



Autumn Term 2023: Newsletter 5  
Friday 17th November 2023

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



We began our celebrations for Anti-Bullying week by inviting our children and staff to come to school wearing odd socks. The odd socks symbolise that we are all unique and that our differences should be celebrated. The children also discussed the important difference between banter and bullying and that we should always use kind words to each other.



Last week, Penrice Academy hosted the first CELT Musical Bonanza. Choirs from seven schools within the trust - Penrice, Pondhu, Mount Charles, St Mewan, Luxulyan, Newquay Junior and Carclaze, performed in front of an audience of parents and teachers. The finale was a fantastic rendition of Fix You by Coldplay which all schools sang together. We have received brilliant feedback and hope to make it an annual event that brings together the schools in our Trust.







To support Children in Need, the children came dressed wearing merchandise or something yellow or spotty.

So far we have raised £182. It is not too late to make a donation via ParentPay. Every penny goes towards supporting this amazing charity.





## EYFS



To ENGAGE in their new ILP, 'Why Do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?' EYFS went on a signs of autumn welly walk around the school and used their five senses to explore the season of autumn. To finish, the children listened to the story 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' whilst enjoying a hot chocolate and biscuit in the forest area.

## YEAR 1

To launch the Maths App - Numbots, Year 1 came into to school dressed as anything number related. The children spent their maths lesson and part of the afternoon creating their Numbot robots and exploring the Numbot games which are designed to support and challenge the children with their mental arithmetic. There was a real buzz across the year group and we were impressed with the engagement the children showed throughout the day.



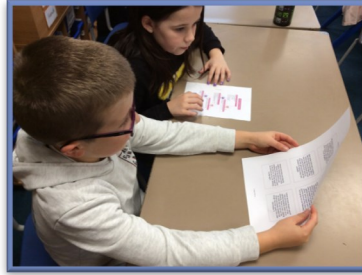
## YEAR 2

Year 2 have been exploring materials. The children have enjoyed finding out how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching them. They experimented with different materials, such as plastic and elastic, to see if they were able to bend, stretch, squash, snap or tear. Using a table, they marked their results and used these to explain their findings.



## YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have continued to experiment with magnets in science. They have explored which objects were magnetic and which were not. We have continued our learning about Greeks in history and have identified what they introduced to the UK culture.



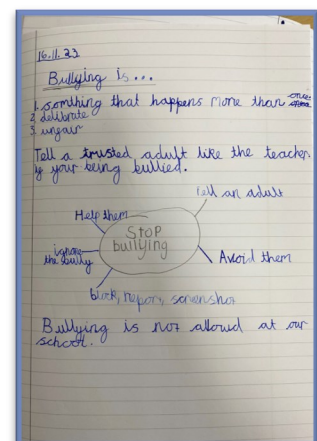
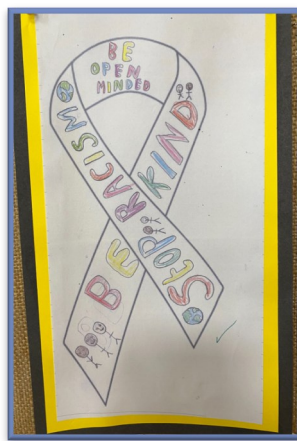
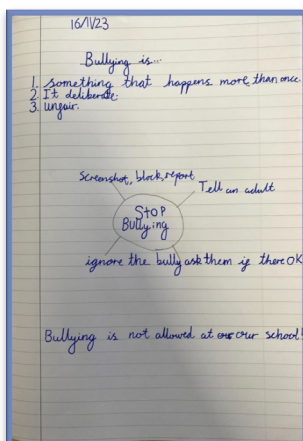
## YEAR 4

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from C4 Dance and Fitness Studios for PE this week. They learnt some excellent dance moves and practiced their new skills to a Britney Spears classic! We are very proud of how they welcomed our visitor with respect and engaged with the dancing.



## YEAR 5

Year 5's Jigsaw Piece for this half term is 'Celebrating Differences'. As part of anti-bullying week the children have been thinking about what makes people different and special and how it might make someone feel if they were bullied because of this. They also discussed what to do if they see any bullying taking place in school.





# YEAR 6

Year 6 began their Raising Aspirations learning journey this week. Over the course of the unit, they will consider their goals for the future and what they need to do to achieve these. In the first lesson, they explored the meaning of personal qualities and identified qualities they had. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their own quality sweets!



