



Spring Term 2023: Newsletter 6  
Friday 31st March 2023

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



Our School Council met to discuss this year's Comic Relief fundraising plans. They decided to invite our children to wear non-uniform and build, make or draw something to make people smile, in a 'Best Idea Ever!' competition. *'Could you build something to clean up your local area? Could you draw something brilliant to make someone who may be feeling lonely smile? Could you build a machine to clean up polluted air?'* Our Council met on Monday to judge the entries and what a difficult job they had! A prize was awarded to the winners of each year group. Our non-uniform day raised £195.

Below are the brilliant winning competition entries. Well done!



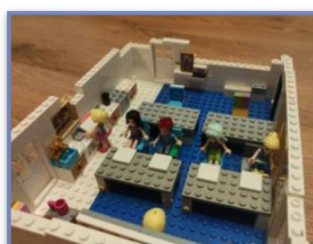
Charlie in RHM went to Asda and bought toiletries for the residents at Woodland House. He then spent time with the residents to make them smile.



Arthur in 1NM "Buzz Lightyear has crashed on an uncharted 'jungle' planet and is busy fixing a ship when a dinosaur-like-being swoops down. Will he be a friend or has he only come for tea?"



Logan in 2CD has designed a Lego joke machine. Ask the machine for a joke and the clown laughs before dispensing. "Jokes always make me smile"



Summer in 3BW made a classroom out of Lego including the teacher's desk and LEARN ladder.



Olivia in 4RW designed a poster to make you smile.



Thea in 5AK designed a 'bag-o-bot' robot to collect recycling.



Georgina in 6JT created a wonderful sea picture.





## EYFS



EYFS invited families into school to EXPRESS their ILP 'Will You Read Me a Story?' by holding a Fairy Tale Tea Party.

The children engaged in many activities and dressed up as their favourite traditional tale character. They enjoyed some party food and got to decorate a party hat.

The children are looking forward to exploring our next ILP 'Are We Nearly There Yet?'

## YEAR 1

Year 1 have brought their topic 'Bright Lights, Big City' to a close by designing London buses this week. This children researched existing London buses and then planned their own designs. They explored how an axle works on different vehicles and then constructed their own axles for their buses. Finally, the children thoroughly enjoyed testing their buses and discussing what went well and how they could improve their vehicles.



## YEAR 2

Year 2 having been busy building their own castle models using different materials. They have used their knowledge to create their own models complete with battlements, towers and portcullis. The children then shared their castles and information they had learned with the children in EYFS as part of their EXPRESS afternoon. The children worked extremely hard on their models and have learnt lots of interesting facts about castles.





## YEAR 3

In design & technology, Year 3 made some tasty seasonal tarts.

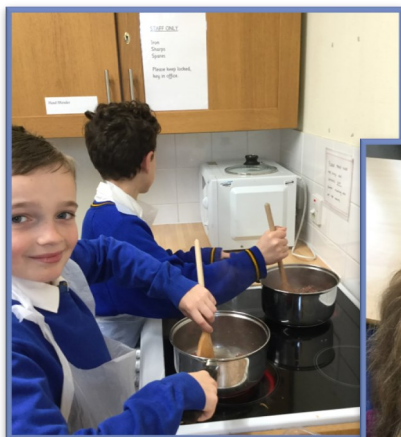
The children learned about eating seasonally and how this cuts down on how far our food has to travel.

They all loved designing, making and (of course) eating their delicious tarts.

## YEAR 4

This week Year 4 were tasked with creating a landscape painting using pastels. What amazing pieces of art they created!

The children have also continued their learning about states of matter and have drawn a graph using results from our viscosity experiment.



## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning about how to create a healthy bolognese sauce in design and technology. The children created their own bolognese sauce using a combination of different ingredients and have designed their own labels for their creations!



## YEAR 6

Year 6 would like to thank Mount Charles Methodist Church for providing them with some booklets to help them with their transition to secondary school. The children enjoyed exploring what was inside the booklets and they look forward to using them in their PSHE lessons during the summer term.



## ARB



On Friday, the children from the ARB and their families had the opportunity to experience a live music performance from the Chapel Street Professional Musicians. They played different music styles: rock n' roll and music from Harry Potter as well as classical pieces. The class had a wonderful time listening, clapping, dancing and even conducting. A definite highlight was the chance to play some of the instruments.

## SPORTS

This week a group of Year 3 children were invited to attend an Easter themed orienteering afternoon at Poltair School, along with five other schools. The children were split into three teams who then had to find numbers and letters around the Poltair site to make Easter words.

Everyone worked well together and really enjoyed the event.



