



Autumn Term 2021: Newsletter 7
Friday 10th December 2021

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

Christmas at Mount Charles



We invited our families to 'Welcome our Christmas Tree' yesterday. Our choir sang festive music and our PTA produced a feast of hot chocolates, hot dogs, chocolate cakes and mince pies! Despite the damp weather conditions we had fantastic support at the grand lights switch on!

Our children in EYFS have been enjoying their Christmas book advent calendar. Each day, a different child's name is pulled out and they get to find the present with the correct number on to open. During the day the children read the book together and enjoy talking about each story. They have been really excited by this daily activity!



All children throughout the school are really enjoying the Christmas magic. Our PTA have provided craft materials for each year group to make festive items. There are plates, bags and tree decorations—lovely items to be treasured for years to come! The crafts will be coming home on Wednesday after payment is received. The children also each make a tree charm to hang on our beautiful tree.



it's the most *Wonderful* time of the year



EYFS

Our children in EYFS have worked so hard to complete their first Reading Challenge. They are now tackling Reading Challenge 2. Fantastic job!



YEAR 1

Our Year 1 children have enjoyed getting into the festive spirit by creating Christmas decorations. They created a Christmas plate focusing on Christmas tree and Robin designs. We were blown away by the creativity - the plates look fantastic!



YEAR 2

Our Year 2 children have been busy working on their printing skills, learning how to carve shapes, patterns and lines into a surface and printing their designs using ink. They are ready to print their final pirate flag designs next week!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have put the finishing touches on their Ancient Greek pots. From the 6th century BC, Athenian pottery was made using iron rich soil then decorated with patterns and pictures of Gods. The children were fascinated with their research and enjoyed designing and making their own pots.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have been designing catapults for their I Am Warrior topic. The children have practised measuring wood and safely using a hack saw to cut their wood. Next week they will assemble all the parts and test them out - very exciting!



YEAR 5

This week Year 5 have been creating computer-aided designs using Purple Mash. In D.T. the children have been designing their own torches and have now begun developing their designs using technology. They have thought carefully about the shape and colours used to create a realistic yet innovative design.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been investigating evolution in science. They looked at Darwin's research on finches who had different shaped beaks. This was because they lived on different islands which had different food sources and their beaks adapted so that they could reach the food available on that island. The children tried this out using a range of different implements such as tweezers, chopsticks, pegs and spoons and timed how long it took us to pick up large and small 'food' items.



ARB

The children in our ARB have been getting in the festive mood. They have explored winter sensory activities, helped to decorate the Christmas tree and made mince pies. The children also danced and sung along to Christmas music whilst decorating their PTA Christmas bags!



SPORTS

On Monday, some of our year 2 children travelled to Poltair to take part in a hockey skills festival. The children really enjoyed themselves. They learnt the basics of field hockey and were all given Christmas Santa hats for doing so well.



Our Year 4,5 and 6 runners took part in Race 2 of the Cross Country qualifiers today at Poltair School last week. Our children were amazing yet again and all finished the race in wet, muddy and slippery conditions - typical cross country weather!

Some of our Year 1 children attended a multi-skills festival at Poltair School on Monday. The children enjoyed events where they had to use their agility and their throwing, tennis and football skills. The children had a fantastic time and hope to be invited again soon!



Now we are in the winter months, with the possibility for a school closure due to severe weather or building issues, (snow, flooding, loss of power), we would like to remind you of the procedure for closing the school:

Closure before School begins (before 8am): A text message will be sent to all parents, a post will be updated on our social media pages and our website flash will be updated. Information will also be broadcast on Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM and Heart FM.

Closure during the School day: A text message will be sent to all parents, a post will be updated on our social media pages and our website flash will be updated. Information will also be broadcast on Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM and Heart FM. Children will be collected from their current pick up gate and signed out to parents by the teacher. If you are happy for your child to walk home alone, or if your child will be collected by someone else, please send a message to the teacher through Class Dojo. Any student who cannot return home, will be looked after at the school until the parents or carers can be contacted.

**Emergency
Closing
Information**

Please ensure we have your most up-to-date contact details!!



Diary

Dates

Christmas diary dates:

- 15th Last day for Christmas craft payments
- 15th EYFS, KS1 & ARB Christmas Dinner Day
- 16th KS2 Christmas Dinner Day
- 17th Christmas Party Day
Last day of term 1.30pm finish



January

- 4th Children return to school
- 11th Football & Netball fixture, Charlestown
- 12th Year 1 hearing, re-screen
- 17th School Council meeting
- w/c 17th 3RW Swimming Week
- w/c 24th 3BW Swimming Week
- 25th Cross Country Fixture

February

- w/c 21st Spring Half Term Break

Notices



FREE Public Swimming Sessions

Leisure providers are offering FREE weekly swim sessions to tackle the negative impact Covid-19 has had on many people's swimming skills development.

Days, times and start dates being confirmed for GLL Better Cornwall centres, Camelford, Penzance and Carn Brea Leisure Centres.

Please visit: www.activecornwall.org/free-swimming

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Find out more:



Together for Families

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2022

Starting school September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



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