



Spring Term 2024: Newsletter 3
Friday 9th February 2024

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



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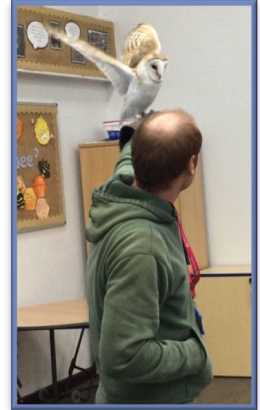
The children had a fantastic time at the disco and it was wonderful to see their excitement build during the school day! Thank you to the PTA for organising the event and 'The DJ Guy' for his excellent choice of music! We managed to raise an amazing £1009.27. Thank you for all your support. What a great way to end this half term.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19th February.



EYFS

EYFS were very excited to welcome Screech Owl Sanctuary into school. As part their ILP 'What Happens When I Fall Asleep?' the children have been learning about nocturnal animals and what happens at night. During the visit, the children learnt lots of exciting owl facts and even had the opportunity to stroke them.



YEAR 1



Both teachers have been very impressed with the standard of homework this term. As part of their topic, Bright Lights Big City, many of the children have decided to create a famous London landmark. In geography, the children have been learning about physical and human features and were fantastic at differentiating between the two when comparing London to St Austell.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been learning about a balanced healthy diet. Their challenge was to design a healthy delicious wrap containing a carbohydrate, protein, vegetable and dairy product. The children had great fun taste testing and designing their wraps before making and evaluating them this week. There are some super chefs in Year 2!



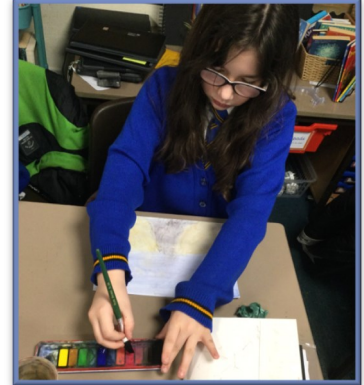
YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning about how fossils are formed. They learnt how animal footprints and leaf imprints can turn into imprint fossils. The children have made their own imprint fossils using salt dough and objects found in the school grounds.



YEAR 4

In Year 4, the children have been exploring the work of Van Gough and Monet. They have explored colour and texture with pastels, chalk and water-colour paints. They have combined this to paint a colour-wash background ready to add texture and detail.



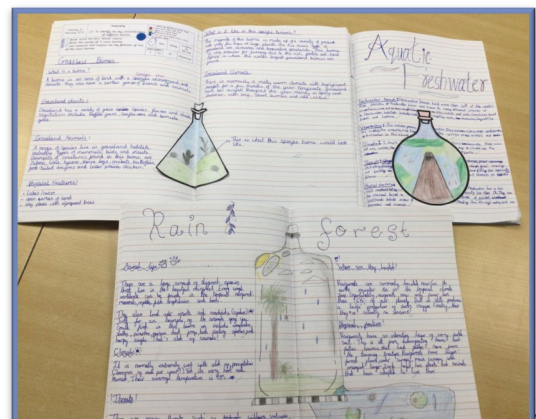
YEAR 5

In Year 5 science, the children researched the size of the planets. They used this information to create models of our solar system using balls to represent the planets. This model allowed them to see the size of the planets relative to one another.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been learning about the difference between weather and climate and how this affects the weather in different habitats. They have applied their knowledge into researching different biomes. They learnt what a biome is and then created a 'Biome in a Bottle'. They explored the climate, plant and animal life and potential threats to the biome.



SPORTS

This week a group of our Year 5 children took part in a Dodgeball event against other local schools at Poltair.

The children split into two teams, each playing 12 matches, including one against each other. They all had great fun and showed excellent teamwork and enthusiasm.



On Friday a group of 15 children took part in Race 3 of Cross Country at Poltair. We achieved some amazing results!