## ARB

In the ARB, the children have been exploring Diwali through dance, making paper lanterns, rangoli patterns and a clay candle holder. They have also begun exploring their new book 'Stick Man' and have made their own stick characters. In maths the children have been looking at shape, weight, length and capacity and they also have enjoyed baking bread and biscuits that they ate at snack time.



## SPORTS

This week Mount Charles hosted Biscovey in the first home fixtures since before Covid as Penrice have kindly offered us the use of their field for our home games

**Year 3 and 4 A team-** won 2-0 with goals from Tommie and Ishak securing the points in the first league game.

**Year 3 and 4 B team-** played a friendly at the same time and won 1-0 thanks to great late goal from Harley. They were amazing and for most it was their first taste of school football!

**Year 5 and 6 B team-** played some excellent football and won 4-3 thanks to goals from Chester 2, Jayden 1 and Jake 1. Jacob made a great save to secure the win. A great start for the B team.

**Year 5 and 6 A team-** Started the game well but the Biscovey keeper worked hard to prevent any goals leading Biscovey to take the lead with a goal. However, Mount Charles did manage to equalize just before half time with Abe scoring. After half time, we continued to score. Harrison 1, Abe 3, Leo 1 and Theo D 1, leading to a winning score of 7-1. The team played some excellent football in the second half and showed great promise for the rest of the season.

Well played to all 4 teams today.



We strive for 100% attendance for all pupils. Attending school regularly is important both academically and socially. When pupils are absent from school they miss vital learning and building relationships with their friends.



**How we celebrate good attendance:** Each week, the class with the highest attendance is awarded the attendance trophy and an extra break time. This week's winners are 6AW with 99.3%. Well done! Our whole school attendance is 96.1%.

**Lucky Draw Week:** We also have a lucky draw week each half-term. In this week, any pupil who has achieved 100% for the week will receive a treat and be put into a prize draw! There will be a KS1 and a KS2 prize.

**Big end of term reward:** Every term we will have an attendance reward for all pupils who have achieved 96.8% or higher during that term. At the end of this autumn term, the children will be treated to a hot chocolate and Christmas film. At the start of each term **(for the purpose of the reward only)** we start every child's attendance at 100%. This means that every child has a chance to achieve 96.8% each term and enjoy the celebration.

**Absence from school:** If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the school office via telephone **before 9am**. Please give full details of the reason for absence so that our admin team can code the absence appropriately. Please avoid using phrases such as "poorly" or "sick" and instead give details of symptoms.

Repeat this for every day of absence. If you know you may need to request leave from school for **exceptional circumstances**, such as national sports competitions or visa appointments, please complete a leave request form from the office.

**Yearly attendance** will continue to be monitored weekly and we will send out attendance information via Class Dojo at the start of each term for any pupils with attendance below 93%. Each week, class teachers will be made aware of pupil's attendance for the year to date and may contact you to discuss your child's attendance.

Well done and thank you to those pupils whose attendance is already improving from last term, this is fantastic. If you have any questions or queries regarding attendance, please contact Mrs Nile via the school office.





# Christmas at Mount Charles

**Friday 1st December**      **PTA Christmas Fayre and Welcoming the Tree event.**

One of the highlights of our Christmas calendar and it always kick starts the festive spirit! The children will be dismissed to parents as usual at 3pm then invited back through the gates with parents to enjoy this special event. We would like to thank Moore's of Mevagissey for donating our tree.

**Monday 4th December**      **Christingle service, KS1** (children only)

**Tuesday 5th December**      **Christmas Dinner KS1 & ARB (Pasties for KS2)** - Our KS1 and ARB children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory with their school uniform.

**Wednesday 6th December**      **PTA Christmas Craft session, KS2.** There are 30 places available and the session costs £5. Places can be booked by paying via ParentPay. The session will run from 3pm—4pm, in our main hall.

**Thursday 7th December**      **Christmas Dinner KS2 (Pasties for KS1)** - Our KS2 children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory with their school uniform.

**Monday 11th December**      **Christmas Celebration, EYFS.** The children's first Christmas Celebration with our school will start at 2:30pm in the main hall. There are two seats allocated per child, tickets not necessary.

**Tuesday 12th December**      **KS2 Christmas Celebration, 1:30pm and 6:00pm.** We are very grateful once again to Penrice Academy who have generously loaned us the use of their auditorium for our KS2 Christmas Celebrations. Information regarding tickets will be released soon.

