



Summer Term 2021: Newsletter 6

Friday 9th July 2021

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

After a very challenging year for schools, the countdown to the summer break is under way. We will be sending out information next week with our plans for September, so please do look out for those emails and raise any queries you may have before the end of term. The 'Football Fever' atmosphere is buzzing across the school as we celebrate England reaching the final of the Euros for the first time in 55 years! To mark this significant occasion of national pride, Mr Grigg hosted a special assembly this afternoon to discuss the tournament and the children have recorded supportive messages for the England team. Football songs will be playing in the playground as the children leave today to really get us in the mood for Sunday's big game! COME ON ENGLAND!



EYFS



EYFS enjoyed a super sporting afternoon. The children took part in lots of exciting sports activities; an egg and spoon race, a bean bag balancing race, a sack race, a hat and hula-hoop race, a bat and ball race and they finished with a whole class running race. They all demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship as they cheered their friends along the way! A brilliant first sports day!



YEAR 1



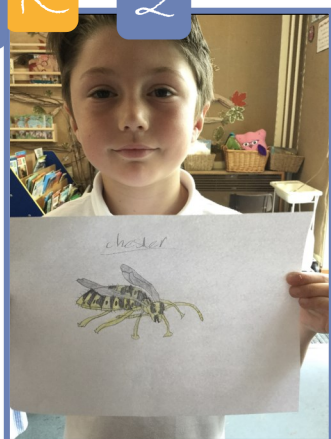
Year 1 participated in a wonderful Sports Day this week and enjoyed some traditional races like a sprint, egg and spoon race and sack race.

The children also tried some more unusual races including the fancy-dress hat race and a hoop race!

The children had so much fun and demonstrated their perseverance in abundance. Well done Year 1!



YEAR 2



Our Year 2 children have been very busy as part of their 'Wiggle and Crawl' topic.

In Design Technology they have learning about how levers can move things. The children designed a moving minibeast picture and used what they had learned to add levers to bring their minibeasts to life.

Imojen said 'It was tricky to put all the pieces together, but my butterfly can move using the lever. I like how it looks like it's flying.'

The children have also been working hard on their observational drawing skills. Chester was rightly very proud of his picture of a honeybee. He said 'During lockdown I got really good at drawing carefully and now I love it!'

YEAR 3

In science, Year 3 have been drawing diagrams to explain how water is transported through trees. They have been investigating how tall trees are able to grow.

They have been learning that trees need a lot of energy to transport water from the roots, through the vessels in their trunks and stems up to the top leaves. The children also found out that water evaporates from the leaves in a process called transpiration.

They did a fun straw experiment to see if they had the energy to suck water through lots of straws. It worked well, we wonder how high they could have gone!



YEAR 4



Our Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic morning trying out two new sports! Go Active brought along some awesome Street Surfing boards and in no time at all many children were up and away like they had been doing it for years!

The other sport was a more sedate and mind focused sport - Olympic Archery. The children soon picked up the skills and were hitting the target in true Robin Hood style.

All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable morning of activity.



YEAR 5

This week the children in Year 5 have started harvesting their home grown produce and eating it! They used their rocket as a topping on pizzas which they made themselves and have started tasting their strawberries. The children need to eat them before the birds do!



YEAR 6



Year six have been taking part in a range of activities and lessons as part of their transition to secondary school.

They virtually 'met' their Head of Years and form tutors and enjoyed working in their new tutor groups to complete a range of science, history, maths, PSHE and creative lessons. The children were keen to get stuck into the science using pipettes and filter paper to expand on their knowledge of chromatography from earlier in the year.



ARB

Our ARB is becoming more enchanted by the day!

The children have been exploring traditional tales, particularly 'Hansel and Gretel' and 'We're going on a bear hunt'.

The children have enjoyed retelling the stories, acting them out and going on their own bear hunt inspired sensory adventure.

They have also been making peg fairies and fairy doors, as well as castles in the clouds.



P O R T H P E A N

Report by Maddie and Eli 6TW

On a beautiful and sunny Tuesday morning, we arrived at Porthpean Activity Centre. A few minutes later, our instructors briefed us on how to stay safe and healthy. We then collected our equipment – buoyancy aid and a full-body wetsuit- and got changed. After a 10-minute walk, we had reached the beach. Keira and Callum told us that it was a ‘very steep’ and ‘slippery’ walk. We left our stuff behind and went to choose our groups.

