



Summer Term 2021: Newsletter 5
Friday 25th June 2021

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

It's been a busy week for the Mount Charles team as we have been teaching children in school as well as supporting learning at home for the children in our closed bubbles. Our children have, once again, showcased how resilient they are and we are so proud of each and every one of them. We look forward to welcoming our closed bubbles back to school on Monday.

EYFS

To celebrate History Week, our EYFS children welcomed Mrs Matthews in to talk with them. Mrs Matthews attended Mount Charles School when she was a child, she shared her experiences with our children, and they compared school life at Mount Charles in the past to school life at Mount Charles in the present.



Before our visit, the children thought of a range of questions they could ask Mrs Matthews using the question starters 'Who, What, Where, How, Why?'

It was a fantastic afternoon and the children were really engaged in learning some of the history of their school. Thank you Mrs Matthews for your time!



YEAR 1



Year 1 really enjoyed History Week and thought about how events take place in the past, present and future.

The children considered the events within our daily routine to understand chronological order and explored some photographs of items that have changed over time. They discovered that bikes, shoes and even schools have changed a lot!

The children then placed some of their key historical learning on a giant timeline!



YEAR 2

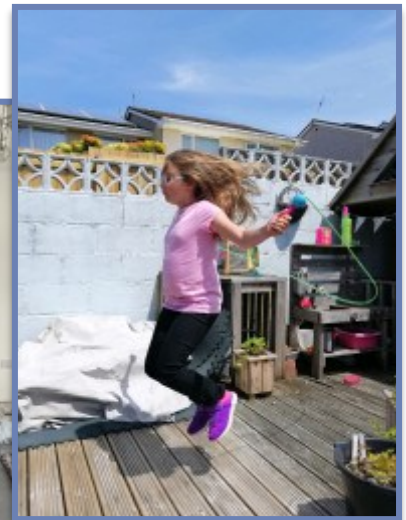
As part of their Wriggle and Crawl topic, year 2 have researched the places minibeasts like to live as well as the conditions required for a successful micro habitat. They then used their new knowledge to build their own bug hotels. They are looking forward to welcoming and observing a range of visitors in their hotels!



Year 2 have also been investigating snails. They found out that snails like moving on water, but not too much water. Snails leave a sticky trail behind them, and this helps them to move. The children enjoyed handling the snails and feeling the different textures of the body compared to the shell. Well done year 2 for being gentle and showing great care to your little visitors!

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been continuing with their Tribal Tales topic this week. (3SG in school and 3TH at home!) The children have been researching the type of clothing people wore during the Stone Age period and how they made their clothes given the constraints they had during this time. Using their research, the children then came up with a design criteria to create different ideas for Stone Age outfits. The children have also been ensuring they get outside and enjoy a range of fun PE activities.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have spent a week learning from home and the children (and parents) have been amazing. Maths, English and wider curriculum learning has continued and the Year 4 team were really impressed with the number of children attending daily Live Sessions. However, we are looking forward to returning to the classroom! As part of their home learning, Year 4 completed some artwork based on landscapes. The children applied their learned sketching and shading techniques to create landscape drawings. In this, they focussed

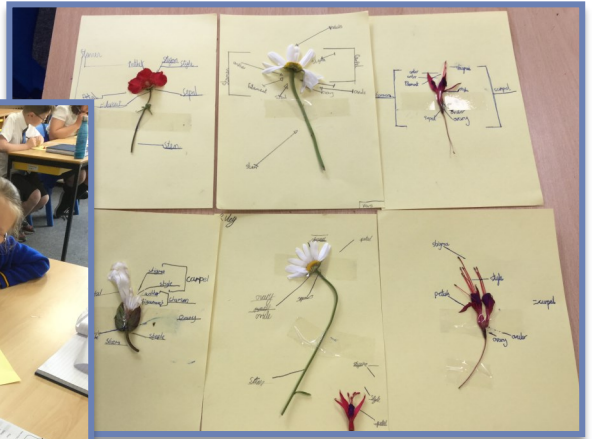
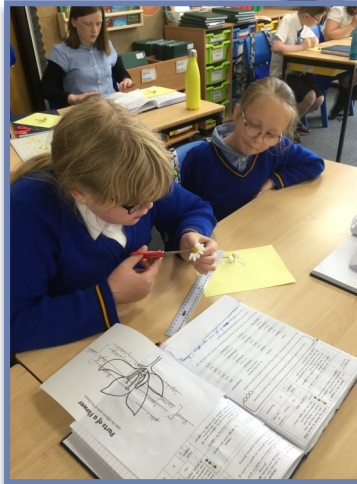
on light and shadow and how they could show this using shading. The children then created line drawings of mountainous landscapes and used either warm or cool colours to show a particular emotion.



