



Spring Term 2024: Newsletter 2  
Friday 26th January 2024

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

## EYFS

EYFS have been learning about people who help us at night. On Friday, they enjoyed a visit from two police officers. The children learnt about the work that police officers do to keep us safe. The officers taught the children about 999 and what to do in an emergency. The children enjoyed trying on police uniform, looking inside the police van and hearing the siren!



## YEAR 1

In science, Year 1 have been learning about different materials and their properties. One of their tasks was to design a house made from suitable materials. The children had lots of fun doing this and the designs were excellent!



## YEAR 2



Year 2 have enjoyed exploring 3D shapes and their properties. They used paint to print the faces of the 3D shapes. They then used their previous learning of 2D shapes to identify what shapes these were.

The children then compared the different 3D shapes using key vocabulary such as edges, vertices and surfaces.



## YEAR 3

This week, Year 3 have continued learning about shades and tints. They experimented with primary and secondary colours, making some lighter and some darker. The children then created a lizard using tints and shades with one colour.

The children have also enjoyed their swimming. It has been wonderful to see their confidence build throughout the week.



## YEAR 4

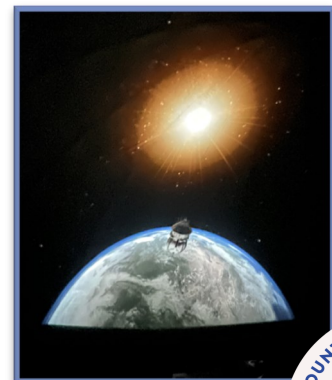
In science, Year 4 looked at how to keep their teeth healthy and avoid tooth decay. The children learnt that brushing their teeth twice a day for 2 minutes, visiting the dentist and flossing could help them to keep their teeth healthy and clean.

Using eggs to represent teeth, the children experimented with vinegar and toothpaste to see which toothpaste best protects teeth from acid created from sugar. They are still waiting for the results, but are keeping a very close eye on them!



## YEAR 5

Year 5 enjoyed an amazing interactive tour of the Solar System. The mobile planetarium enabled the children to have a 360 degree, 3D space experience. They learnt about the history of space travel and felt what it was like to be in space amongst the planets and the stars! The children learnt lots and had great fun too. Year 5 used their PTA funding to pay for this amazing experience!



# YEAR 6

In science, Year 6 have been studying micro-organisms. The children classified micro-organisms into groups. They carried out a demonstration to show how easy it is for bacteria to spread if they don't wash their hands. As part of the testing, bread samples have been covered in clean hands, dirty hands and even the door handle! The children are excited to see if any bacteria grows.



# CHARLIE'S

The children in our Charlie's Wraparound Club had a fun afternoon making 3D shapes using spaghetti, raisins and marshmallows. They made some excellent shapes and enjoyed eating some of the marshmallows!



**Reminder:** We do not have a separate telephone number for Charlie's anymore. When dropping off or collecting your child, please call 01726 73911 . Press Option 5.

When booking your child into Charlies, payments **must** be paid in advance to your child attending the session. If your account is in arrears, unfortunately they will not be able to attend.

If you would like information about booking your child into breakfast or after school club, then please email [Charlies@mcs.celtrust.org](mailto:Charlies@mcs.celtrust.org)



# SPORTS

**Football:** This week our teams took part in friendly matches against St Mewan School.

Many of Mr Walters's team of Year 5 and 6 boys, had not played matches before. Despite the testing wet and windy conditions, they all had great fun.

Mr Yelland's team of Year 3 and 4 girls, who were also new to football, played a brilliant match. Megan showed excellent control and scored 5 goals! It was a close game. Well done to all the girls for playing so well.

**Rosewarne Shield:** On Thursday, the Year 5 and 6 A Team hosted Newquay Junior in the Rosewarne Shield 2<sup>nd</sup> round. After winning the shield last season we automatically qualified for Round 2.

We knew we were in for a tough game against excellent opponents. Mount Charles started the game well and took the lead with a great shot from Josh making it 1-0.

