



Autumn Term 2022: Newsletter 5  
Friday 16th November 2022

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Last Friday we took time to discuss and reflect on the service and sacrifice of current and former military personnel as part of our Remembrance Day activities. We held a special assembly and the whole school observed a minutes silence.

Our school council did a fantastic job visiting each classroom selling poppies and other items. We will share the total amount raised soon.

Jake brought in his great-great-grandfather's World War One medals to show us. He proudly told his class about his career as an engineer and how he arranged concerts to entertain the soldiers in France.



YEAR 6



Year 6 stepped back in time as a World War 2 evacuees. The children dressed up and walked to St Austell train station. This helped the children to understand what children their age would have felt as they left their homes in the city to be evacuated to St. Austell on the train. The children then took part in an 'Evacuate or Hesitate' workshop finding themselves in the position of parents, evacuees, and those taking in evacuees. They were given role-play scenarios which gave the children a greater understanding of why evacuations took place, where evacuees were sent, the difficult position parents found themselves in

when deciding to send their children away, and the mixed experiences reported by real evacuees about their time away from home. The whole experience brought history to life!



# EYFS

EYFS enjoyed engaging in their new ILP 'Why Do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?' on an autumn walk around the school. The children used a checklist to mark down what they could see and hear. The children enjoyed a yummy hot chocolate in our forest area after retelling the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt!'



# YEAR 1

This week, in science, Year 1 have been exploring the human body and the five senses. The children began with a blind taste test, followed by the children then recording their findings in a table.

It was discovered that we use both smell and taste when tasting food! Super work Year 1.

# YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic engagement day featuring pirates from across the globe! The children immersed themselves in the life and adventures of the brave buccaneers. They are all very excited about their next topic 'Land Ahoy!'



# YEAR 3

Year 3 have begun their new topic Gods and Mortals, learning about the Greek Myth - "Theseus and the Minotaur". The children have worked in groups to re-tell and act out the story and have sketched the mythical Minotaur.





## YEAR 4

Year 4 began their 'I am Warrior' topic by learning about Roman soldiers and Celt warriors and then designing and creating either a Roman or Celt shield. These will be used later in the topic during our express event after creating mini catapults and practising Roman shield manoeuvres.

## YEAR 5



On Wednesday, Year 5 had a fantastic afternoon at Pydar Pop Up Centre. The children attended a Junior Life Skills Session where they took part in a range of workshops learning about fire safety, water safety, rail safety, CPR and much more! They all thoroughly enjoyed the day!



## ARB

The ARB have enjoyed exercising in the hall as part of their morning routine. The children had a wonderful time visiting Pencalenick School where they explored the area and made friends with the staff and children.



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to the class attendance cup winners from the last two weeks— 6HB & 4RW.

Good attendance is vital for success in learning.

Missing just one or two days can have an impact on your child's education as the chart below shows.

If you need any support or have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact the school office and arrange a call or meeting with Mrs Nile.

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

Here is a reminder of 2022/23 and 2023/24 term dates

### INSET DAYS:

2022 - 2023

Monday 31st October 2022	Autumn term 2 2022:	Monday 7th November 2022 - Tuesday 20th December 2022
Tuesday 1st November 2022	Spring term 1 2023:	Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Friday 10th February 2023
Wednesday 2nd November 2022	Spring term 2 2023:	Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday 31st March 2023
Thursday 3rd November 2022	Summer term 1 2023:	Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday 26th May 2023
Friday 4th November 2022	Summer term 2 2023:	Monday 5th June 2023 - Friday 21st July 2023

### INSET DAYS:

2023 - 2024

Friday 1st September 2023	Autumn term 1 2023:	Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Friday 13th October 2023
Monday 4th September 2023	Autumn term 2 2023:	Monday 30th October 2023 - Wednesday 20th December 2023
Monday 16th October 2023	Spring term 1 2024:	Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 9th February 2024
Tuesday 17th October 2023	Spring term 2 2024:	Monday 19th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024
Wednesday 18th October 2023	Summer term 1 2024:	Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024
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## ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



On Monday we invited our children and staff to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique as part of our support for Anti-Bullying Week. During the week our children took part in their own Reach Out sessions as part of our support for Anti-Bullying Week. We think they came up with some great suggestions!



# Christmas at Mount Charles

We are really looking forward to Christmas at Mount Charles!

We are hugely grateful to our fantastic PTA who have been hard at work planning celebrations.

Our PTA are asking for donations of prizes for the Christmas Fayre raffle. They are also collecting out-grown Christmas Jumpers to be sold at the Fayre.

On **Friday 25th November** we are inviting each child to come to school wearing non-uniform in return for a donation of £1 or a jar of sweets for our Christmas Fayre.

On **Friday 2nd December** we will be 'Welcoming our Christmas Tree' and holding our annual Christmas Fayre from 3pm.

**Wednesday 7th December** the PTA will be holding a **Craft making session 3pm-4pm** Details TBC

**EYFS Nativity Wednesday 14th December 2.30pm**

**Year 1 Nativity Thursday 15th December 2.30pm**

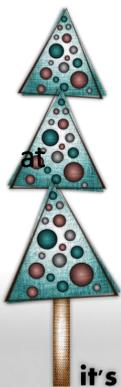
**Year 2 Nativity Friday 16th December 2.30pm**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch** – Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory with their usual school uniform!

