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Yesterday, our PTA hosted a Valentines Disco! The

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children all had a fabulous time: "I liked the Baby Shark song", "My teacher danced! He did the Conga line!", "My friends did the Gangnam dance! It was really fun!". The event raised £1,172.47! Thank you to our group of PTA volunteers and school staff who gave their time so generously, and to our families for supporting the event. HARLES



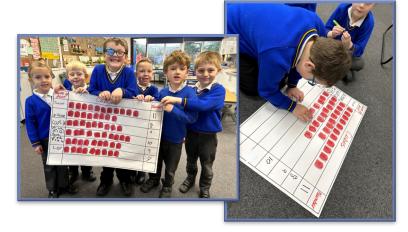
EYFS were very excited to welcome Screech Owl Sanctuary into school as part of their "What happens



when I fall asleep" ILP. The children are learning about nocturnal animals and exploring why it is dark at night. During the visit they learnt so many exciting owl facts and even had the opportunity to touch an owl. "Their feathers are so soft!"

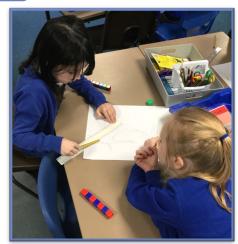


Year I had a great time participating in the NSPCC Number day last week. The children measured their feet using multilink cubes and then collected their table groups foot sizes to create a pictograph. There was some excellent use of mathematical vocabulary used by the children to describe and interpret their results.









Year 2 have been practicing their measuring skills. They began the unit with number day on Friday, where they measured and compared the length their feet, hands and thumbs. They then collected the information and presented it as a class tally and pictogram. The children are continuing to learn all about measuring in centimetres and metres and how to use a ruler and metre stick successfully.









This week Year 3 created their final piece of Jackson Pollock art work. They sketched the volcano landscape, before outlining it with a black pen. The children then went outside to recreate Jackson Pollock's 'drip painting' method. This involved flicking, splattering and dripping the paint to create an abstract effect.

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Year 4 have had a fantastic time working in teams to make the funniest potato head, using arts and craft to decorate them. They also made their potion bottles which they first created on the computer, sticking the tabs together was quite tricky but they persevered.





Year 5 have continued their exploration of space in science and used biscuits to represent the



phases of the moon. They sculpted the different phases of the moon from the creamy centre of the biscuit! Some children have been drawing or photographing the moon throughout the month and making a moon diary. They discussed the vocabulary used.







Year 6 have been exploring different artistic movements and how they use colour. They have focussed on Impressionism and the artist Vincent van Gogh and used them to influence and create a Northern Lights inspired, starry-night picture.





The children in the ARB have been learning about owls: what they eat, naming their body parts, finding out how they fly. They had a visit from the Screech Owl Sanctuary with the chance to ask questions and touch their soft feathers. The children have also been practising their cooking skills, using a masher to make delicious banana muffins and to help understand their emotions, they have been reading The Red Beast and talking about strategies to help them when they

feel angry.



This week we took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to Poltair School for the Indoor Athletics School Games event. The children took part in two track and two field events in the sports hall. The children had lots of fun and did a brilliant job learning new skills and taking part.

The Cross Country team competed in the fourth and final fixture of the season. The weather was typical cross country weather, drizzle and wet ground but this added to the excitement. We had some fantastic results, lots of top 10 finishes and improvements from all the children. An excellent season, all the children should be very proud of what they have achieved.



<u>Football</u>

On Tuesday the football teams travelled to St Stephen for our League fixtures. Year 3 and 4 team were outplayed and lost but all played well on a very tough pitch. The B Team (Year 5 and 6) Won 7-0 with goals from Harrison and Abe. The A Team (Year 6) Won 9-0 with the goals being shared between Freddie, Oscar, Leon, Ronnie and 2 own goals. Some great performances and results, well done MCS.

Netball

The A team had a great game but, unfortunately, St Stephen got a few goals early on. We pulled it back in the second half with goals from Jake, Amber and Georgina. St Stephen matched this in the final quarter and the game ended as 8 - 3 to St Stephen. I would like to give a special thank you to the children that stood in at the last minute to ensure we had enough players for the match. The B team got off to an amazing start with goals from Holly and Gaia - meaning the score at half time 2-1 to us. In the second half, despite the strong marking and attacking, St Stephen were stronger at getting the ball in the net. The game ended as 3 - 2 to St Stephen. It was a very close match and I was very proud of their efforts against a strong netball team.



Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts? Our PTA are busy planning a raffle and would be grateful for any items that can be donated for prizes. Please pop any items to the School Office. Thank you.





Year 6-Mrs Boynton and Miss Coon are looking for any keen netball players to join the school team. Practice is on Monday 3pm-

4pm. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Boynton, Miss Coon or the school office.

School lunches: We have seen a small number of children who have asked to change their meal choice when they arrive at the canteen. They report that they want to change what parents have chosen. Whilst our school cook tries her best to accommodate these changes, it is not always possible. To avoid any upset, please can parents and carers sit down with your children so you can make the choices together.

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day! The school day will have a non-fiction focus, looking at aspirational people. The children will be encouraged to BOOK dress as someone who DAY inspires them.

Online Safety We are delighted to announce that Mount Charles School have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers.

All parents and carers can create an account. To create your account, please follow https:// nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/mount-charles-school and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

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Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.



Attendance

Attendance Celebrations. Well done to the 319 children who have achieved 100% attendance in our attendance pop up week, they will all receive a small treat.

Our winners, picked at random are Freddy in 1NM and Aaron in 3SG, they will both receive a £10 gift card.

This weeks class attendance winners are 1TH. A huge well done to everyone.

What to do if your child is absent:

- Contact the school office via telephone on the first day your child's absence **before 9am**. ٠
- Provide us with the **full details** of the reason for their absence. Please avoid using phrases such as "poorly", "sick" or "not well".

Repeat this for every day of absence.

If you would like to discuss any attendance concerns, please contact Mrs Nile via

enquiries@mount-charlessch.org or call 01726 73911.

<u>February</u>

20th Back to School

20th Dance Workshop @St Austell College 20th Year 6 Dodgeball @Poltair

21st Football & Netball @Biscovey

21st Year 6 National Dental Programme

22nd EYFS & Year 6 Weights & Measurements

23rd Year 5&6 Cup Fixture @ Charlestown

27th Feb—3rd March Swimming Year 5 AK
<u>March</u>

2nd World Book Day (Dress as someone who inspires you)

3rd year 2 trip to Pendennis Castle

20th-24th Swimming Year 4 RW

31st Break up for Easter 1.30pm No Charlies Wraparound club today.

<u>March</u>

6th-10th March Swimming Year 5 AC 6th,7th,9th & 10th Book Fair 13th-17th Swimming Year 4 RC

Residentials

Year 3 29th—30th June, 2023 Year 4 20th—21st April, 2023 Year 5 17th—19th May, 2023 Year 6 7th—9th June, 2023

SATS week - 9th -12th May, 2023 All Year 6 MUST be in school this week. Phonics Screening—12th-16th June, 2023













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