



Autumn Term 2022: Newsletter 6  
Friday 2nd December 2022

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

The whole school made a great effort dressing up for Children in Need! This year we have raised £143. Our School Council had a really difficult job on their hands choosing the winners for the Pudsey colouring competition as there were so many fantastic entries. The year group winners are: Georgina (yr6), Tallulah (yr5), Ava (yr4), Pearl (yr3), Harley (yr2), Arthur (yr1) and Reuben (EYFS). Well done to you all!



On Wednesday, our choir went to St Austell Music Festival to perform two songs. This was the first time many of our new members had performed to an audience. They rose to the occasion, did an amazing job and received brilliant feedback from the adjudicator. We look forward to many more performances in the future.





# EYFS

EYFS have engaged in exploring activities linked to their ILP 'Why Do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?' The children have enjoyed sharing key texts and investigating animals that hibernate.



# YEAR 1

Year 1 have continued to explore their senses in science lessons this half term. Last week, the children looked at a 'sight' and focused on optical illusions. They made a newton colour wheel and spun the wheels around using sticks - they found their newton wheels turned white due to the mixing of primary colours. The children were fascinated by this!

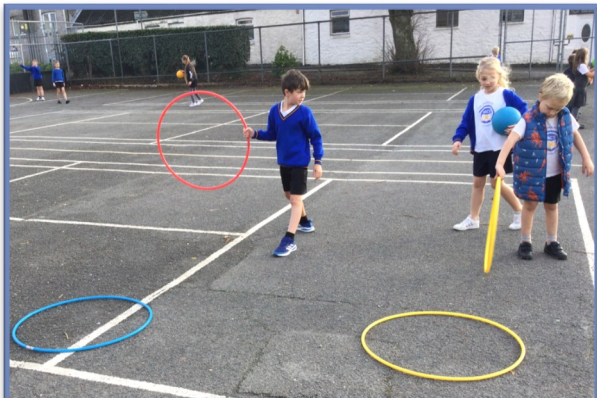
# YEAR 2

In Year 2 we have been immersing ourselves into the reasons why Christopher Columbus became a famous explorer. One of the ways we have been considering his motives, is through a conscience alley activity. We loved trying to persuade different 'Christophers' to go, or stay with our reasoning skills.



# YEAR 3

During PE, Year 3 have been looking at creating their own games. The children were given a theme and asked to choose 5 pieces of equipment they needed to create their ball game. Mr Yelland was very pleased with the creative games and how well they worked together in groups of 4.





## YEAR 4

Year 4 have continued their learning in science and have made some incredible musical instruments. They have also been busy making their Christmas decorations. Year 4 have completed their first swimming lessons of this year and have achieved some amazing distances. The perseverance that the children displayed was phenomenal.



## YEAR 5

Year 5 have started a new design and technology topic designing and making a torch. They have been looking at different torches, their purpose, strengths and weaknesses. The children have been making a switch in a circuit using a split pin and paper clip to work out how a switch in a torch works. The children are all looking forward to designing their own torches in the coming weeks.



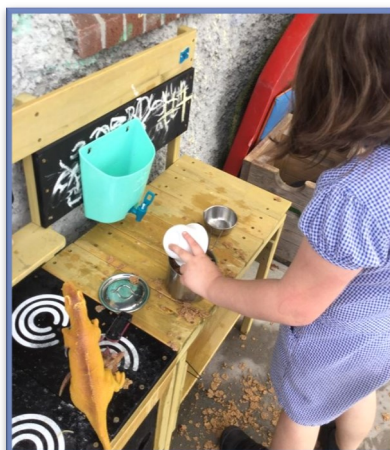
## YEAR 6

On Wednesday, some of our Year 6 travelled to St Austell Music Festival to play the ukulele and sing. The ukulele band was the first of its kind at the festival. They children did very well and had a brilliant time. They also managed to bring home a trophy shield!



## ARB

The children in the ARB have enjoyed learning the story of The Three Little Pigs. We have made houses using straw, sticks and bricks and tested them to see if they can be blown down. We have also enjoyed playing with our new outdoor mud kitchen.



# SPORTS

A group of year 3 and 4 children travelled to Poltair School to take part in the Multi-Skills School Games Festival.

The children all enjoyed trying new skills against other local schools. Well done team MCS.



A group of children travelled to Poltair School for Race 1 of this years Cross Country season.

The children were excellent and did so well. A special mention to Riley in 4RC for winning his race.

We had lots of top 10 qualifiers and children beating their personal best. What an excellent achievement, well done to all those who took part.

## TERM DATES

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

### INSET DAYS:

Monday 31st October 2022  
Tuesday 1st November 2022  
Wednesday 2nd November 2022  
Thursday 3rd November 2022  
Friday 4th November 2022

Autumn term 2 2022:  
Spring term 1 2023:  
Spring term 2 2023:  
Summer term 1 2023:  
Summer term 2 2023:

Monday 7th November 2022 - Tuesday 20th December 2022  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Friday 10th February 2023  
Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday 31st March 2023  
Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday 26th May 2023  
Monday 5th June 2023 - Friday 21st July 2023

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### INSET DAYS:

Friday 1st September 2023  
Monday 4th September 2023  
Monday 16th October 2023  
Tuesday 17th October 2023  
Wednesday 18th October 2023  
Thursday 19th October 2023  
Friday 20th October 2023

Autumn term 1 2023:  
Autumn term 2 2023:  
Spring term 1 2024:  
Spring term 2 2024:  
Summer term 1 2024:  
Summer term 2 2024:

Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Friday 13th October 2023  
Monday 30th October 2023 - Wednesday 20th December 2023  
Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 9th February 2024  
Monday 19th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024  
Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024  
Monday 3rd June 2024 - Friday 26th July 2024

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## ROAD SAFETY

In assembly this week the children have been talking about Road Safety. They learned that this meant not only 'Stop, Look and Listen' when crossing the road but also being aware of dangers on the road.

