



Spring Term 2023: Newsletter 5
Friday 17th March 2023

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

THE ARTS



On Tuesday we sent a group of Year 5 children to represent our school at the Cornwall Music and Speech Festival in Truro.

The children each read a poem in front of other schools and did a fantastic job. Matilda came second in the group and all of the other children came joint third. This is a fantastic achievement!

Our school choir have been very busy representing our school at events this week.

On Tuesday, Mr Bartlett and ten children from our choir took part in SongFest— an annual festival of song, in which schools across Cornwall take part. Our children were tasked to learn eight songs from composer Rebecca Lawrence's 'past and present', songs of history, each depicting a particular historical era. Our children performed at St Petroc's Church in Bodmin. It was a brilliant opportunity for our children to sing as part of a much larger, collective choir.

On Thursday, our whole choir travelled to Truro Methodist Church to perform in the Cornwall Festival of Music and Speech. Our children won a trophy after coming first in their class—amazing!



EYFS

EYFS have planted their very own beanstalk seed! This has supported our 'Jack and the Beanstalk' Talk for Writing lessons. We discussed the things that we would need to plant their seed and then we discussed the instructions they would need to follow.



We needed: a pot, soil, a seed and water.

What we did:

1. Fill the pot with soil.
2. Push the seed down.
3. Spray the soil with water.
4. Place in the sunlight.
5. Watch the bean grow.

The children are looking forward to watering our seed, placing it in the sunshine, and watching our beans grow over time.

YEAR 1

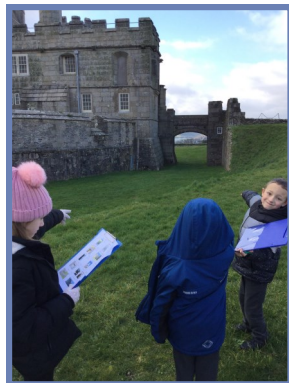
Year 1 travelled to Poltair School for a KS1 Cross Country Festival to compete against other local schools. It was a long course and we are very proud of all of the children—everyone finished the course!

Ruan came second and won a silver medal!



YEAR 2

Year 2 had an exciting visit to Pendennis Castle. The children learnt about the castle's history and its importance as a Tudor gun tower in protecting the county from invasion. The children explored the castle and grounds, looked at the different features, and took part in a fantastic workshop learning all about Henry VIII. The children dressed up as significant people from the past and explored some ancient artefacts. The children were all superstars and had a brilliant day!



YEAR 3



In science, Year 3 were identifying and describing the function of leaves. They used magnifying glasses to study the different properties of a variety of different leaves.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been investigating the viscosity of different liquids in science. They used team work and careful observation to time the speed at which the liquid travelled down a ramp. They then successfully recorded the results in tables that they drew skilfully in their books, and compared the data in order to answer scientific questions. What super scientists they all are!



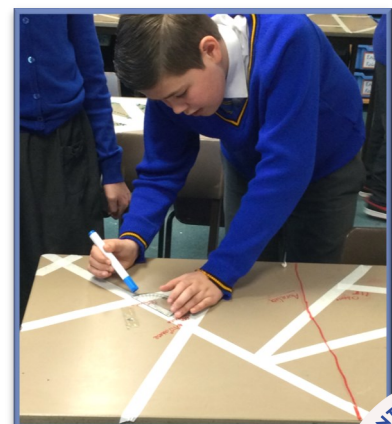
YEAR 5



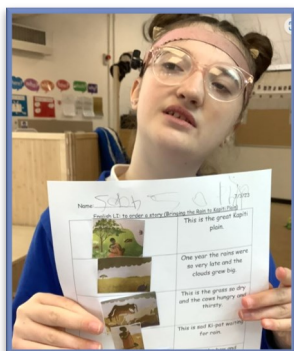
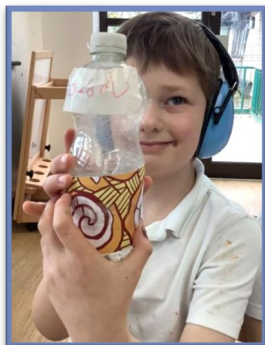
This week, Year 5 took part in a range of workshops with the 'Stay Safe Initiative'. They discussed anti-bullying, friendship and online safety. After in-depth discussions the children were taught some golden rules that they should always refer to if they feel worried: **'Speak Out and Tell Someone', 'Stop, Think, Decide'** and **'Stop It, Block It Report It'**. The children showed excellent engagement and were very knowledgeable in their discussions.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been learning how to use a protractor to measure angles. They created different angles using masking tape, measured the angles and recorded the results on a table. The children then checked and corrected angles on other tables. They really enjoyed being able to practically create and measure the angles and had great fun recording their answers on the tables.



