

## Dear Parents,

It has been important to have Mr Rowland Bucknill Assistant Head (Rest of World ) from Defence Children Services visit MPS and the wider BFSAI Command this week, to share our work and future plans for the school, with my imminent departure. During his time in school, Mr Bucknill recognised the commitment of staff and the strength and quality of teaching and learning that MPS provides to the children in its care .

It has been my privilege to lead Mount Pleasant School for the last 4 years and I would like to thank staff again for their willingness to approach things flexibly and their determination to ensure we provide the very best for the children. They should be rightly proud of their achievements.

I am delighted that Mrs Summers has agreed to be Acting Headteacher for a period of 24 months ensuring stability, continuity and strong leadership of the school and I know that she will do an amazing job, putting the children first in all that she does.

I was honoured to have a retirement dining out in the 1982 room this week recognising my teaching career that began in 1988 and having the opportunity to share highlights of my thirty six years within the world of education. I was delighted to be presented with a Defence Children Services Rest of World coin to recognise my service.



## In Commerson Class:

What a busy month we've had. Thank you to everyone who came to see our Diwali presentation. We really enjoyed having an audience to share our work with. We would like to say thank you to Mrs. Limbu for making us some delicious traditional food for us to try during our Diwali week. We all tried the food and most of us really enjoyed it!



FS2s have enjoyed taking care of their 'pet' dog. They have used their fine motor skills to sew a dog bed, choosing the fabric and the stuffing. We have learnt to carry our dogs carefully, that they need walks, food, drink and love.

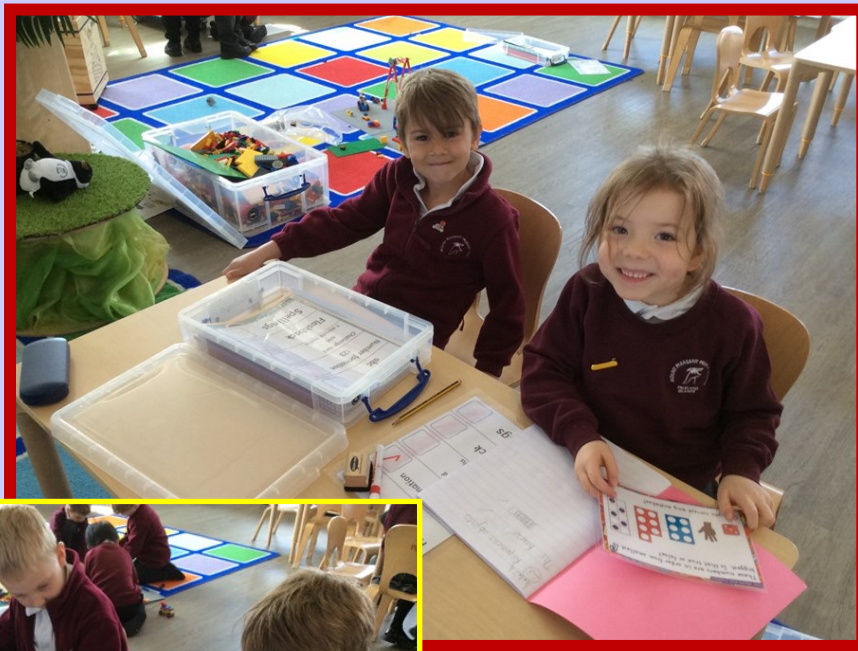


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Year 1s and 2s continue to work well everyday to develop their learning. The main focus has been to carry out independent learning using their boxes which we have called 'box work'! The children will be able to explain more to their parents.

In maths, year 1s have been using part-whole models to understand the different parts of addition number sentences and year 2s have been using bonds to ten to help add across multiples of tens.





Commerson class visited St Cuthbert's Church on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October to look at the symbolic items which are part of the Christian faith and gain a further understanding of their meaning, including the religious gowns. Thank you to the Padre who welcomed us warmly into the church, it was so peaceful and inviting with 'stained glass' windows and the beautiful smell of incense.