Just before half time, Newquay Junior scored making it 1-1. Both teams were playing some excellent football. Our goalkeeper, James, worked very hard and made some crucial saves. Newquay Junior scored in the second half, edging ahead, but Abe scored an excellent goal ending full time as a draw. The game went into extra time. Both teams had chances but tired legs were starting to show. Newquay broke away and scored to make it 3-2 with only a couple of minutes left. A special mention to Harrison who was throwing himself into every tackle trying to get a goal back—really great effort!

Final score:

Mount Charles 2-3 Newquay Junior (AET)

The whole team worked together well and should be proud of their performance.

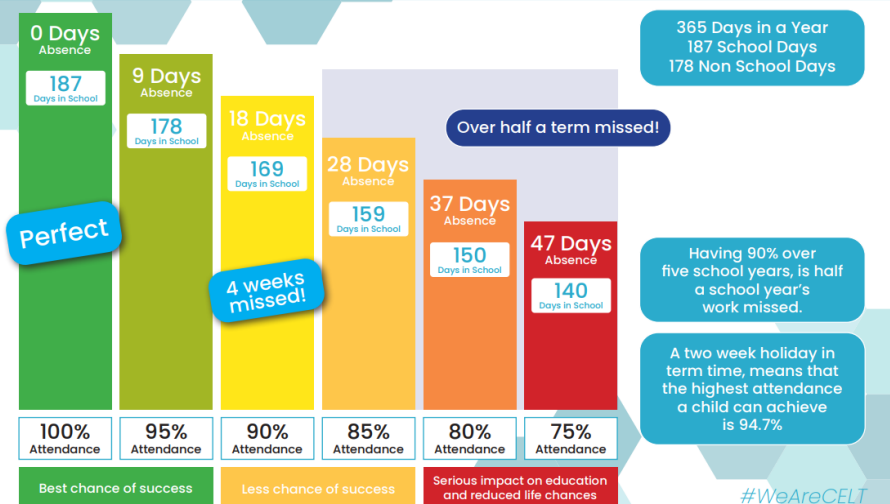
**Cross Country:** On Friday, a group of 16 children travelled to Poltair school to take part in the Cross Country Race 2. Despite the chilly conditions the children all did fantastically well.

Sennen, Riley, Declan, Zack and Scarlett all achieved 'Top 3' medals. A special well done goes to Sennen, who won the Year 4 girls' race, and Riley, who won the Year 5 boys' race.

Lots of excellent top 10 finishers have secured their places in the Mid Cornwall finals later this year. Well done.



## How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



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.

Last term our whole school attendance was **95.9%**, which is a significant improvement on last year. Our target for the whole school is **96.8%**. We have had a great start to 2024 by achieving this, let's keep this going! Well done everyone.

**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 5RW with 97.4%. Well done!

**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.





# TOP THREE!



## Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

- 1st place: Samuel Sholarin
- 2nd place: Michael Kelechi
- 3rd place: Otto Ley

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



- 1st place: Jake Lightfoot
- 2nd place: Wilf Moore
- 3rd place: James Jones

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

- 1st place: Taylor Bate
- 2nd place: Grace McDermott
- 3rd place: Sophia Mitchell



# TOP THREE!

## Biggest increase in number of minutes played in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Jack Richards
- 2nd place: Cerys Hudson
- 3rd place: Amla Brushku



## Biggest increase in correct answers in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Jack Richards
- 2nd place: Cerys Hudson
- 3rd place: Kanan Roberts

## Highest improvement in accuracy in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Will Danton
- 2nd place: Toby Braybrook
- 3rd place: Tyler Edyvean



# REMINDEERS

**Dogs on site:** Please note dogs are not permitted on school grounds, with the exception of guide dogs.

**Sport Invitations:** If you receive a letter inviting your child to attend a sporting event, please respond as soon as possible by clicking the link on the letter. Unfortunately, without consent, they will be unable to attend.

**Uniform expectations:** We have seen an increase in the number of children not wearing correct uniform or PE kit. We are seeing children wearing a variety of different shoes and on PE days, coloured/patterned jogging bottoms and tops.