YEAR 5

Year 5 children have been studying pollinators and how plants reproduce. The children dissected flowers and labelled them with the scientific names for the parts of the plant which enable it to reproduce.

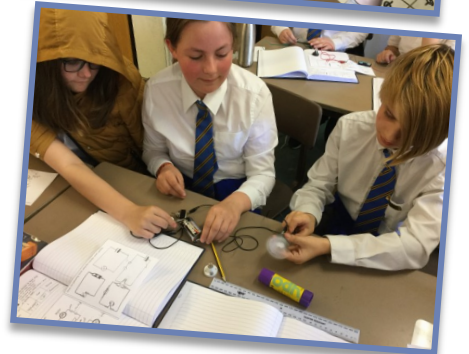
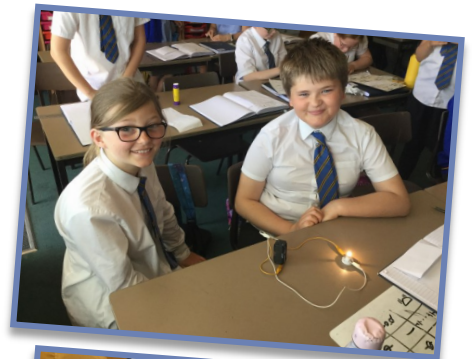
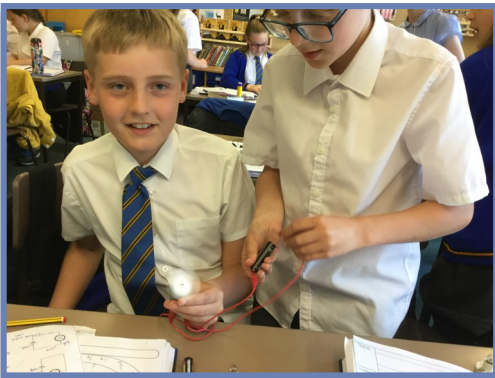
Great work Year 5!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been investigating circuits and learning the symbols for each component.

As part of exploring different ways to make a circuit using switches, batteries and bulbs, some children realised that paper could be added to the motor to make a fan!



ARB

The children in our ARB have continued their Enchanted Forest Topic with explorations of sound! They have been outside and listened to the wind and leaves and have played instruments alongside the story 'We're going on a bear hunt.' The children have looked at the bark and leaves of the trees whilst considering what they need to live and grow. They have also recycled waste to create bug hotels. What a busy week!



P O R T H P E A N

Our amazing trip to Porthpean!! Written by Billie-Jo and Amelie Rose, yr5.

On the 24th and 28th May we went to the Porthpean activity centre and had lots of fun. We had the choices of SUP (Stand up paddle board), canoeing, kayaking coasteering we chose them all. They were fun and exciting! Mr Yelland fell off his SUP into the water because the speedboat drove past twice and made the water ripple and the SUP wobble! Lots of us learnt new things like SUP and people faced their fears. While on the boats and Mega SUP everyone saw two cute seals, they were swimming in an underwater cave. There were lots of Jellyfish around. Our class faced their fears, for example:-

Sienna felt more confident and brave after jumping into the water from a rocky cliff. She said "it was fun!"

Max felt more courageous in himself after he jumped off a speedboat!

We learnt lots of interesting facts, did you know that you can hold a small jellyfish? Their sting is so faint you wont feel it!

Billie—Jo , "It was so exciting".

Harry, "Wet and Wild!".

Mrs Copeland, "I loved seeing everyone having so much fun. I was impressed at the adventurous spirit and bravery that year 5 showed, they were willing to have a go at everything!"



H E A L T H Y E A T I N G

Our EYFS and Year 1 children enjoyed some fantastic 'Healthy Eating' sessions, hosted by Chartwells. The children listened to the classic story, The Hungry Caterpillar, talked about and tasted lots of fruits and vegetables, then created their own colourful garden pictures!





