



Spring Term 2023: Newsletter 1
Friday 13th January 2023

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

EYFS



EYFS had a fantastic day in their pyjamas ENGAGING in their new ILP, 'What happens when I fall asleep'. The children learned about the importance of keeping their teeth healthy and even got to practice brushing their teeth with their very own brand new toothbrush. In the afternoon, they enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit whilst listening to a bedtime story.

YEAR 1

To launch their new ILP 'Bright Lights, Big City', year 1 held a Royal Banquet. The children designed and wore their own crown before tucking into a fine spread of jam sandwiches, sponge cakes and strawberries. The children also listened to King Charles III Christmas Day speech to and the children designed coins with King Charles's image on.



YEAR 2



As part of their engage day, year 2 became real street detectives. They went for a walk around the local area to see what physical and human features they could spot. They completed a scavenger hunt activity whilst on their walk and used this information to record a tally chart and bar graph to help them answer questions about the local environment. The children were able to spot many features and were great detectives!



YEAR 3

As part of their new ILP 'Tremors', year 3 have been learning about the three different types of rock - sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. The children have been using magnifying glasses to study and observe the different layers, crystals and patterns in each rock and have been then able to classify and describe each rock accurately.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have begun their 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' ILP by recreating the digestive system using everyday objects.

The food (biscuits and half a banana) was passed through each stage of the digestive system until it was excreted as faeces. They learnt about the functions of the mouth, oesophagus, stomach, large and small intestines and finally the rectum as they explored how their bodies digest food.

YEAR 5

Year 5 began their 'Stargazers' ILP with an online session with the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, exploring the Solar System with two scientists. They saw some amazing pictures and animations and found out some really interesting facts - one of their favourites was that there are over 2000 moons in the Solar System. It was a fantastic start to their new topic.



YEAR 6

Year 6 started their ILP 'Frozen Kingdom' by experiencing what it would be like to be in an icy environment. They did this by handling large chunks of ice - feeling its texture and realizing just how cold their hands can get in a short space of time. They're really looking forward to learning about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica which happened over 100 years ago.



ARB



The ARB children have enjoyed starting their new Winter topic. They have been reading 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth and have made hot cocoa with marshmallows and whipped cream.

SPORTS



On Monday we took a group of year 5 children to Poltair School to take part in the Tri-Golf Festival. The children had to compete in 6 different golf activities to score points for their team. They showed excellent determination and really engaged well with the event. Well done team MCS.

On Tuesday our Football and Netball teams played fixtures against Charlestown School. The teams adapted well, despite the weather and muddy conditions.

Football - The year 3 and 4 team played first and lost 2-0 with some excellent goals scored by the Charlestown team. Another promising performance with some year 3's playing their first school match.

The year 5 and 6 B team showed excellent quality and played some great football, winning the game comfortably 3-0 with 2 goals from Abe and the other from James C. They all played well and deserved the victory.

Finally, just as it was getting dark the year 6 A Team played their match. Mount Charles dominated large parts of the game and had numerous chances to score but couldn't convert. The shape and formation of the team looked excellent and didn't allow Charlestown room to play. We lost 1-0 but this was one of the best performances the team has had. It was a shame we didn't score, but the confidence and momentum is building.

Netball - The B team began with a mix of players after the match order was changed at the last minute. They didn't let that affect them and they had some brilliant team work and marking. The match ended as a really close 4-3 win with goals from Ronnie and Holly.

The A team went second and the rain came in and it started to get dark. They played really well despite this and made some accurate interceptions and passes. The match ended as 8 - 2 to Charlestown with great goals from Maddison.

Well done to all teams involved.



REMINDEERS

Attendance

Attendance Celebrations.

This weeks class attendance winners are 1TH.

A huge well done to them.

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", "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.

Uniform

We are seeing a variety of footwear, jumpers, and different coloured tights/leggings and socks being worn to school.

- ✓ Black shoes NO trainers or boots
- ✓ Grey or white socks or tights NO LEGGINGS
- ✓ Blue and gold trimmed jumper / cardigan
- ✓ Juniors need to wear ties.

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct uniform. Please also ensure they have a coat in school every day. To ensure lost property is returned to your child, please label all items.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parking

Please help us to maintain good relations with our neighbours by not blocking the driveways of residents in Morleigh Close. Thank you.

Brew Monday 16th January

Don't forget Bew Monday for a free cup of tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits between 8:30 am - 10:00am. Just come to the main gates and we can take you into the hall.

