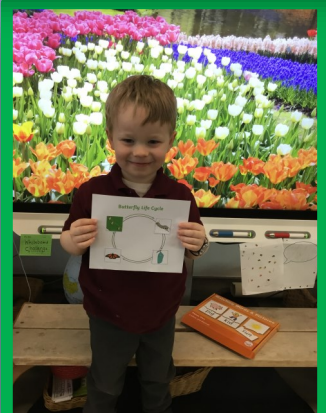
This week it was lovely to see all of the parents coming into Plovers for our celebration of learning. We hope you enjoyed the activities. The children have also been doing lots of singing and reading this week, with *The Gruffalo* being the new favourite story. The children have been joining in with the parts of the book that they know which is fantastic. We've also had some fun outside making footprints in the snow.





## Albatross Class:

It has felt like a very busy week in our class with lots of wonderful learning taking place. We started the week with patterns and then made our own in the classroom with natural resources. FS2 were also focussed on 'doubles' finding out this just means adding the same amount - they found doubles in the dominos pack and then recorded them on paper. Thursday was lots of fun having our grown ups come into school to learn and play with us. You can see some of the wonderful work we created in the photos. Thank you for coming along if you were able to do so! Our big 'shared garden' picture looked brilliant by the end - panthers, gorillas and all!





# Mount Pleasant Extra!

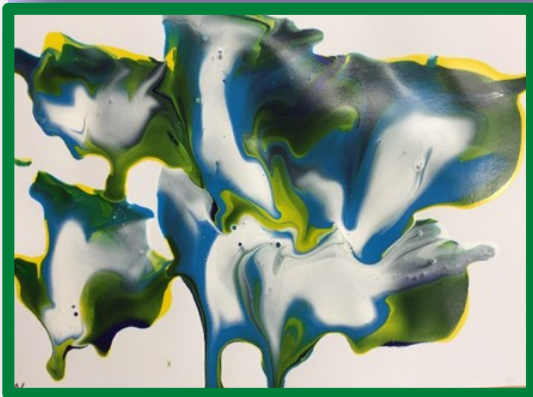
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## Caracara Class:

I want to start with saying a special well done to the year 2s who carried out the Year 2 SATs this week. They showed great resilience and kept their smiles as they undertook maths, English and grammar tests. I am super proud of everyone of them and they have proved what fantastic year 3 students they will be.

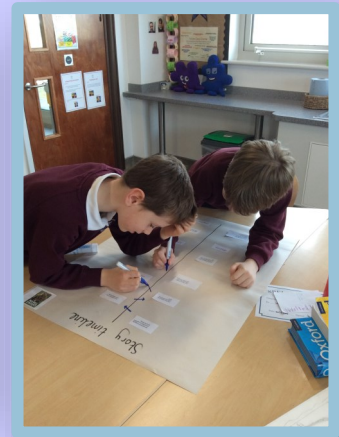
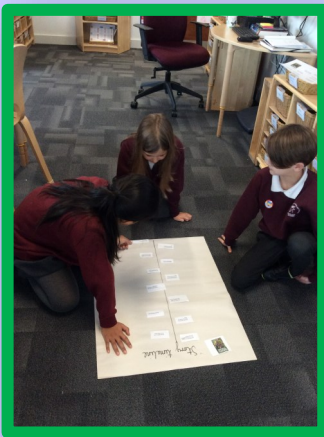
We have carried out a variety of learning this week: year 1s have written a poem together and we've all continued to write our diary entries; in geography we continue to think about the similarities and differences of our lives compared to children living in a village in Zambia - this week we talked about staple foods; our focus on fractions continues.

Thank you to Caracara parents who always provide wonderful support during the 'parents in class' sessions. This week was no different and the children were supported in creating amazing pour paint artwork!



## Falcon Class:

This week in science, the Falcons learned how to make their own compasses using corks and needles and how they are used to navigate. In English, the children have completed their setting description and have started to plan their narrative based on the Queens Token book about a Tudor peasant who eventually works as a gardener for King Henry VIII. In history, we have looked at the main reasons for exploration in the Elizabethan era and discussed the impact that this had on everyday life in England and abroad. The children were also very excited to welcome parents into our class to help complete the illuminated art projects that the children have been working hard on over the past couple of weeks. Thank you for taking time out of your busy days to come in.



## Science & STEM Club:

This week, the children learned about push and pull forces and used them to create a chain reaction using wooden blocks. They were challenged to build different shapes, culminating in a challenge to get a ball to move by contact force with a block. They built some amazing structures and William and Jack created a truly amazing bridge with different levels for the ball to travel down. Unfortunately, I don't have a photograph, only a video so it cannot be shown in the newsletter. A big well done to everyone.



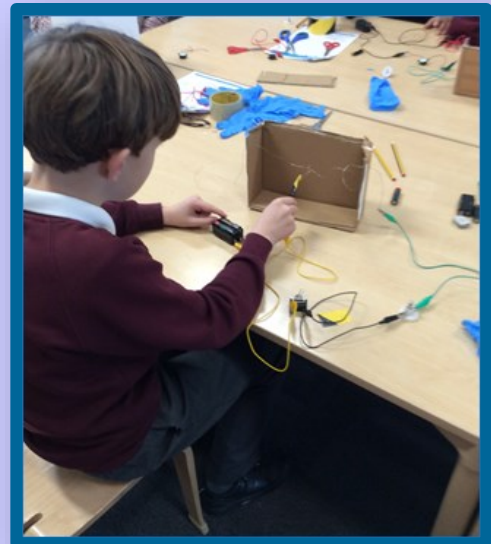


## Meadowlark Class:

Meadowlarks have started planning their next writing outcome, which is a 'cliff-hanger' based on 'The Hound of the Baskervilles.' Lots of hard work has gone into the preparation for this piece of writing which includes a variety of literary techniques to build tension and suspense and a range of cohesive devices, to impact the reader's experience.

Thank you to parents who visited our scientific 'learning session' this week and supported Meadowlarks in building an electrical circuit investigating 'conductors and insulators.' It was a challenge and lots of fun which, as always, results in good learning outcomes. The children were able to try each other's game out - some hands being steadier than others!

In maths we have focussed on problem-solving and reasoning; this skill requires the application of previous learning to find solutions and then explain how the problems have been solved. Tricky but satisfying! Well done Meadowlarks.





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## Dates for your Diary

- Monday 27th May - May Bank Holiday - No school
- Tuesday 28th May 1515-1600 - Last Science and Lego/Computing Club
- Wednesday 29th May 1515-1600- Multi skills club run by Flt Lt Ardern for FS2 and KS1
- Thursday 30th May 1515-1600 - 6th Family Card Games Club (runs for 6 sessions)
- Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June - Half Term - No School
- Wednesday 24th July - Last Day of Term - School Finishes at 1515

*Wishing you all a great Bank Holiday weekend from all at MPS.*