Please could you talk to your child over the weekend about the following:

How and why we need to stay safe when crossing the road.

How to look for a safe place to cross the road.

Being careful when out on a bike or scooter.

Always wearing a helmet when riding scooters and bikes.

Thank you.

## Attendance

Attendance Celebrations.

This week's class attendance winners are **2CD**. A huge well done to them.

Next Friday we will be having a Hot Chocolate and Christmas Movie treat for all pupils that have achieved 97% attendance or more for the Autumn Term. Class teachers will let pupils in their class know who has reached the 97% target on Thursday.

We are introducing an attendance celebration event at the end of each term for any pupils with 97% attendance or more.

**For the purpose of the celebration events only**, we will start all children's attendance at 100% at the start of each term. This means that if your child didn't achieve 97% this term, they can still achieve 97% or more next term.

News on the Spring Term celebration will be out in January.

**(Please note that attendance of pupils is still monitored across the year and attendance policy procedures are in place for any pupils with attendance below 96%.)**

**What to do if your child is absent:**

- Contact the school office via telephone on the first day of their child's absence **before 9am**.
- Provide us with the **full details** of the reason for their absence. Please avoid using phrases such as "poorly" or "sick".

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](mailto:enquiries@mount-charlessch.org) or call 01726 73911.





# TOP THREE!



## Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

**1st place: Fraya Brown**

**2nd place: Bailey Hales**

**3rd place: Jayden-James Elliott-Moore**

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

**1st place: Liam Hambley**

**2nd place: Hope Dollard**

**3rd place: Lillia-Mae Watson**

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

**1st place: Lauren Perryman**

**2nd place: Chanelle Sparks**

**3rd place: Liam Hambley**

## Celebrating

Yr1— Shelby, Evelyn, Maizie, Junior

Yr2— Joey, Aafreen, Logan

Yr3— Nolah-Rose, Malachy, Lila, Billie

Yr4— Harvey, Rhea, Declan, Millie

Yr5— Esmae, Tallulah, Lily, Joshua

Yr6— Zoe, Charlie, Alexis & Aurelia

## Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 2CD

Last week: 1TH



## Attendance!



# Diary Dates

## December

2nd Welcoming the Christmas Tree & Fayre  
 5th Year 1 & 2 Christmas Multi-Skills Festival  
 6th Year 6 Football Cup Match @Sandy Hill  
 9th KS2 Cross Country @ Poltair  
 w/b 5th Swimming week, SAC  
 13th Year 5&6 Girls Football @ Pondhu  
 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  
 Charlies after-school club closed this day.

## Residential

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

# Christmas at Mount Charles

We are really looking forward to Christmas at Mount Charles!

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 & ARB 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 at 1.30pm.

Charlies After School will not be running on this day.





Sunday 4  
December  
10am until  
4pm



## ELVES AND REIN-DOG FESTIVE FUN DAY



A day filled with festive family fun and a chance to meet Father Christmas!

Join us to celebrate the festive season and bring your dogs as reindeer and children as elves.

Explore the museum and woodland trails for a discounted entry of £5 for adults and £3 for children, with lots of fun activities on offer for all.

We are incredibly excited to announce Father Christmas will be visiting Wheal Martyn for the day! You can book your place to meet him (£3 per child) and hear a captivating Cornish story told by one of his elves. Rumour has it that he may bring a few presents too!



For more info call 01726 850362  
[www.wheal-martyn.com](http://www.wheal-martyn.com)

## LEGO Church @ Christmas.

Mount Charles Methodist Church  
Victoria Road, St Austell, PL25 4QF

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
3.15pm – 5.15pm



Enjoy building in Lego, listening to the nativity and sharing a sit down meal together.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and adults accompanied by a child!

All ages welcome.

[www.mountcharleschurch.com](http://www.mountcharleschurch.com)

## CHRISTMAS Cricket Camps



### Soft Ball

MONDAY 19TH DEC, TUESDAY 20TH DEC  
10-3PM

SCHOOL YEARS 1-4  
£15 PER CHILD



### Hard Ball

WEDNESDAY 21ST DEC, THURSDAY 22ND DEC  
10-3PM

SCHOOL YEARS 5-8  
£20 PER CHILD

LOCATION - CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE

TO BOOK YOUR SPOT  
<https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/junior-cricket/holiday-camps.html>

Any booking queries contact

ADMIN@CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.UK

## CHRISTMAS EVENING

St Austell Brewery  
Saturday December 10th  
5pm to 7.30pm  
Christmas Carols  
Stalls  
Elf workshop & Mrs Claus  
Raffle



Cornwall  
Charity number: 1059093

Adults: £10 which includes a glass of mulled cider or apple juice

Children: £6 which includes a gift from Mrs Claus and a visit to the Elf Workshop

Tickets are available on Eventbrite:  
[eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-evening-tickets-435597242077](https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-evening-tickets-435597242077)

For further information email  
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