Last week our Year 3 and 4 football teams took part in the ESFA Year 4 football tournament at Nanphysick. There were 7 schools taking part and our teams played 6 matches. The children all played amazingly well, winning 4, drawing 1 and lost 1 (to the overall winners St Stephen). Mount Charles came 3rd overall. Third place was a great achievement for the team, who played so well and battled hard in the wind and mud. Well done Team MCS.

## PTA UPDATE

We would like to say a big thank you to our team of PTA volunteers who visited each classroom today to deliver every child an Easter treat!

The Easter PTA activities raised the following amounts:

Easter crafts £125.00

Easter colouring competition £38.50

Tuck Shops £126





We are delighted to let you all know that Mrs Boynton is expecting a baby! Mrs Boynton is planning on starting her maternity leave after the end of the summer term. Mrs Waugh and Mrs Boynton will continue to teach 3BW for the rest of this academic year.

## U N I F O R M

We have seen a big improvement in uniform standards, thank you for your support in this matter.

Please ensure all items are labelled and please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle, every day.

As a reminder for the Summer Term:

- ✓ Black shoes
- ✓ Grey or white socks or tights
- ✓ Blue and gold trimmed jumper / cardigan
- ✓ White polo shirt
- ✓ Juniors—ties & shirts or polo shirt (Summer Term only)
- ✓ Blue and white checked dresses (Summer Term only) with white socks please
- ✓ Grey trousers, shorts or skirt

## Attendance

This weeks class attendance winners are 1TH.

The whole school attendance is 94.2% . A huge well done to everyone.

### 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](mailto:enquiries@mount-charlessch.org) or call 01726 73911.



Wow! Our Book Fair raised over £1100 which means that we, as a school, have over £600 in rewards to spend on books. Look at the books we have chosen so far and we still have more to spend!

Thank you so much for visiting our Book Fair, it has meant that we can buy new and exciting books which will continue to interest and engage every reader in our school.



It has come to our attention that some children are setting up large WhatsApp groups. Whilst it can be a great tool for staying in touch with friends, it can also pose a potential risk to children and it's important for parents to be aware of what their child is doing online.

It is important to monitor your child's use of WhatsApp groups. You can do this by regularly checking their phones and devices and reviewing the conversations. Additionally, you can set rules and boundaries with your child about what they can and cannot do online.

For additional information regarding online safety, please follow the link below to National Online Safety.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/mount-charles-school>

### **Safeguarding:**

If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person out of school hours, please use the phone number for the Multi-Agency Referral Unit which is 0300 1231 116.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm or is in immediate danger, please contact the police.



### **School Lunches**

Your child will today come home with our new menus for next term. The menus are also on ParentPay ready to order. Please take time over the Easter break to sit down with your child to make choices together.



**Packed Lunches:** We have seen a small number of children who are bringing sweets to school in their lunchboxes. We realise it can be a challenge to keep them interesting and healthy but we would ask that you try to provide a balance of appropriate foods.



# Diary

# Dates

## April

17th-21st - 3BW Swimming Week  
 17th - Yr 4 Dodgeball  
     - Yr 4 Camp, parents meeting, 2:30pm  
 19th - Year 5 Tri Golf  
 20th - Yr5 Trip to Cornwall Museum  
 20th—21st - Yr4 Residential  
 24th-28th - 3SG Swimming Week

## May

1st - Early May Bank Holiday, School Closed  
 4th - Yr 3 trip to Wheal Martyn Museum  
 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

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:** Alex Watkins

**2nd place:** Kai Derring

**3rd place:** Skylar Chapman

## Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

**1st place:** James Jones

**2nd place:** Jake Lightfoot

**3rd place:** Jayden-James Elliott-Moore

## Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

**1st place:** Willow Matthews

**2nd place:** Lucas Wilkins

**3rd place:** Milly Hare

## Celebrating

Yr1— Leola-May, Freya, Archer, Mason

Yr2— Morgana, Aafreen, Lowena, Inti

Yr3— Lewis, Ben, Henry, Callum

Yr4— Bailey, Jasper, Freddie, Jessie

Yr5— Skylar, Poppy-Paige, Tyler, Katie

Yr6— Chester, Josephine, Abby, Caitlyn M

## Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 1TH

Last week: 1TH

## Attendance!







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## 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!** 



**Saturday 17th June 2023**

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



## Creative Writing Competition

You are invited to write a story (up to 500 words)  
based in, or around, St Austell.

You could write:  
a mystery  
a fantasy  
a quest story  
a tragedy  
a comedy  
Science Fiction  
or a poem

**Prizes:**  
Book tokens for each age category  
++PLUS++  
**One overall winner will have their story**  
Illustrated and printed for the festival  
on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Age Categories:**

- 4-6
- 7-11
- 12-16

Please return entries clearly labelled with your name, age  
and school to your school or St Austell Library.

**Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

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