The stand-up paddleboard was a massive paddleboard which is commonly known as a SUP, which is how we will refer to it. We were allowed to choose who could do it so once the groups had been sorted we made our way over to the instructor. He told us a little on how to use the SUP safely. After collecting our oars, we carried it onto the water and boarded. It started off a little rocky due to the fact that we had never steered such a massive board. One of the two groups had started singing songs at this point! The more we rowed, the more we got used to the paddling until we were going full speed ahead. Halfway through, we were able to jump off the board and have some fun. After that break, we continued on to our destination. We arrived and had lots of fun with our friends. Our journey back was fairly the same but one of the groups were raced with the canoers and won, they were all so happy.

During the activity, the two groups used the Canadian canoe (which are two normal canoes connected). The activity started with the instructor explaining what to do and how to do it. They then put the oars inside the canoe and used teamwork to push it down to the water. Some of them being helped by the adults, they then boarded the canoe and started to row. As they made their way along to their destination, the first group saw many interesting rocks and even a seal! The second group also had a fun time as they were allowed to jump off of the canoe. After clambering off the vessel onto a beach, they had fun with their friends. The first group had a race in which they lost. Conner said that it was ‘very enjoyable’ and that he ‘loved it’.

As it had with all other activities, kayaking started off with having a small talk about staying safe. All participants then brought their oars and kayaks down with their partners. They boarded their vessels, the bigger person in the back and smaller person in the front. Keira said that it was ‘harder to be in the back and took lots of effort’. A lot of groups had trouble to stay away from the rocks and kept on crashing. Lisa says that it was ‘calming and relaxing’. As with all other groups, they had the chance to have fun with their friends. On the way back, the first group of pairs managed to spot a seal just like the canoers did.

In conclusion, everybody from 6TW loved it. Bailey and Ryan said that their favourite was the kayaking whilst Cassie and Jess P loved the SUP. Josh and Jess A loved the coasteering. Overall, everybody seemed to love it and had so much fun.



P O R T H P E A N

Report by Phoebe and Kian in 6HB

We arrived at Porthpean Outdoor Education centre for our school trip. The instructors gave us our wetsuits and buoyancy aids [they were hard to put on] then we made our way down to the beach. We chose our first activities: kayaks and canoes. The kayaks and canoes set off to Silver Mine beach. On the way we saw Sam the seal (sadly we didn't see George) and people on the kayaks were allowed to jump in. When we got there, we were allowed to swim in the sea and play on the beach. Then the kayaks and the canoes set back to Porthpean beach. On the way back, there was a cormorant next to Tyler's side of the canoe and Mr Yelland and Scott's kayak capsized because Scott's paddle fell in and the kayak capsized. Then when everyone was back at Porthpean, we had our lunch and then headed back to the beach.

After lunch, some of us went on to the canoes and others went on to the kayaks (seven people on a canoe and two people per kayak). This time the kayaks and canoes went to a different beach and even though most people were tired and it was further out, it was so worth our energy because when we got there we sang songs around the fire. However, the people on the canoes weren't able to go on the beach because they would have been stranded by the waves. When we got to shore the waves were so unpredictable and they drenched the canoes and the kayaks - it was exhilarating.

In conclusion, this was one of the best school trips and one of the best days out as it was endless fun even though it rained the whole time.

Tyler commented, 'I enjoyed seeing Sam the seal and kayaking.'

Hollie said it was, 'full of adventure and fun.'

Laura mentioned 'I enjoyed coasteering and liked jumping off a speed boat.'

Sophia said, 'even though it was cold I still really enjoyed it'

Megan said, 'it was a fun and exciting experience.'



Important Note

CHARLIES

Charlies Afterschool Club will not be running on Friday 23rd of July. All children will leave school at 1.30pm on the last day of term.

(Breakfast club will run on this day as usual).

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We still have some clever counter skipping ropes for sale. If your child would like one, please purchase via ParentPay for £5 each and we will send your child home with one.