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Christmas Lunch** – Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory with their usual school uniform!

**Monday 19th December KS2 Carol Concert** at Penrice School at 2pm & 6pm.

**Tuesday 20th December** – Christmas party games – school uniform as usual. **School closes 1.30pm.** Charlies After School will not be running on this day.



it's the most *Wonderful* time of the year



# CHARLIE'S

It is great to see so many families making use of our wraparound provision. We would like to politely remind parents that bookings must be made in advance by emailing [Charlies@mount-charlessch.org](mailto:Charlies@mount-charlessch.org) and payments must be made at point of booking. Cancellations must be emailed before 11am on the day of the booking. For full information, please see our [Charlies webpage](#).

**MRS HANN NEEDS YOUR HELP**—She urgently needs small pocket size teddy bears/soft toys for her room. The toys play a vital part in Mrs Hann's pastoral care and support to the children. If you have any soft toys who are looking for a new home, please drop into the school office.

**COATS:** As the days start to get colder & wetter, please remember to send your child into school with a coat for outdoor play. Please LABEL all coats & all items of uniform.



## Open Days For 2023 reception intake Come along and meet our children and staff.

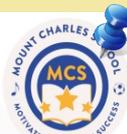
Contact our school office to book a space

Thurs 17th Nov — 10:30am & 1:30pm  
Mon 28th Nov — 1:30pm \*Additional date!\*

Tues 29th Nov — 10:30am & 1:30pm



[www.mount-charlessch.org](http://www.mount-charlessch.org) | 01726 73911 | [enquiries@mount-charlessch.org](mailto:enquiries@mount-charlessch.org)  
Morven Road, St Austell. PL25 4PP



## Celebrating

Yr1— Rupert, Freddie, Mason, Leilah-Rose

Yr2— Matthew, Mason, Kael, Sophie R

Yr3— Teddy, Corban, Pearl J, Jacob H

Yr4— Aliscia, Gabby, Leo J, Connor

Yr5— Olivia, Holly, Beth, Rhys

Yr6— Ryan, Kerris, Amber, Betsey

## Success

Our attendance trophy was won  
by:

This week: 4RW

Last week: 6HB

# Attendance!





# TOP THREE!



## Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

1st place: Bertie Edge

2nd place: Skylar Chapman

3rd place: Leo Janasiak

## Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

1st place: Jake Hudson

2nd place: James Jones

3rd place: Pearl Johnson

## Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

1st place: Lilia Mae Watson

2nd place: Ebony Cavey

3rd place: Liam Hambley



THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

# GIRLS

## HIGHEST SCORING GROUP

during the Girls vs Boys competition

14.10.2022 - 21.10.2022



# Diary Dates

## November

w/b 21st Swimming week, 4RC  
 21st Year 3&4 Multi-skills @ Poltair  
 22nd Football/Netball @Sandy Hill  
 24th Football Cup Fixture @Sandy Hill  
 25th PTA Non-uniform Day  
 w/b 28th Swimming week, 5AK  
 28th Year 5 &6 Multi-skills @ Poltair  
 28th Open Days for 2023 reception intake  
 29th Open Days for 2023 reception intake

## December

2nd Welcoming the Christmas Tree & Fayre  
 2nd KS2 Cross Country @ Poltair  
 5th Year 1 & 2 Christmas Festival  
 w/b 5th Swimming week, 5AC

14th EYFS Nativity 2.30pm  
 15th EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner Day  
 15th Year 1 Nativity 2.30pm  
 16th KS2 & ARB Christmas Dinner Day  
 16th Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm  
 19th KS2 Carol Concert Penrice School 2pm & 6pm  
 20th Last day of term, 1:30pm finish

## 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  
 Phonics Screening—12th-16th June, 2023

Poltair

Please join us for our

# CHRISTMAS SUPER CAMPS

10:00 - 14:00  
 Wed 21st | Thurs 22nd | Fri 23rd  
 December

For Children in years 5|6|7|8

Free for Free School Meal Children  
 £5 per day for non Free School Meal Children

Spend time with friends get active & creative

[Book Here](#)



## St Austell Support Hub

**When: Every 3rd Thursday of the month starting 17th November 2022**

**Time: 10:00 – 12:00**

**Location: Light and Life Centre, Unit 4, Brunel Business Park The Sidings, St Austell PL25 4TJ**

5 minute walk from St Austell bus and train station. Limited parking spaces available; off street parking nearby and pay and display at Polkyth behind the centre if preferred.

Free hot drinks, soup, cake and a chance to meet new friends at the chill 'n' chat group. Advice given by representatives from a variety of local and national organisations and agencies to help with the cost of living and rising housing and utility bills. There will also be support from organisations and agencies around IT, form filling, carers support, employment, benefits, debt and more. If there's something else you're struggling with not listed then come along and we'll try to find suitable support for you the best way we can.