Year 4 girls - Sennen finished 2nd

Year 4 boys—Teddy finished 6th

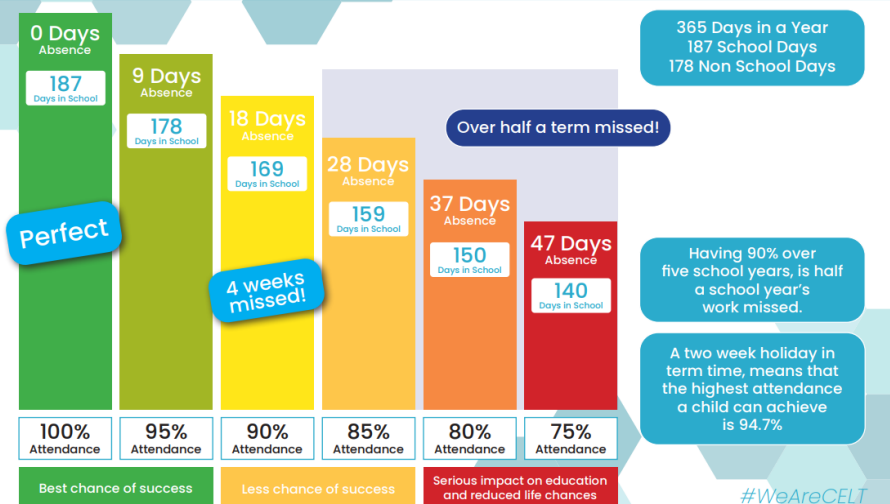
Year 5 girls - Darcie and Lily both put in tremendous efforts, finishing in 21st and 22nd place respectively. The Year 5 boys race was action packed race with Riley being awarded 1st, Declan finished runner up in 2nd with Zack 4th and Chester 6th. A brilliant effort from these boys who were outstanding once again.

Year 6 girls saw some strong performances with Scarlett finishing 5th, Isla 7th and Amelia 12th. This was Amelia's personal best, beating her last race by an incredible 12 places! Ella came 22nd with another good run. Year 6 boys saw Abe finish 2nd and Josh in 10th in another excellent race. Jack took part in his first ever race and finished with a fast sprint.

We look forward to one final qualifier after half term before the Mid Cornwall area final in March.



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



We strive for 100% attendance for all pupils. Attending school regularly is important both academically and socially. When pupils are absent from school they miss vital learning and building relationships with their friends.

Last term our whole school attendance was **95.9%**, which is a significant improvement on last year. Our target for the whole school is **96.8%**. We have had a great start to 2024 by achieving this, let's keep this going! Well done everyone.

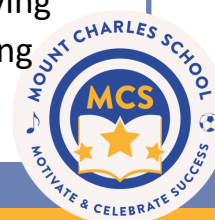
How we celebrate good attendance: Each week, the class with the highest attendance is awarded the attendance trophy and an extra break time. This week's winners are **3RC** with **99.3%**, well done! The whole school attendance is **94.6%**.

Absence from school: If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the school office via telephone **before 9am**. Please give **full details** of the reason for absence so that our admin team can code the absence appropriately. Please avoid using phrases such as "poorly" or "sick" and instead give details of symptoms.

Repeat this for **every day** of absence. If you know you may need to request leave from school for **exceptional circumstances**, such as national sports competitions or visa appointments, please complete a leave request form from the office.

Yearly attendance will continue to be monitored weekly and we will send out attendance information via Class Dojo at the start of each term for any pupils with attendance below 93%. Each week, class teachers will be made aware of pupil's attendance for the year to date and may contact you to discuss your child's attendance.

Well done and thank you to those pupils whose attendance is already improving from last term, this is fantastic. If you have any questions or queries regarding attendance, please contact Mrs Nile via the school office.



REMINDEERS

Uniform expectations: We have seen an increase in the number of children not wearing correct uniform or PE kit. We are seeing children wearing a variety of different shoes and on PE days, a wide range of coloured/patterned jogging bottoms and tops. Trainers are only to be worn on PE days, on all other days, black shoes only.

UNIFORM

Grey trousers /Skirt/Pinafore

White polo shirt KS1 Shirt & tie KS2

Black Shoes ONLY no trainers

Please remember to put your child's name in all items of clothing, especially coats and jumpers. We are frequently finding coats with no names so are unable to return them to their rightful owner.

