



Autumn Term 2023: Newsletter 3
Friday 6th October 2023

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

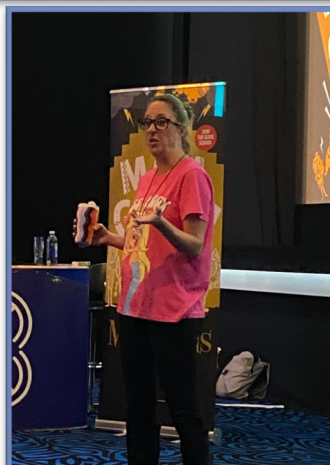
This week, Year 5 and 6 were given the amazing opportunity to meet the celebrated author Maz Evans. Her books include, *Who Let the Gods Out*, *VI Spy* and the *Scarlett Fife* series. They have collectively sold over half a million copies to 22 countries worldwide, and have received over 30 award nominations, including Waterstones Children's Book of the Year!

During the session the children learnt about her writing and she read a chapter from her new book which was very funny and inspiring! The children asked some great questions and we hope they feel inspired to write their own books or read some books written by Maz. Maz was hilarious and had our children and staff holding their sides with laughter! Definitely lots of new Maz Evans fans in the club and more children excited to read.

"I loved how Maz did different voices and her sense of humour!"

***"I loved learning that she did audio books and I am now listening to one.
I also liked that she was a bit crazy!"***

Maz later sent a message to the school, ***"We had a great time. Your kids were a credit to your school, so glad they had fun"***. Our thanks to the PTA who kindly funded this trip.

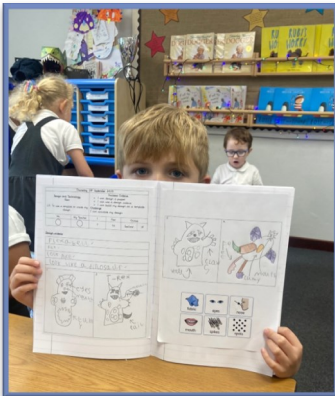


EYFS

EYFS have been reading, 'On Sudden Hill' by Linda Sarah & Benji Davies. They read the story together and then talked about what happened in the story and all of the amazing things the boxes became. This inspired the children to create their own cardboard box creations.



YEAR 1



Year 1 have been designing dinosaur puppets. First they needed to understand the purpose of a puppet and had fun exploring different puppets with their peers to help them write a design criteria. The children then used this to design four different dinosaur puppets. Mr Hughes and Miss McNally were very impressed with the focus and attention to detail the children put into their designs!

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been practicing their sculpting skills in art this week, ready to create their sea creature sculptures next week. They practiced pinching, hand building, rolling and etching techniques to change the shape of the clay and to add texture and pattern.



YEAR 3



In PE, Year 3 have been following a Gymnastics unit called Stretching, Arching and Curling. This week we were looking at taking weight on our hands as well as creating a sequence with our partner.

YEAR 4



This week Year 4 have been inspired by the artist Georges Seurat; creating colour harmony and perfecting their pointillism techniques.

ARB

The children have been working hard to follow instructions, for example, using recipes. They enjoyed making and decorating cupcakes and even did the washing up after!



SPORTS

This week, nine children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Cross Fit Festival at Poltair School. The children learnt what cross fit is and some of the activities included in a cross fit session. They all showed excellent determination and worked on building stamina.



When are the PE slots for each year group

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Term 1</u>	<u>Term 2</u>
Reception	Friday	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday and Friday	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Thursday & Swimming Week	Tuesday and Thursday

REMINERS

Uniform expectations: It is really good to see how streamlined the start of our PE lessons are now that the children attend school wearing their PE kits on PE days. However, we have seen a small increase in the number of children not wearing correct PE kit. We are seeing children wearing a variety of different coloured/patterned jogging bottoms and tops. Our PE kit is black shorts or jogging bottoms, with a Mount Charles logo PE t-shirt, with a Mount Charles jumper or cardigan.

Please view the uniform page on our website or speak with our school office if you have any questions regarding our school uniform policy.

PTA Disco: PTA Disco takes place next Thursday!
Don't forget to book your place via ParentPay and complete the collection arrangements link.

Residential Deposits: The deadline for signing up to the KS2 residential is next Friday.

Parking: Please make use of the generous offer from Mount Charles Methodist Church on Victoria Road who have allowed us to use their car park before and after school. Please also help us to maintain good relations with our neighbours by avoiding blocking driveways on Morleigh Close.

Open Days For 2024 reception intake Come along and meet our children and staff.

Contact our school office to book a space

Friday 6th October —10:30am & 1:30pm

Wednesday 11th October —1:30pm

Thursday 2nd November —10:30am & 1:30pm

Wednesday 8th November —10:30am & 1:30pm

Friday 10th November —10:30am & 1:30pm



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.



