

Dear Parents

Another great week at MPS with lots of learning to celebrate. I have been particularly impressed with the work on Pitch in music in KS1 and the writing outcomes across the school. We just need to keep on doing our very best as we rush towards the end of term.

Albatross Class:

This week has flown by and what a busy one it has been! We started the week with our 'Sponsored Walk' completing our laps of the corridor in good spirits! Our competitive side had to come out at one point to ensure we weren't lapped by the older children! Well done Albatross for your speedy walking....most of the time! Back in class, we have enjoyed lots of maths activities focussing on missing numbers, adding and accurate counting. FS2 have been writing about sea creatures and we have all been finding out more about things that live under the sea. We also created our own 'seascape' picture creating a beach and water area and then adding our own drawings of sea animals on top. We love how they turned out!



Caracara Class:

What a busy week! Caracaras raced through the sponsored walk - there are some very competitive children in this class! The children were not allowed to run but found other, inventive ways of moving along the corridor. There are definitely future competitors for the Olympic Race Walk event.



On a Wednesday afternoon, KS1 and KS2 children come together for lessons.

We are currently carrying out a Financial Education unit in P.S.H.E. and have had some good discussions about 'needs' and 'wants' this week. We talked about survival needs and 21st century needs with some children suggesting items like a fridge, education and the internet are needs of the 21st century. We also debated about the type of shelter required for a survival need and the difference between a house and a home.

In P.E. we are learning to balance and we are learning to teach our bodies how to relax and stay in the moment through the medium of yoga. We are all at different stages in this.

Falcon Class:

It's been another busy week in Falcons Class! This week in maths, Year 3 have worked hard to finish their unit on time, and Year 4 have been working on co-ordinates. In English the children have been planning their approaching threat narrative based on the appearance of the Iron Man - they have come up with some fabulous similes and descriptions so far. In science Falcons have been learning about the structure of flowering plants and how photosynthesis happens. Thank you to all of the parents who have sent in bottles and cardboard for DT - the children are nearly ready to start building their pneumatic monsters!

"The Iron Man is as towering as a stilt-walker who can touch the sky."
Edward

"The Iron Man's ruby red eyes glimmered like jewels in the setting sun."
Archie

"The Iron Man is as rusty as an abandoned shipwreck."
Crisha

The whole school sponsored walk was also thoroughly enjoyed by Falcon class. Great walking everyone.



Meadowlark Class:

What a good week, especially as we've had a sprinkling of snow which always brings fun and excitement. The sponsored walk went amazingly well with everyone enjoying being out and about and all demonstrating a friendly competitive attitude. Many thanks to parents for your support.

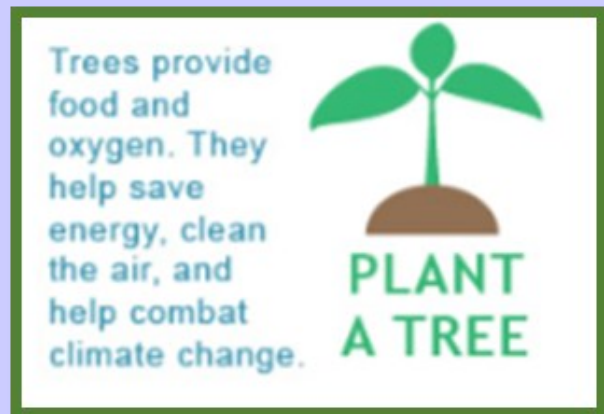
Our English book '**Hansel and Gretel**' is inspiring us to read the more traditional book **Grimms' Fairy Tales**. Within its pages, we are discovering more of the wondrous world of magic and trickery by the authors Jacob & Wilhelm Grimm.

We are nearing the end of our maths curriculum but continuing to work hard on negative numbers and consolidate previous work, with a focus next week on **BODMAS** (an acronym to help remember the correct order in which to solve maths problems) and converting units.

In science we are learning more about recycling and climate change and the effects on the planet; our plea to you for protecting this precious planet is:

Please remember to:

'Reduce, reuse, recycle and when possible 'plant a tree!'



Meadowlarks have enjoyed learning about 'The Windrush' which is a very important part of British history. Tomorrow, Saturday 22nd June, is the official 'Windrush Day' which marks the anniversary of the arrival of people from the Caribbean who helped get Britain back on its feet after WW11.

We have recognised this day and made a treat for everyone in school to acknowledge the enormous contributions the Caribbean people have made to Britain.



Mount Pleasant School's Sponsored Walk:

We had great fun taking part in the whole school sponsored walk on Monday. All children completed their target and it helped us all keep fit too! We have raised over £490 with some monies still inbound. This is an amazing total and your generosity has simply blown us away. Thank you so much for your support with this event, it is truly appreciated. The final amount will be announced in next weeks newsletter.



BFBS Fixmas Carol Update:

Tamsin Robinson from BFBS has just let us know that the Fixmas package recorded with the children singing will be heard all over the Forces world during the next two weeks, as part of the global daytime show which is showcasing the Falklands. Please encourage family and friends to listen out for the children's beautiful singing.

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 22nd June- Friends of MPS= Fixmas Carol event
- Tuesday 25th June- Wear your Fixmas jumper to school day
- Tuesday 16th July Children's Annual Reports sent out to parents
- Wednesday 24th July - Last Day of Term - School Finishes at 1515

Wishing you all a restful and snow filled weekend from all at MPS