

Dear Parents

A week of fond and tearful farewells as we wished Joshua and Alice warm wishes for their new adventure in Devon and Mrs Grindlay for her next teaching role in Naples. They have all been such important parts of our school community and we will miss them all.



As winter arrives, we have had quite a few snow flurries this week so please remember to send the children in with coats, hats, gloves and wellies as children love to play in the snow and it is quite tricky without the proper kit.



Albatross Class:



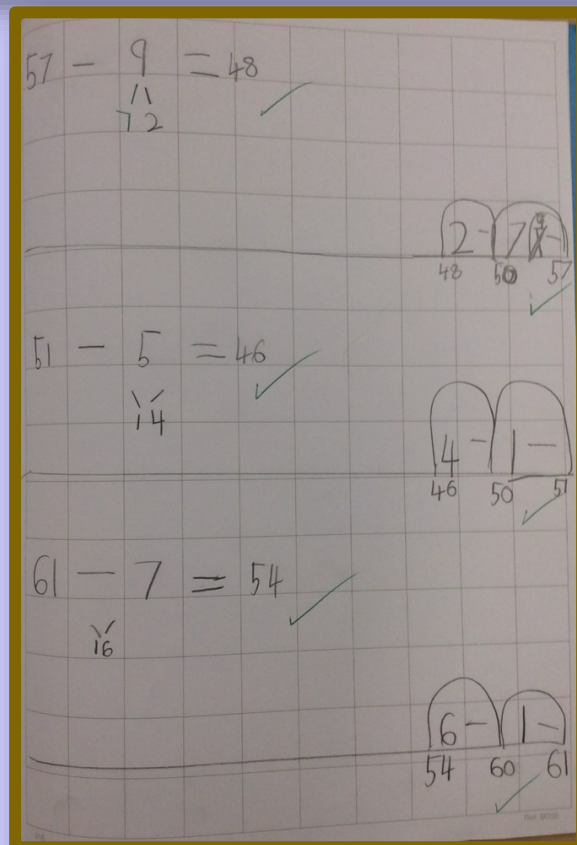
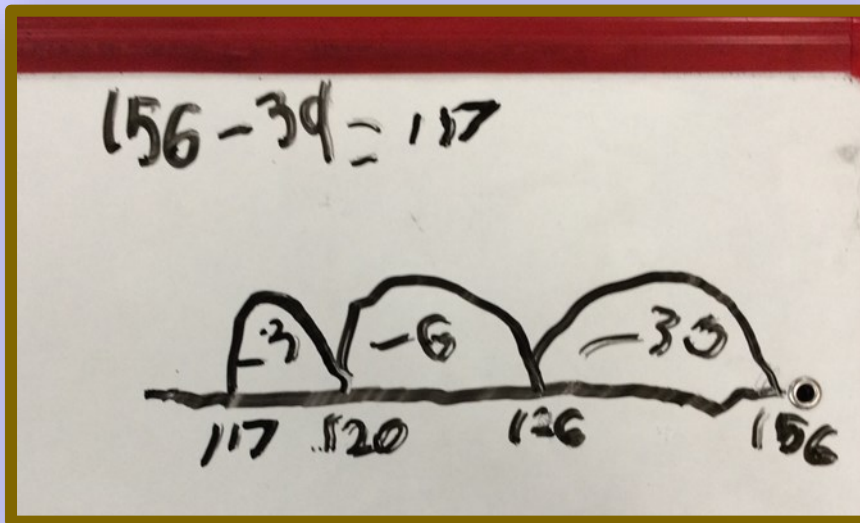
This week, it was lovely to see everyone playing collaboratively in the block area, making and building a very cool creation. It was very well thought-out and there was lots of cooperation which was great teamwork. We've enjoyed playing games like dominoes to help practise the skill of subitising, bingo to help our number recognition and FS2 were learning about odds and evens, spotting numbers then sorting them correctly. Thursday was a bit of a snowy day which led to lots of excitement when we used our outdoor area - soon after the excitement dwindled because our hands were getting too chilly! We also said 'goodbye and good luck' to Joshua from our class in his final assembly on Wednesday where he did a great job sharing his photo-story from his time here at MPS.