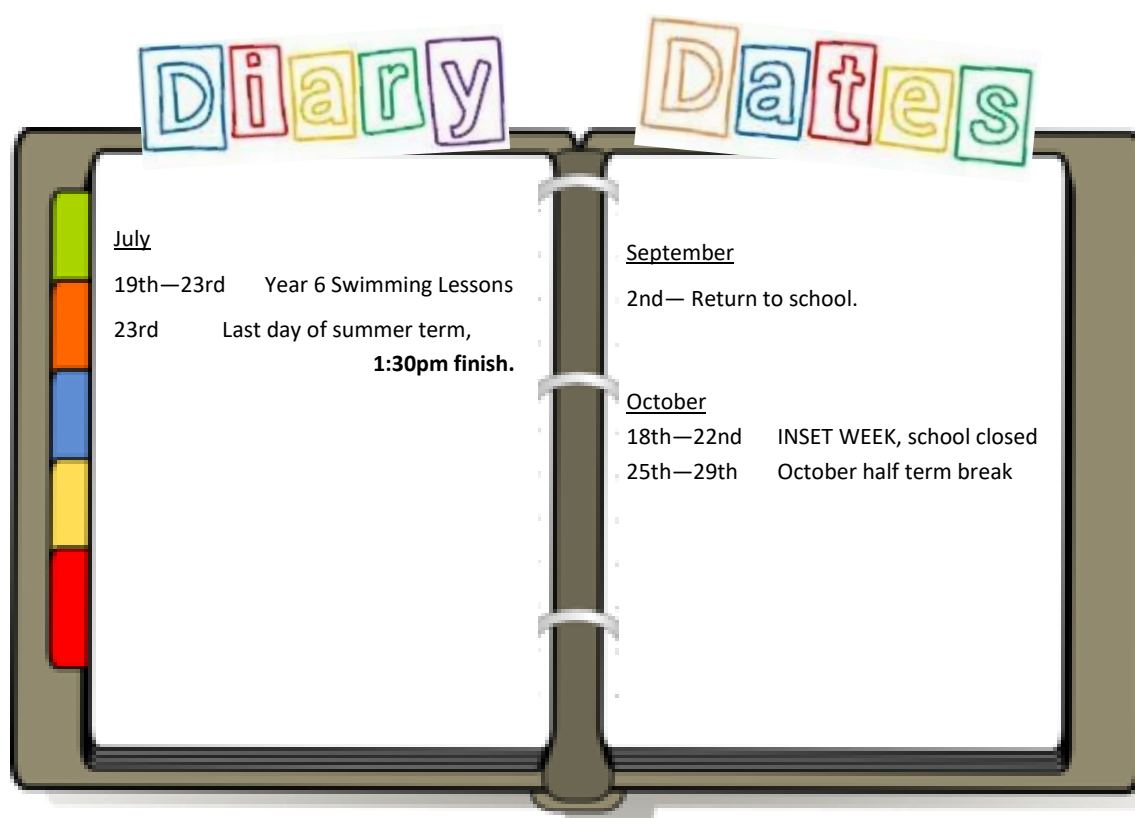
The children in years 2-6 had a visit from Skip2Bfit. They were all challenged to skip for two minutes using a clever rope that counts the rotations of the rope. They then had to reset the counter and try to beat their personal best! It was a great session and there were lots of happy

faces on the playground with an amazing atmosphere and plenty of giggles had by all. ***We have a number of ropes, with the skip counters, supplied by the company at a special, reduced price. You can buy these through ParentPay at £5 each.***



Emergency Procedures

Schools are required to have emergency procedures in place so that in the event of a concerning incident, for example a fire or a police incident in the locality, we can ensure that all children and staff are safe. As part of the emergency procedures, we will be practising a 'lock down' in school over the next few weeks. We wanted to let parents know as I am sure that the children will tell you all about it, as I am sure they do when we practise a fire evacuation. We will ensure that staff talk sensitively to the children about the lock down practise to avoid causing any alarm.



Notices




Get your child's work published in a brand new book!

The 'My St. Austell' Project is an exciting new community creative project, part of the St. Austell Townscape Heritage Scheme.

Participants on the project will create original pieces of work to be published in a brand new book, as well as having the opportunity to be part of a live performance and exhibition. Participants will also have the chance to gain a nationally recognised Arts Award certification

The project is free and open to all children and young people in the St. Austell Area

For more information and to register for the online launch event on the 26th June, head to - tolifeacademy.co.uk and click 'My St. Austell Project' from the menu or scan the code below!

You can also send us an email at to.life@outlook.com, or text 'Register' and your email address to 07838 825 365 to register for the launch event and join the project!

Scan here → 





'Have a Go Days'

A FREE and friendly activity for children with additional needs or disability and their siblings or friends, aged 6-17

Bodmin Leisure Centre
Lostwithiel Road,
Bodmin, PL31 1DE

Tues 3 August 10am-12pm
Tues 10 August 10am-12pm
Tues 17 August 10am-12pm

Cornwall College,
Trevenson Road, Pool,
TR15 3RD (Astro)

Tues 27 July 2-4pm
Tues 3 August 2-4pm
Tues 10 August 2-4pm
Tues 17 August 2-4pm
Tues 24 August 2-4pm



Booking is essential. For more information and to book contact Katie on 01736 751924 or email katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk. Find us on Facebook by searching "Have a Go Days Cornwall".