

Dear Parents,

In an eventful and emotional week for me personally it has been great to see the children focused and engaged in learning and the daily rhythm of school in action. Spending time in the classrooms with the children reminds me how lucky we are as teachers to witness significant moments in a child's educational and personal journeys.

Having started teaching in 1988, I have been privileged to witness many such moments. My highlight of this week has been seeing the children in FS2 beginning to use their newly developing phonics knowledge to begin to blend sounds and to read simple CVC words (nip, map, pin, sat etc).

It has also been great to see clubs start and for the children to be involved in wider citizenship charity activity such as **The Big Salute Mile-A-Thon**.

Gurkha Curry ~ Raising Funds For School

It was our pleasure to welcome into school DCmd Grp Capt. Stratton who presented a cheque for £1471 to the school, raised by the amazing Gurkha curry lunch event.

The lunch was a true team effort and our special thanks for making the event so successful go to Cpl Parush Rai, LCpl Kabin Limbu, Sgt. Kaman Limbu and LCpl Thapa Davlu.

Also joining us for the presentation were; Maj Gormley, WO2 Limbu and WO1 Hurst.

Our sincere thanks go to all those involved for raising such an incredible amount of money which will greatly benefit all of the children at Mount Pleasant School.



The Big Salute Mile-A-Thon

On Wednesday we had a great time as we joined our friends from BFBS to take part in the Mile-A-Thon, helping to clock up the virtual 7635 miles from BFBS Brunei to BFBS Canada.

Thank you to Ashley and Danielle for looking after us and providing the refreshments to keep us going!

Please send sponsorship money raised into school and we will arrange for this to be collected by BFBS.

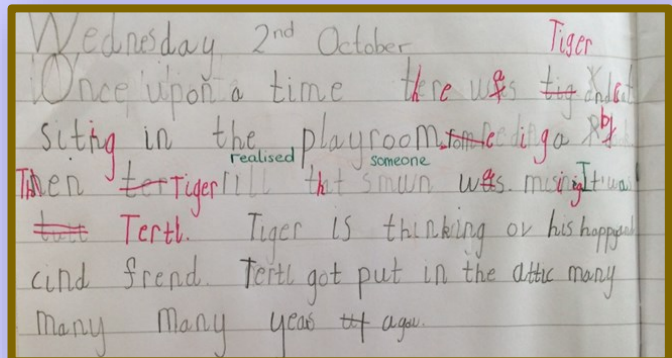
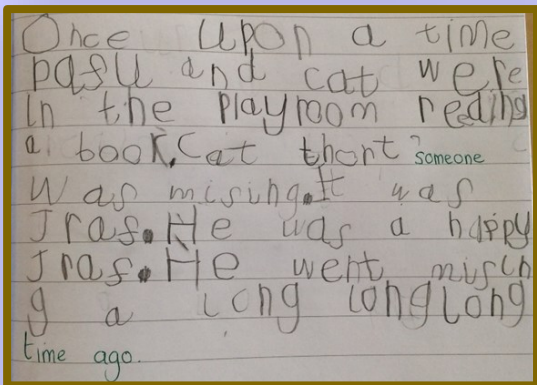
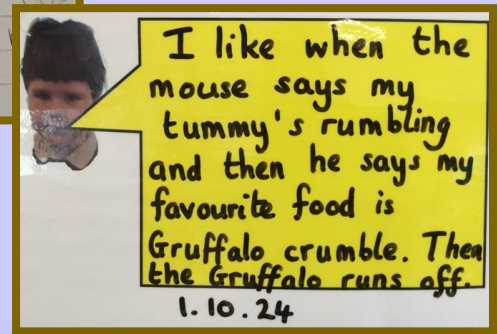
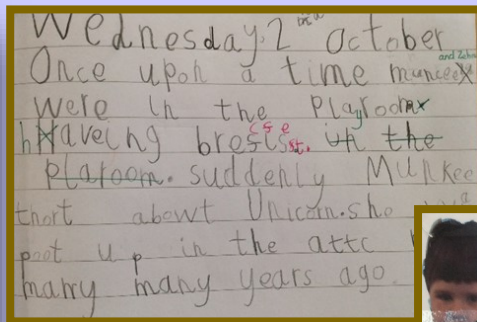
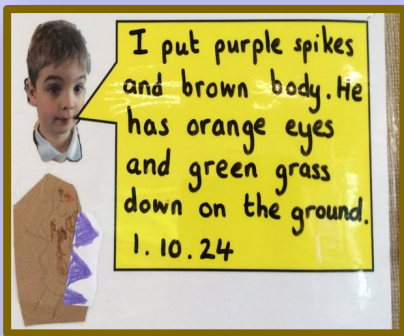


In Commerson Class:

It's been another busy week for the children of Commerson Class. We had fun on the BFBS Salute Walk!

The FS2s have been enjoying the story of the Gruffalo this week. They have drawn and painted a Gruffalo and had fun joining in with the repeated phrases of the story. We all liked different parts of the story.

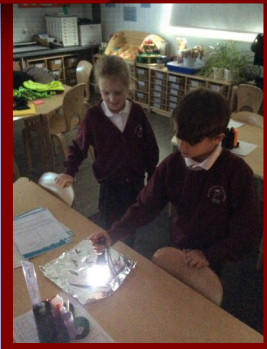
The year 1s and 2s have started to plan and write the first section of their stories this week based on the book 'Old Bear and Friends'. I am very proud of the year 1s for working on their handwriting and applying phonetics whilst writing and proud of the year 2s for applying a wider range of vocabulary and punctuation.



In Orca Class:

Well done to everyone on their efforts this week in our sponsored walk for the BFBS charity event! The photos are a bit blurry from the day as we were keeping quite the pace up and down the corridor. We timed one of our laps from 12FAC to the G&P and it was an impressive 5 minutes 40 seconds! Once we got into our rhythm, we were able to demonstrate some of our key school values too! Perseverance, respect and kindness as we held doors for each other, remembered good manners and just kept on going, even when we were a little bit tired! Although the lure of biscuit and juice may have been the main motivation!

Back in the classroom, we have been working on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or even 1000! In history, we found out more about Christmas during the war period and made our own posters to help us compare Christmas during the war as well as contrasting it with the modern day. Our science topic continued with lots of excitement as we were working in the dark! We had to use torches to investigate materials and determine if they were reflective or not - we even tested out the trusty BFSAI high-viz belt! Great job Orca Class!



Making the most of this week's weather ...

.... It may have been freezing cold out ...



... but, our fantastic team of snow builders got to work ...

... and then chilled out!



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Monthly Newsletter

This will be our last weekly newsletter - but, don't worry, we're just changing to a monthly edition, so watch out for our next instalment at the beginning of November.

Dates for your Diary

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

- **Tuesday 8th October - Whole school trip to Stanley**
- **Wednesday 16th October - Parents' evening - Letters sent out**
- **Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October - Half term holiday**
- **Monday 28th October - 2nd half term starts for children**
- **Monday 11th November - Remembrance - details to follow**
- **Monday 2nd December - 1430 - Christmas tree decorating - families welcome**
- **Wednesday 4th December - Christmas lunch - TBC**
- **Tuesday 10th December - 1415 - Children perform Christmas play for Patch community**
- **Thursday 12th December - School finishes at 1300 for Christmas break**
- **Tuesday 7th January - 0845 - Term starts for children**

Term time and holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25 can be found on the school website.

Wishing you all a restful weekend with hopefully a few more signs of spring from all at MPS.