Caracara Class:

In class, the Caracaras have continued to find out about life in Mugurameno Village, Zambia. This week we learnt about school life and discussed the stark differences between their school life and our school life. Some children decided that it would not be for them, but others thought they might enjoy it as the children spent more time outside.

All of us have conquered using a number line to subtract this week. The children have used their bonds to 10 to carry out this skill as efficiently as possible.



Falcon Class:

It has been a short week this week with the Bank Holiday and the changes in the Airbridge and it has flown by!

I am sad to be leaving such a wonderful school but also looking ahead to new adventures at BFS Naples. I am under instructions from the children to send pictures of Pompeii back for them to see which of course, I will. All of the children here at MPS are amazing and I consider myself very lucky to have been able to play a part in their educational adventure and to help make memorable experiences for them. Every one of them is amazing and destined for great things.



"My favourite things in Falcons Class have been art and history because we have done lots of sketching and I loved learning about the Tudors." -

"I really enjoyed Art because it has been really challenging and creative. I especially liked the Roman mosaic plates. I also found Tudors very interesting." - Crisha

"I have learned lots of new sports and games in PE this year, like Cat and Mouse and Rock, Paper, Scissors, and I've really enjoyed learning about the Tudors because its been really inter-

"I have loved Maths and Science in Falcons class this term because Mrs G made it really interesting and gave me lots of challenges." - Ava

"Mostly, I have enjoyed PE and History because we have learned lots of new things. In Art we have made lots of interesting things like Roman shields, mosaics and illuminated letters. It has been really fun." - Edward



Meadowlark Class:

Finally, we have completed our cliff-hangers based on 'The Hound of the Baskervilles.' They are excellent pieces of work which create suspense and tension through the character's actions and setting descriptions. Take a look at the extracts below.

History has been exceptionally interesting but quite poignant. We have learned about the 'climbing boys' also known as 'chimney sweeps' during the Victorian period. Did you know that from the age of 4 years old, boys were forced into the many horrors of child labour?

Parents had to sell their children to unscrupulous 'master chimney sweeps' so they could feed their families, but thankfully some rich people like Dr Barnardo, did put laws into place to stop this terrible situation - more about that next week!

'I decided to take a stroll across the cold, desolate moors, when I saw a young female figure, she was wandering around so I called for her but...she disappeared! I felt a cold shiver down my spine, I turned and there she was! Her clothes were pale blue, she had no legs but was enchantingly beautiful...yet she was not human...'

By Eleanor

'Sherlock knew that he had to investigate the mystery! He put on his deer-stalker and stepped out cautiously into the pitch-black darkness. He went promptly to the house to solve the mystery of the missing people of Rocky Hollow! When he arrived, he took a deep breath and pushed open the door...'

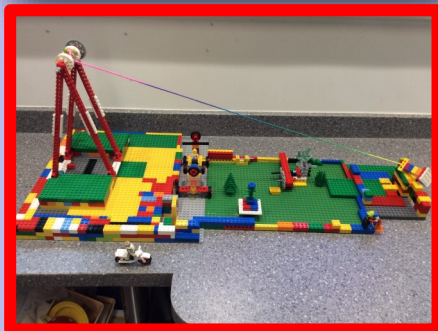
By Cruz

'Finally, filled with relief that Holmes and Dr Watson were solving a mystery, Jane was behind them, heading towards the impending moors. They hastily fled across the dark land; the hound had been released and Jane knew that it was seeking revenge! Jane stopped and paralysed with fear screamed 'he is coming for me' ...'

By Jack

Lego Club:

Over the past few weeks, some of our KS2 children have enjoyed coming along to 'Lego and Computing' club. The Lego building was certainly the preferred element of the club! Over the weeks, we created our own models and then we were asked to complete some challenges. These included things like making a realistic model of a flying machine, building a boat that could float or adding a zipline to an existing model. The zipline proved the most popular and after lots of trial and error, we had 3 working zip lines for our mini figures. Some of us enjoyed making lots of movable models while others focussed on building castles or larger scale models. On the final week, we all had a go at making our own short stop motion animation with our creations on the iPads. Great work everyone!



Dates for your Diary

- 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 relaxing half term break from all at MPS