PE KIT

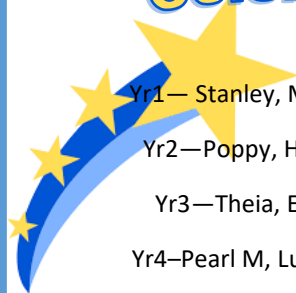
Black shorts/**black** jogging bottoms/**black** leggings

White Mount Charles logo t shirt

Mount Charles jumper & cardigan NO hoodies

School Lunches: The menus for next half term on ParentPay. Please take a few moments over the break to make your choices with your child. Lunches **MUST** be ordered in advance, even for those entitled to free school meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Celebrating



Yr1— Stanley, Mason, Tyler, Lewis S

Yr2—Poppy, Harlen, Matilda, Lilly

Yr3—Theia, Ellie, Emma, Mollie

Yr4—Pearl M, Luisa, Cobie-Jane, Mia

Yr5—Elizabeth, Chester, Scarlett, Remi

Yr6— Skylar, George, Poppy-Paige, Pernille

Sport Superstar— Teddy 4CA, Riley 5RW

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 3RC 99.3%

Last week: RBB 98.7%



Attendance!



TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

- 1st place: Theo Dent
- 2nd place: Leland O'Sullivan
- 3rd place: Michael Mutezo

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:



- 1st place: Jake Lightfoot
- 2nd place: James Jones
- 3rd place: Rhea McGregor

Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Jenson Rickard
- 2nd place: Misha Mazur
- 3rd place: Ornella Bercaj



TOP THREE!

Biggest increase in number of minutes played in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Esmae McCoan
- 2nd place: Emily Pomeroy
- 3rd place: Sienna Charnock



Biggest increase in correct answers in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Esmae McCoan
- 2nd place: Emily Pomeroy
- 3rd place: Sienna Charnock

Highest improvement in accuracy in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Harriet Morley
- 2nd place: Holden McGregor
- 3rd place: Emily Pomeroy



Diary

Dates

February

- 19th Return to School
- 19th Year 4&5 Frisbee Event @Poltair
- 20th Netball Fixture at home
- 20th Year 6 SATS & Camp Mtg 8.25am & 2.30pm
- 22nd SEN parents meeting, 8am, 2:15pm or 5:30pm
- 22nd Year 2 Cricket Event @Penrice
- 23rd Year 4,5&6 Cross Country @ Poltair

March

- 4th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm
- 5th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm
- 7th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm
- 8th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm
- 8th World Book Day
- 13th EYFS & Year 6 School Nursing Team – Weight and Height measurements
- 14th No after school clubs today
- 14th Stay Safe Workshops, Year 5

March

- 14th Cornwall Music Festival Truro
- 20th SongFest St Petrocs' Church Bodmin
- 28th PTA Easter Event
- Family Worker Drop in Sessions**
- 28th Feb 08.45-10.00
- 24th April 08.45-10.00
- 12th June 08.45-10.00

KEY DATES

13th-16th May - **SATS Week** ALL Year 6 must be in school this week.

Residentials

- Year 3 Thursday 2nd-Friday 3rd May
- Year 4 Thursday 25th-Friday 26th April
- Year 5 Thursday 9th –Friday 10th May
- Year 6 Wednesday 5th-Friday 7th June

2024/2025 Residential

- Year 6 Tuesday 15th-Thursday 17th October

TERM DATES

Spring term 1 2024: Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 9th February 2024

Spring term 2 2024: Monday 19th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer term 1 2024: Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

Summer term 2 2024: Monday 3rd June 2024 - Friday 26th July 2024

Autumn term 1 2024: Thursday 5th September 2024 - Thursday 17th October 2024

Autumn term 2 2024: Monday 4th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Spring term 1 2025: Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025

Spring term 2 2025: Monday 24th February 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025

Summer term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Summer term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June 2025 - Friday 25th July 2025





European Immunization Week
Prevent. Protect. Innovate.

MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. STAY AWAY from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

immunisation
the safest way to protect your child

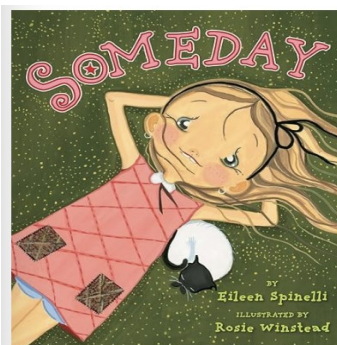
For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: www.nhs.uk/mmr



Important - Measles Update

With emerging outbreaks in the South West, the Wellbeing and Public Health Team are asking schools to share information with parents and staff about MMR and measles. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine.