**Wednesday 13th December**      **Christmas Celebration, Year 1.** The celebration will start at 2:30pm in the main hall. There are two seats allocated per child, tickets not necessary.

**Wednesday 13th December**      **PTA Christmas Craft session, KS1.** There are 30 places available and the session costs £5. Places can be booked by paying via ParentPay. The session will run from 3pm—4pm, in our main hall.

**Thursday 14th December**      **Christmas Celebration, Year 2.** The celebration will start at 2:30pm in the main hall. There are two seats allocated per child, tickets not necessary.

**Friday 15th December**      **Last day of term.** School finishes at 1:30pm. Charlies will not be running on this day.





This week, Mount Charles took part in Times Tables Rock Stars 'England Rocks' competition against other primary schools in the country. The competition ran for 2 days, with each school competing to achieve the highest score. The children put in an amazing effort, well done to everyone who took part.

### Highest Scoring Class in the competition:

**1st place: 5CW**

**2nd place: 6JT**

**3rd place: 3SG**

### Most Valuable Player in the competition:

**1st place: Lillian Kitson**

**2nd place: Enkela Brushku**

**3rd place: Logan Graham**







# TOP THREE!



## Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

**1st place: Oscar Gibb**

**2nd place: Remi Carley**

**3rd place: Elizabeth Young**

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



**1st place: Jake Lightfoot**

**2nd place: Lillian Kitson**

**3rd place: Jack Beard**

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

**1st place: Toby Wass-Cox**

**2nd place: Bert Kendall**

**3rd place: Henry Elenard**



# TOP THREE!

## Highest number of minutes played in the last 14 days:

**1st place: Marley Brewer-furze**

**2nd place: Mia Uren**

**3rd place: Filip Rozwadowski Sebastiao**



## Highest number of correct answers in the last 14 days:

**1st place: Marley Breger-Furze**

**2nd place: Mia Uren**

**3rd place: Charlie Bailey**

## Highest accuracy in the last 14 days:

**1st place: Samantha Barnecutt-Mullen**

**2nd place: Stanley Wyatt**

**3rd place: Cerys Hudson**



# REMINDERS

**Coats:** With the changeable weather, please ensure children come to school with a coat every day. This MUST be labelled with your child's name.

**Sickness and Diarrhoea:** The new guidelines state that if you child has either sickness **or** diarrhoea they will need to remain off school for 24 hours. If they have **both** then it will need to be 48 hours.

**Lunches:** School lunches can be ordered on ParentPay right up until the end of this half term. Orders must still be made for children in receipt of free school meals and Universal Infant free school meals. Please take a few moments over the weekend to sit down with your child to look at the options. If you have any problems logging into ParentPay, please contact the school office.

**Family Worker Drop In:** We will be having another visit from a Cornwall Council Family Worker. If you would like to speak to this independent worker, in private, regarding parenting advice, or finance advice, please do pop in on Wednesday 22nd November, at 8:45am. No appointment is necessary.

**Collection arrangements:** Please remember to contact the office before 3pm if you wish for your child to be collected by a different adult.

## Celebrating



Yr1—Ayla, Mia, Charlie, Clara  
Yr2— Demi, Harlen, Jack, Leo  
Yr3—Layla, Blake, Daniel, Amelia  
Yr4— Lily, Misha, Lila, Blossom  
Yr5— Diemante, Aliscia, Lauren, Ted  
Yr6—Olivia, Grace, Enkela, Willow  
Sports Superstar— James C (Yr 6) Ethan (Yr3)

## Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:  
This week: 6AW  
Last week: 4HB