PANTS Rule

This week in assembly, Mrs Waugh spoke to the children reminding them about the PANTS rule. Please see the attached guide which may help you start simple conversations to help keep your children safe from abuse [pants-parents-guide-online.pdf \(nspcc.org.uk\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents/keep_safe/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf)



The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore 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.

We would like to encourage all parents and carers to sign up for the National Online Safety resource tool. Please see the attached letter for more information.





The week commencing the 6th February is **Children's Mental Health Week**. In the lead up to this, we are looking at the '5 Ways to Wellbeing'. The School Councillors have been busy thinking of ideas for each strand of the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' - we will be focusing on a different one each week. This week, our focus is 'Give - Give others your time and your kind words'.

The School Council thought this could be saying to someone:

- Are you okay?
- Would you like to play with me?
- Do you need some help?
- How is your day going?
- Would you like to talk to me about how you are feeling?
- You have a great sense of humour
- I love your personality

Would you like to be my friend?



WINNING WAYS TO WELLBEING



INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.





TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

1st place: Charlie Brocklehurst

2nd place: Bailey Hales

3rd place: Kian Edwards

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

1st place: Lillian Kitson

2nd place: James Jones

3rd place: Charlie Hamilton-Nottle

Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

1st place: Cory Wickett

2nd place: Isaac Trudgeon

3rd place: Hope Pollard

Celebrating

Yr1— Jaxon, Mason, Ella-May, Freya

Yr2— Tommie, Theia, Harley, Olli

Yr3— Alex F., Sophie, Logan, Aaron

Yr4— Riley, Ted, Alexis, Holly

Yr5— Evie, Taylor, Diana, Grace M

Yr6— Koray, Jaiden-Lee, Liam, Scarlett

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 1TH

Last week: 1NM

Attendance!



Diary Dates

January

16th Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics@Poltair

17th Football & Netball @ Biscovey

16th-20th Swimming Year 3 BW

23rd Year 1 & 2 Football @ Poltair

23rd-27th Swimming Year 3 SG

24th Football & Netball @ St Mewan

30th KS2 Football @ Poltair

February

1st EYFS Visit from Screech Owl Sanctuary

3rd Year 4,5,6 Cross Country @ Poltair

3rd NSPCC Number Day 2023

6th Year 5&6 Indoor Athletics @ Poltair

7th Football & Netball @ St Stephen

22nd EYFS & Year 6 Weights & Measurements

More Info to follow

March

27th Feb—3rd March Swimming Year 5 AK

6th-10th March Swimming Year 5 AC

13th-17th Swimming Year 4 RW

20th-24th Swimming Year 4 RC

Book Fair—6th,7th,9th & 10th

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

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

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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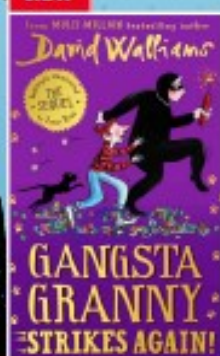
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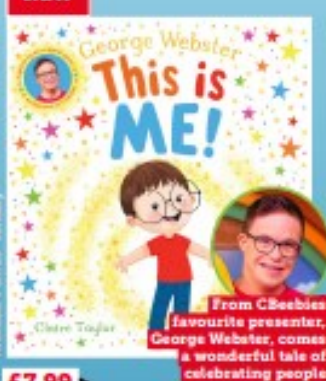
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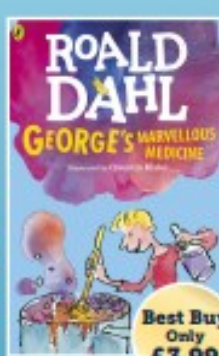


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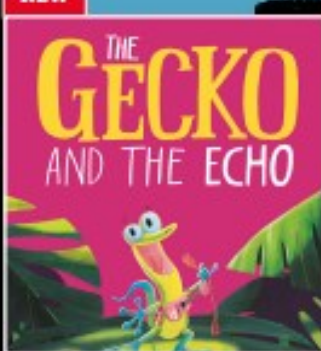
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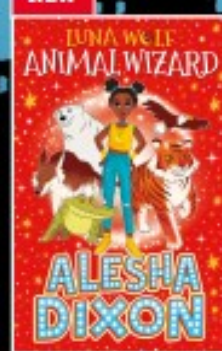
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*Freebooks are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fair for details.

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The Book Fair will be running in school on Monday 6th March, Tuesday 7th March, Thursday 9th March and Friday 10th March from 3.15-4.15pm.

Scan the QR code
to pay online!