Please contact your GP for more information.



'Today a little girl is stuck being a kid, but that doesn't stop her from wishing for SOMEDAY, and she knows that when that day arrives, it's going to be sensational. She'll swim with dolphins, she'll dig for dinosaur bones, or she'll explore the South Pole-the possibilities are endless!'

On World Book Day (Thursday 7th March) Mount Charles will be celebrating the book 'Someday' by Eileen Spinelli. As part of our celebrations, we are inviting the children to come dressed up as the answer to one of the questions:

What would you like to do when you're older?

Where would you like to go?

Who would you like to meet?

More information about the World Book Day books and Book Tokens will follow on Dojo.



The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our Decider Skills Workshop

Decider Skills are a set of life skills based on cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT). The skills are aimed at helping young people to recognise and understand their emotions, and promote positive mental health. They also include basic problem solving and conflict de-escalation skills, and have a strong focus on supporting children in regulating their own emotions.

Upcoming Sessions:

- Monday, 19th February at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
 - Wednesday, 21st February at 4:00 PM
 - Thursday, 22nd February at 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM
- Further Resilience courses will run w/c 18th March 2024

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YepS04KNBz>



Sign up will close on Thursday 15th February



FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

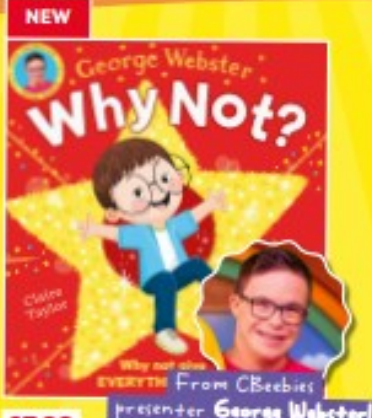
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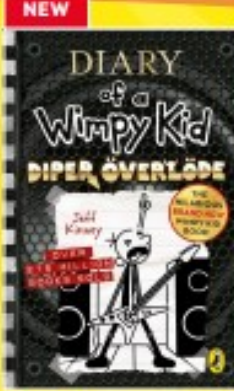
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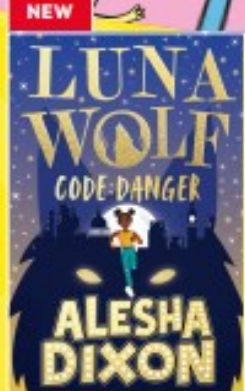
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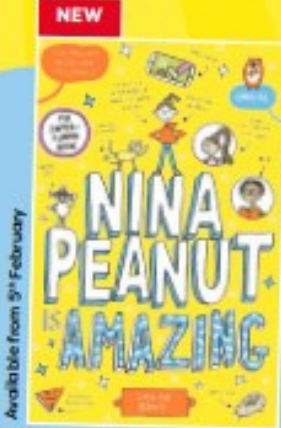
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Date: Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th, Friday 8th March
3.15 - 4pm in our Main Hall

Scan the QR code to pay online!





Friday 9th February.
 Friday 23rd February.
 Friday 8th March.
 Friday 22nd March.

@

Bethel Methodist Chapel, Brockstone Road, St
 Austell PL25 3DW

6pm – 7 30pm.
 £1 per child.
 Ages 7 years and up.

Team games, crafts, game consoles, tuck shop and time
 to be with you friends in safe and friendly environment.

No need to book in, just come along on the dates above.

But numbers are limited to 40, so come on time!

Contact Laura Mitchell on: lauranewman89@hotmail.com
 for more details.



For ages 5 years and upwards on,
 Tuesday 13th February, 3pm - 5pm

@

Bethel Methodist Chapel, Brockstone Road,
 St Austell PL25 3DW

Come and enjoy crafts, activities, party food,
 pancake games and the story behind why
 we have Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day)

Please book in through Laura Mitchell on:
 07974072102 or lauranewman89@hotmail.com
 and let us know any dietary requirements or additional needs.



POLTAIR HOLIDAY CLUB FEBRUARY 2024

Monday, 12th - Friday, 16th February
 10am - 2pm



A week of free sports activities for
 Year 6's!

Children must bring a packed lunch &
 refillable bottle.

SCAN
 ME!