How we celebrate good attendance: Each week, the class with the highest attendance is awarded the attendance trophy and an extra break time. Congratulations to 1NM, 2HM, 2SC, 3SG & 5RW who have already been awarded the trophy this term.

Lucky Draw Week: We also have a lucky draw week each half-term. In this week, any pupil who has achieved 100% for the week will receive a treat and be put into a prize draw! There will be a KS1 and a KS2 prize. Next week is our next lucky draw week!

Big end of term reward: Every term we will have an attendance reward for all pupils who have achieved 96.8% or higher during that term. At the end of this autumn term, the children will be treated to a hot chocolate and Christmas film. At the start of each term **(for the purpose of the reward only)** we start every child's attendance at 100%. This means that every child has a chance to achieve 96.8% each term and enjoy the celebration.

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.



Advance notice!

Christmas at Mount Charles

Friday 1st December **PTA Christmas Fayre and Welcoming the Tree event.**

One of the highlights of the calendar and it always kick starts the festive spirit! During the school day the children will decorate their a tree charm / write a wish to hang on the tree. The children will be dismissed to parents as usual at 3pm then invited back through the gates with parents to enjoy this special event.

Tuesday 5th December **Christmas Dinner KS1 & ARB (Pasties for KS2)** - Our KS1 and ARB children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory with their school uniform.

Wednesday 6th December **PTA Christmas Craft session, KS2.** There are 30 places available and the session costs £5. Places can be booked by paying via ParentPay. The session will run from 3pm—4pm, in our main hall.

Thursday 7th December **Christmas Dinner KS2 (Pasties for KS1)** - Our KS2 children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory with their school uniform.

Monday 11th December **Christingle service, KS1** (children only)

Monday 11th December **Christmas Celebration, EYFS.** The children's first nativity with our school will start at 2:30pm in the main hall. There are two seats allocated per child, tickets not necessary.

Tuesday 12th December **KS2 Christmas Celebration, 1:30pm and 6:00pm.** We are very grateful once again to Penrice Academy who have generously loaned us the use of their auditorium for our KS2 Christmas Performances. Information regarding tickets will be released soon.

Wednesday 13th December **Christmas Celebration, Year 1.** The nativity will start at 2:30pm in the main hall. There are two seats allocated per child, tickets not necessary.

Wednesday 13th December **PTA Christmas Craft session, KS1.** There are 30 places available and the session costs £5. Places can be booked by paying via ParentPay. The session will run from 3pm—4pm, in our main hall.

Thursday 14th December **Christmas Celebration, Year 2.** The nativity will start at 2:30pm in the main hall. There are two seats allocated per child, tickets not necessary.

Friday 15th December **Last day of term.** School finishes at 1:30pm. Charlies will not be running on this day.



TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

1st place: Harley Burke

2nd place: Lillynarie Croft

3rd place: Theodore Bristow

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

1st place: James Jones

2nd place: Jake Lightfoot

3rd place: Blake Foster

Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

1st place: Leo Janasiak

2nd place: James Cundy

3rd place: Kai Derring

Celebrating

Yr1— Freddy, Marley, Grayson, Dale

Yr2—Mason, Tabitha, Evelyn, Ruan

Yr3—Alex, Elsie, Lowenna, Joey

Yr4— Summer, Blossom, Leland, Elliot

Yr5— Jasmine, Milly, William, Ornella

Yr6— Jack C, Thea, Matilda, Grace M

Sports Superstar — George Yr 6, Esmae K-B

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 2HM

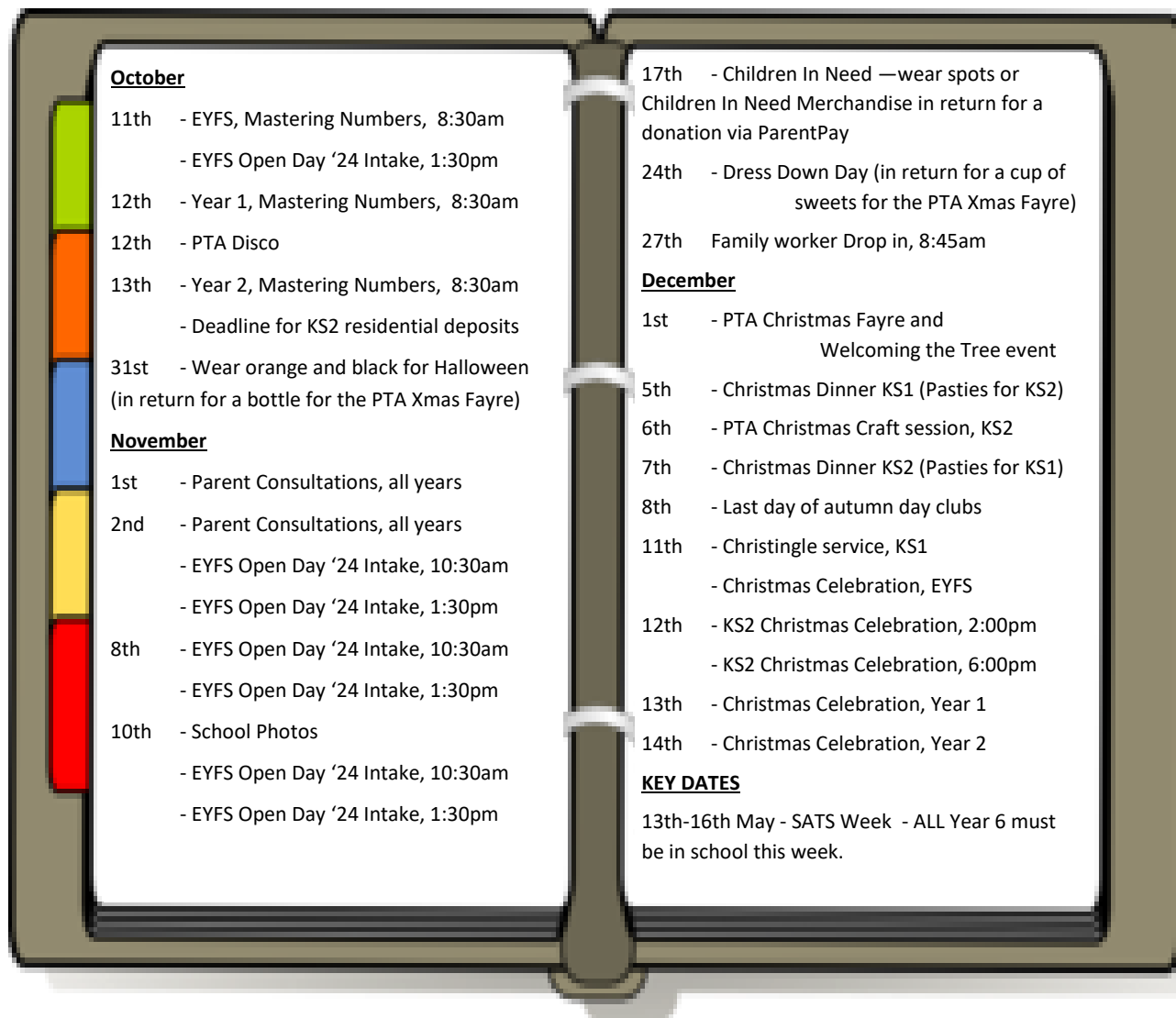
Last week: 2SC & 5RW

Attendance!



Diary

Dates



October

- 11th - EYFS, Mastering Numbers, 8:30am
- EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 1:30pm
- 12th - Year 1, Mastering Numbers, 8:30am
- 12th - PTA Disco
- 13th - Year 2, Mastering Numbers, 8:30am
- Deadline for KS2 residential deposits
- 31st - Wear orange and black for Halloween (in return for a bottle for the PTA Xmas Fayre)

November

- 1st - Parent Consultations, all years
- 2nd - Parent Consultations, all years
- EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 10:30am
- EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 1:30pm
- 8th - EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 10:30am
- EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 1:30pm
- 10th - School Photos
- EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 10:30am
- EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 1:30pm

- 17th - Children In Need —wear spots or Children In Need Merchandise in return for a donation via ParentPay

- 24th - Dress Down Day (in return for a cup of sweets for the PTA Xmas Fayre)

- 27th Family worker Drop in, 8:45am

December

- 1st - PTA Christmas Fayre and Welcoming the Tree event

- 5th - Christmas Dinner KS1 (Pasties for KS2)

- 6th - PTA Christmas Craft session, KS2

- 7th - Christmas Dinner KS2 (Pasties for KS1)

- 8th - Last day of autumn day clubs

- 11th - Christingle service, KS1

- Christmas Celebration, EYFS

- 12th - KS2 Christmas Celebration, 2:00pm

- KS2 Christmas Celebration, 6:00pm

- 13th - Christmas Celebration, Year 1

- 14th - Christmas Celebration, Year 2

KEY DATES

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

TERM DATES

Autumn term 1 2023: Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Friday 13th October 2023

Autumn term 2 2023: Monday 30th October 2023 - Friday 15th December 2023

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



HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



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LONG LIFE JUICE
BISCUITS
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TINNED VEGETABLES
POT NOODLES
JAM
CRISPS
TINNED TOMATOES
TINNED SOUP

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FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

DOORS OPEN 18:00

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FULLY SERVICED BAR AT MEMBERS PRICES

EARLYBIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
CRICKET CLUB - SAT 23RD SEPTEMBER AND
SAT 7TH OCTOBER AT 10PM - 12PM FOR £12
PER FAMILY.

FAMILY - £16

TWO ADULTS + TWO CHILDREN

FIRST 100 FAMILY TICKETS ONLY £12

ADULT - £6

OVER 16

CHILD - £4

UNDER 16

BBQ

SOUP

TEA & COFFEE

SWEET STALL

SPARKLERS & GLOW STICKS

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