ARB



In the ARB, the children have been reading a version of the African story, 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain'. They acted out the story playing the role of the farmer hoping for rain, feeling the rain on their hands and also played happy cows with green grass on the plain. The children have also followed instructions to make shakers and chose from a selection of African patterns to decorate.

SPORTS



This week a group of Year 3 & 4 children attended a Movement to Music Dance Festival at Poltair School. The children had the opportunity to learn a Bollywood themed dance routine. They all engaged well and enjoyed their experience.



Last week a group of Year 3 & 4 children attended a Dodgeball Festival at Poltair School. The children did extremely well and won lots of games against other local schools. The weather was far from ideal but the children battled the wet and cold weather to play some excellent Dodgeball. Well done team MCS!

Attendance

This weeks class attendance winners are 1NM! A huge well done to everyone.

Attendance Celebration for Spring Term.

We have been working with Go Active who will be coming into school in the last week of term to run sessions for pupils who achieve 96.8% attendance or more **for this term**.

Lucky Draw Week

Our Lucky Draw Week is **next week**. Any pupil who has achieved 100% for the week will be put into a prize draw. There will be a KS1 and a KS2 prize.

What to do if your child is absent:

- Contact the school office via telephone on the first day your 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.



PTA UPDATE

Our PTA are working hard, and raising a huge amount of money, to support our families and the school.

They have held, and are planning, the following events this year:

- Glow Disco
- Non-Uniform Day
- Christmas Fayre
- Christmas Cards
- Christmas Craft Sessions
- Valentine's Disco
- Friday Hot Chocolate Treats
- Easter Craft Sessions
- Easter Colouring Competition
- Sports Day Refreshments
- Summer Fayre

The children have really enjoyed the events and **over £5000** has been raised!

We are delighted to share that the PTA have donated the following so far:

£500 to every year group and £120 to the ARB to support parents with reducing the cost of a school trip.

£500 to reduce the cost of transport to music events.

This is a total of £4,120 donated so far.

The PTA are now raising money to contribute towards the Year 6 end of year treat and investing in the purchase of more IT equipment to use across the school.

If you would be interested in getting involved, or sparing some time to support at events, please contact the school office. **Our next meeting is on Friday 24th March at 1.30pm.**

Parent Forum

We would like to start a Parent Forum to ensure that we consider parent voice when making decisions. We are keen to have a parent representative from every class. We would aim to meet termly to discuss a specific topic. If you would be interested in taking part then please contact the school office.



Diary

Dates

March

- 20th-24th - 4RW Swimming Week
- 20th - Brew Monday, 8:30am
- Yr2 Mini Movers @ Poltair
- 21st - Mastering Number Workshop, Yr1
- Yr3&4 Football @ Nanphysick
- 22nd - Mastering Number Workshop, Yr2
- 23rd - Mastering Number Workshop, EYFS
- Yr5&6 Football @ Poltair
- 24th - Reports home to parents
- Closing date for Comic Relief competition entries
- 27th - Go Active—attendance treat
- Yr3 Easter Orienteering @Poltair
- 28th - Parents Evening, EYFS only
- 29th - Yr6 parents SATS & camp meeting
- Parents Evening, EYFS only
- Group Photographs
- Parent Drop-In, Yr1-6, re: reports
- 30th - Group Photographs
- 31st - **Break up for Easter 1.30pm**
- **No Charlies Wraparound club today.**