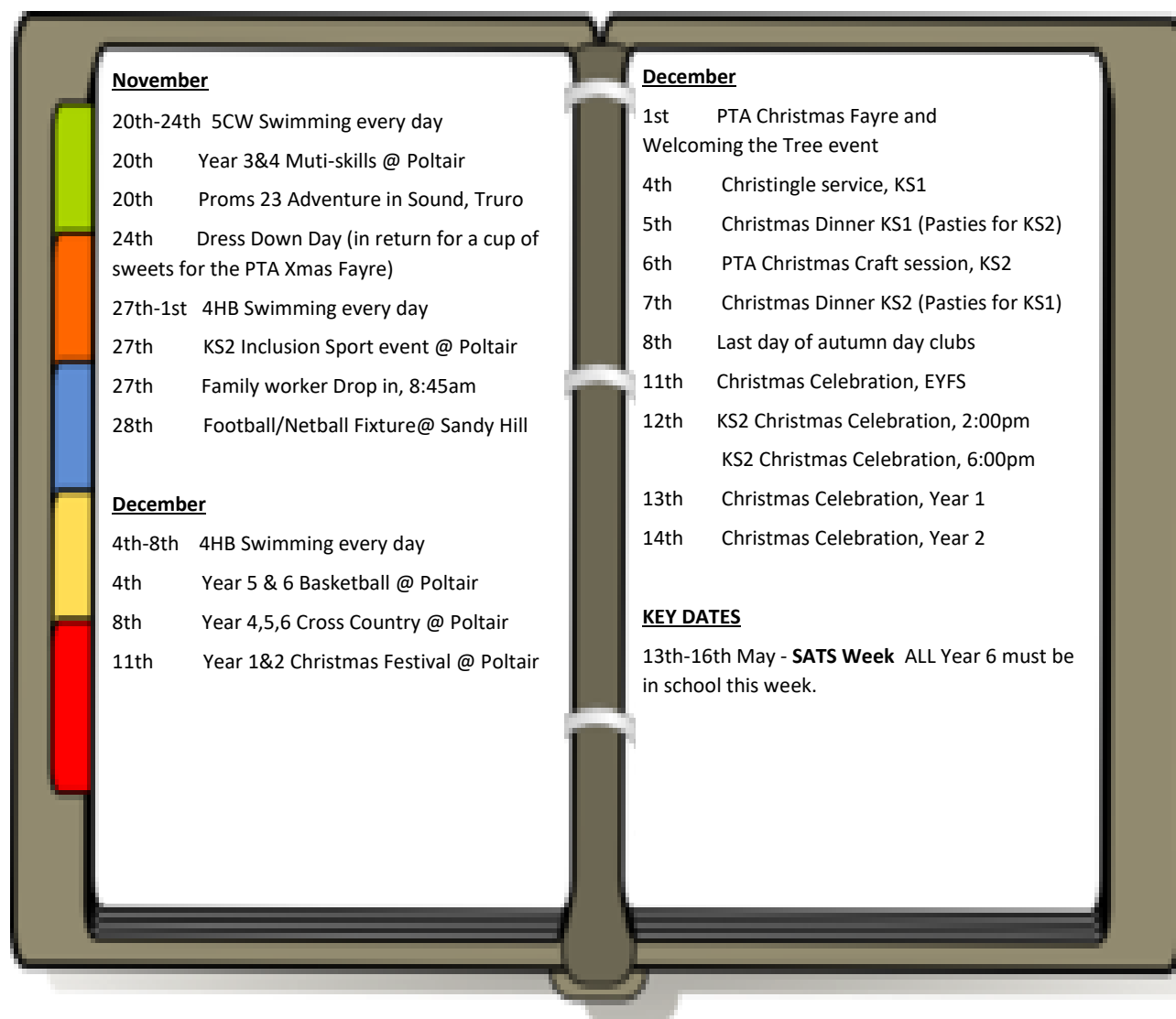


## Attendance!



# Diary

# Dates



## November

- 20th-24th 5CW Swimming every day
- 20th Year 3&4 Multi-skills @ Poltair
- 20th Proms 23 Adventure in Sound, Truro
- 24th Dress Down Day (in return for a cup of sweets for the PTA Xmas Fayre)
- 27th-1st 4HB Swimming every day
- 27th KS2 Inclusion Sport event @ Poltair
- 27th Family worker Drop in, 8:45am
- 28th Football/Netball Fixture@ Sandy Hill

## December

- 4th-8th 4HB Swimming every day
- 4th Year 5 & 6 Basketball @ Poltair
- 8th Year 4,5,6 Cross Country @ Poltair
- 11th Year 1&2 Christmas Festival @ Poltair

## December

- 1st PTA Christmas Fayre and Welcoming the Tree event
- 4th Christingle service, KS1
- 5th Christmas Dinner KS1 (Pasties for KS2)
- 6th PTA Christmas Craft session, KS2
- 7th Christmas Dinner KS2 (Pasties for KS1)
- 8th Last day of autumn day clubs
- 11th Christmas Celebration, EYFS
- 12th KS2 Christmas Celebration, 2:00pm  
KS2 Christmas Celebration, 6:00pm
- 13th Christmas Celebration, Year 1
- 14th Christmas Celebration, Year 2

## KEY DATES

13th-16th May - **SATS Week** ALL Year 6 must be in school this week.

## TERM DATES

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