2021/22 Term Dates

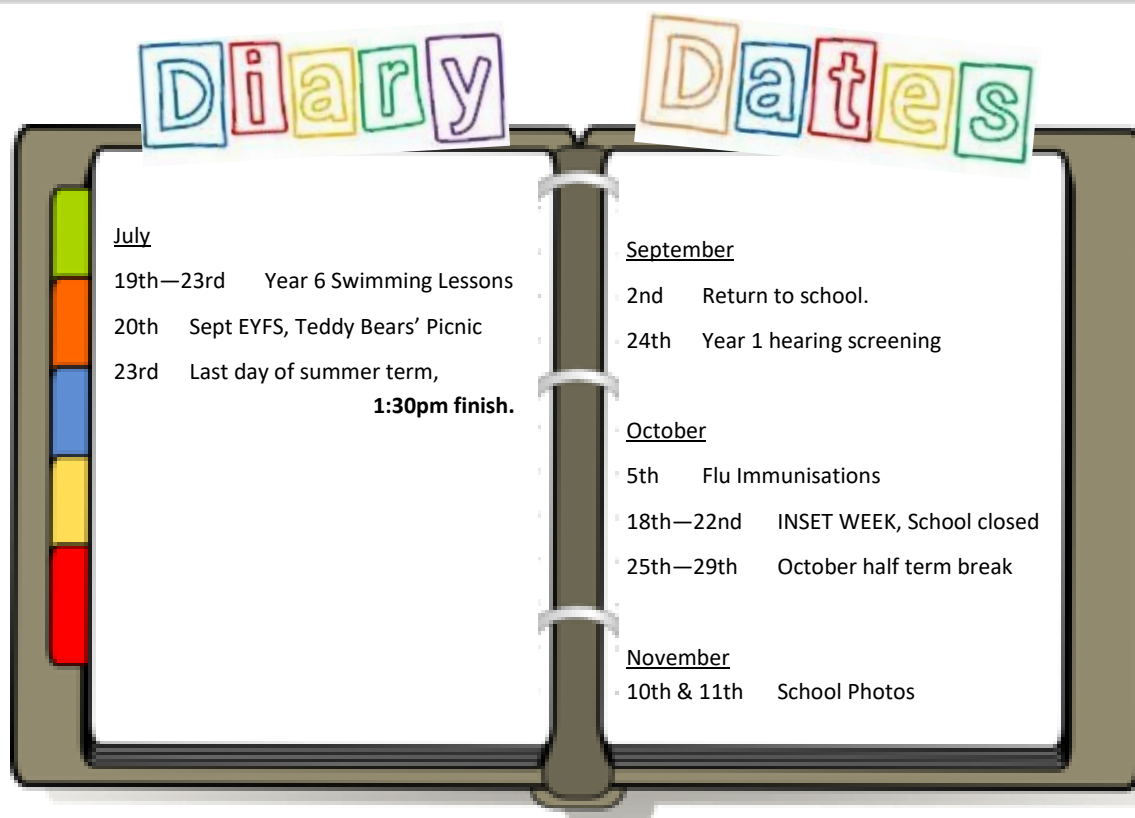
The Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As we will be on our half term break in the week commencing 31st May, the number of days pupils need to be in school has been reduced nationally from 195 days to 194 days for 2021-22.



Therefore, our children will now return a day later than originally planned on Thursday 2nd September.

This change is now on our website along with full details of our 2021/2022 term dates.



Notices

Unfortunately we are still receiving complaints regarding parking.

Please:



- Do not park in front of the school gates or on the yellow zigzags.
- Do not park in our disabled bays unless you are a blue badge holder.
- Please do not double park adjacent to the disabled bays as it obstructs access.
- Do not park over the crossing or Zig Zags or double yellow lines on Victoria Road or Woodland Road.
- Do not block the driveways of residents on Woodland Road, Woodland House or the business park on Morven Road.
- Use the car parks available to us at the church on Victoria Road, and the church on Woodland Road

Thank you.



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We are looking to represent the whole of the UK and will consider all applications.

Any information you give us will be processed in accordance with our privacy notice, a copy of which is available on request.



'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".



The Summer Reading Challenge at St Austell Library is going to be a bit different this year. Here's what you might expect:

What's the same:

- You need to be a library member to take part
- You need to read six books to get your prizes and complete the challenge



What's different:

- The Library has reduced opening times. You can come in to sign up or choose your books on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-5pm, on Saturdays 10am-12pm, and after school 3pm-5pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- The Library is limiting the number of people allowed in at once. You may have to wait outside for other people to finish and leave before you'll be able to come in
- The Library needs you to follow social distancing guidelines. Please keep 2m apart from other customers, use the hand sanitiser provided, and adults must wear a face mask at all times
- We're not going to ask you to tell us about the books you've read. If you like, you can leave a Reader Review bookmark instead

BUT! This year you can:

- Ask an adult to sign you up without you being in the library!
- Read your own books from home for the challenge!
- Read all six books in one go and collect all your prizes at the end!
- Choose books in person when we're open!
- Reserve your six books online using our Click and Collect service!
- Reserve a Lucky Dip bag of six random books!
- Pick up a Speedy Six - a ready made pack of six books on a theme!

**Sat
10th July
- Sat
18th
Sept**

And if you don't want to visit the library at all, you can still take part in the challenge online at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk!

Remember other libraries may have different opening times and procedures for their challenge. PLEASE check before you go to sign up, or if you want visit other libraries to choose your challenge books

There is more information and extra activities and prizes online at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

If you need to join the library, pop in with an adult to join for FREE when we are open, or join online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/library

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