April

- 17th-21st - 3BW Swimming Week
- 20th - Yr5 Trip to Cornwall Museum
- 20th—21st - Yr4 Residential

- 24th-28th - 3SG Swimming Week

May

- 1st - Early May Bank Holiday, School Closed
- 8th - Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation, School Closed
- 9th—12th - **SATS week, All Year 6 MUST be in school this week.**
- 15th - Yr6 Careers Fair
- 17th—19th - Yr5 Residential
- 25th - Sports Day

June

- 7th—9th - Yr6 Residential
- 12th—16th - Phonics Screening
- 27th - Sports Day, reserve date
- 29th—30th - Yr3 School Sleepover

July

- 3rd - Yr6, Penrice & Poltair transition days
- 6th - Sports Day, reserve date
- 7th - PTA Summer Fayre
- EYFS reports to parents
- 12th - Parent Consultations, Yr1-6
- 13th - Parents Consultations, Yr1-6
- 18th - Yr6 Productions, more details to follow
- 19th - Yr6 Leavers Treat Day
- 20th - Yr6 Leavers Assembly
- 21st - Last day of Summer Term, 1:30pm finish.

TERM DATES

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| Spring term 2 2023: | Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday 31st March 2023 |
| Summer term 1 2023: | Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday 26th May 2023 |
| Summer term 2 2023: | Monday 5th June 2023 - Friday 21st July 2023 |
| 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 |





TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

1st place: Storm Wheat

2nd place: Theo Dent

3rd place: Bailey Kelly

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

1st place: Enkela Rrushku

2nd place: James Jones

3rd place: Freddie Phillips

Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

1st place: Michaela Hooker

2nd place: Jasmine Wright

3rd place: Hope Dollard

Celebrating

Yr1— Jack, Esmail, Demi-Harper, Archer

Yr2— Jack, Harley, Lucas, Alen, Amelia

Yr3— Leo, Khole, Blossom, Pearl J.

Yr4— Kai, Lexi, Theo D, Annabelle

Yr5— Skylar, Jack, Jacob, Gaia

Yr6— Lexi, Georgina, Brad, Isaac R.

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 1NM

Last week: 1NM

Attendance!





Saturday 17th June 2023

Want to support us?
Scan the QR code to go
directly to our fundraising
page.





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'HAVE A GO DAYS'

FREE TO ATTEND. A FUN AND FRIENDLY ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITY AND THEIR SIBLINGS OR FRIENDS, AGES 6-17




EASTER BREAK!

Wednesday 5th April & Thursday 13th April at:

10am-12pm at Bodmin Leisure Centre

2-4pm at Cornwall College



Booking is essential. For more information and to book your free place(s) contact Sharon on:

01736 759500 or email sharonw@disabilitycornwall.org.uk

Find us on Facebook by searching 'Have a Go Days Cornwall'.



Messy Easter

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

Thursday 23rd March
3 15pm – 5 15pm

Come and join us for:



Activities

Songs

Food

Crafts

Games

Stories

All ages welcome.

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Cornwall Golf Union

Junior/Family Taster Day

Sunday 16th April 2023
2.00pm to 4.00pm

St Austell Golf Club, Tregongeeves Lane, St Austell, PL26 7DS

Great opportunity for children and families to try golf for the first time or perhaps get back into the game.

All activities are FREE!

Qualified Coaches, equipment provided, fun events.
(Club catering open and available to all.)









For bookings please contact:
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 Cornwall Golf Union
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 Email: jdo.cgu2022@gmail.com
Chris Pountney - Secretary
 Cornwall Golf Union
 Email: secretary@cornwallgolfunion.org.uk








EASTER HOLIDAY SUPER CAMPS

Take part in fun and exciting sporting activities!
Meet new friends, get active and have fun!

10:00AM – 2:00PM

MONDAY 3RD – THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2023
&
TUESDAY 11TH – FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 5|6|7|8

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THOSE STUDENTS IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS, HOWEVER, FOR ALL OTHER STUDENTS THERE IS A CHARGE OF £5.00 PER DAY.

A LIGHT BREAKFAST & LUNCH IS PROVIDED.



SCAN ME!