## Orca Class:



It has been a very busy month in Orca class since the last newsletter! We very much enjoyed our visit to Stanley, despite the wind! We had fun exploring the museum and completing a scavenger hunt and then we visited Memorial Wood and the Cross of Sacrifice to allow us time to research and reflect on our history topic of WW2 but also the conflict of 1982 here in the Falklands.



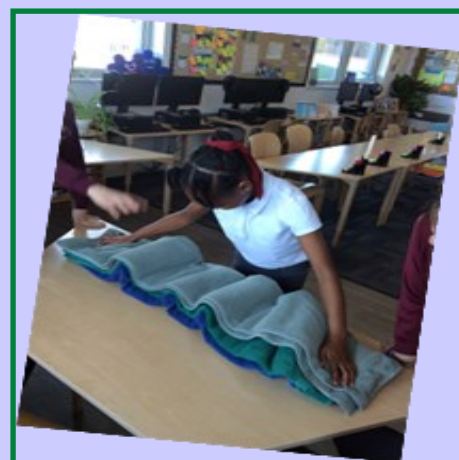
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Back in the classroom, our English focus was based upon the book 'The Journey'. This was about refugees travelling to escape war in their home country. We studied the book carefully and produced some very high quality work from diary entries to descriptive writing to finally our own narrative depicting such a journey.

<h2>VE Day</h2>	<p>Everyone celebrated by having bonfires, listening to music, singing around fires at night and having parties. Germany surrendered in 1945 and they printed dozens and dozens of newspaper saying "WE QUIT!!!" Even though the war ended for England there was still a war going on in the Pacific with Japan. The war in England lasted for 6 years.</p>
	
<p>VE day stands for victory in Europe. It took place on 7th of May 1945. Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister and he announced that the allies won against Germany. He also declared the public holiday. The picture is citizens celebrating VE day and you can tell by the shape of the table because it is shaped like a V for victory.</p>	
<p>BY CRISHA</p>	

In our topic work, we finished our History unit by finding out more about VE Day and learned reasons as to why Germany lost the war. We wrote our own newspaper articles all about the celebrations. This half term, our learning focus is a geography unit - we have started it by exploring mountains around the world and finding out how mountains are formed - we did our own investigation into this using towels to represent the colliding plates in the earth's crust. We enjoyed making our own miniature mountain ranges



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Lastly, it has been great to see some budding artists in the class. We all created our own 'illustration' to represent part of our narrative writing but, in addition to this, in our art lessons, there has been some wonderful effort! We worked hard on our sketching skills to produce WW2 style images as well as pieces inspired by the work of Lowry.



The furious border guards were coming. We could hear the dogs barking and the guards shouting. It was a dark night but we still could see the glowing red eyes of the beasts they brought with them. The shouting of the guards was like hearing a thunderstorm and we knew they could smell fear in the air. The border guards were bigger than tall trees towering over the family. They demolished everything in their way until they found what they were looking for. Every step they took, every step closer they were to finding them. The humongous border guards surrounded them making it harder to escape. Their blood red beards shone in the darkness. Their overgrown hands were as dirty as a pigsty. The leaves were like an elephant's ear. The children hid behind their mother's powerless arms as the dominant guards were close by hunting them. The mountainous bodies of the border guards devoured the moonlight and it became as dark as depths of the ocean.

By Cruz





**Dates for your Diary**

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

- **Monday 11th November - Remembrance - 10:45-11:15 at memorial**
- **Friday 15th November - Whole school cinema trip 13:00 -14:55**
- **Monday 2nd December - 14:30 - Christmas tree decorating - families welcome**
- **Wednesday 4th December - Christmas lunch - TBC**
- **Tuesday 10th December - 14:15 - Children perform Christmas play**
- **Thursday 12th December - School finishes at 13:00 for Christmas break**
- **Tuesday 7th January - 08:45 - 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 from all at MPS*