Our uniform consists of grey trousers, skirt or pinafore, white polo shirt for KS1, shirt & tie for KS2, Mount Charles jumper or cardigan, black shoes, trainers are not permitted. Socks should be grey or white.

Our PE kit is black shorts, black jogging bottoms or black leggings, with a Mount Charles logo PE t-shirt, worn with the Mount Charles jumper or cardigan.

Please view the uniform page on our website or speak with our school office if you have any questions regarding our school uniform policy.

## Celebrating



Yr1— Eliza, Emily, Amla, Kanan

Yr2— Leilah-Rose, Ella-May, Nate, Shelby

Yr3—Ellie, Lowena

Yr4—Aaron, Callum, Pearl J, Megan

Yr5—Gabbie, Esmee, Theo, Jake L

Yr6— Kai, Edward, Scarlett, Taylor, Riley

Sport Superstar— Josh 6JT & Buddy 1NM

## Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 5RW 97.4%

Last week: 3SG 98.6%



# Attendance!

# Diary

# Dates

## January

- 29th Year 3&4 Dodgeball  
30th Football/Netball fixture @ St Mewan

## February

- 1st No after school clubs today  
2nd Year 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country Race 3  
5th Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball  
6th Safer Internet Day  
6th Football/Netball Fixture @ St Stephen  
8th PTA Disco  
9th Break up for half term, (3pm finish)  
19th Return to School  
22nd SEN parents meeting, 8am, 2:15pm or 5:30pm

## March

- 4th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm  
5th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm  
7th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm  
8th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm  
8th World Book Day  
13th EYFS & Year 6 School Nursing Team —  
Weight and Height measurements  
14th No after school clubs today  
14th Stay Safe Workshops, Year 5  
28th PTA Easter Event

## KEY DATES

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

## Residentials

- Year 3 Thursday 2nd-Friday 3rd May  
Year 4 Thursday 25th-Friday 26th April  
Year 5 Thursday 9th -Friday 10th May  
Year 6 Wednesday 5th-Friday 7th June

## 2024/2025 Residential

- Year 6 Tuesday 15th-Thursday 17th October

# TERM DATES

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

Autumn term 1 2024: Thursday 5th September 2024 - Thursday 17th October 2024

Autumn term 2 2024: Monday 4th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Spring term 1 2025: Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025

Spring term 2 2025: Monday 24th February 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025

Summer term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Summer term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June 2025 - Friday 25th July 2025



## The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our Behaviour as Communication Workshop

This workshop introduces the concept of behaviour as communication, and aims to teach parents the reinforcement and attention rule.

The workshop will give parents practical strategies for developing more positive behaviour at home. It will also support parents to create an action plan moving forward to support their child to manage their behaviour in helpful and happier ways.

### Upcoming Sessions:

- Monday, 29th January at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
  - Wednesday, 31st January at 4:00 PM
  - Thursday, 1st February at 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM
- Further workshops will run w/c 11th March 2024

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/3DDPu9JHD7>



## The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our Introduction to Resilience Workshop

This is a single, hour-long session aimed at parents. The session covers how to encourage young people to develop greater resilience, and provides psychoeducation around what mental health and resilience is.

When young people are resilient, they are more able to cope with challenges and stress, and can therefore be more curious, adaptable and able to extend their reach into the world.

### Upcoming Sessions:

- Monday, 5th February at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, 7th February at 4:00 PM
- Thursday, 8th February at 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Further Resilience courses will run w/c 18th March 2024

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/W4hqrSM68q>



Sign up will close on Thursday 1st February

## The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our Decider Skills Workshop

Decider Skills are a set of life skills based on cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT). The skills are aimed at helping young people to recognise and understand their emotions, and promote positive mental health. They also include basic problem solving and conflict de-escalation skills, and have a strong focus on supporting children in regulating their own emotions.

### Upcoming Sessions:

- Monday, 19th February at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, 21st February at 4:00 PM
- Thursday, 22nd February at 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Further Resilience courses will run w/c 18th March 2024

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YepS04KNBz>



Sign up will close on Thursday 15th February



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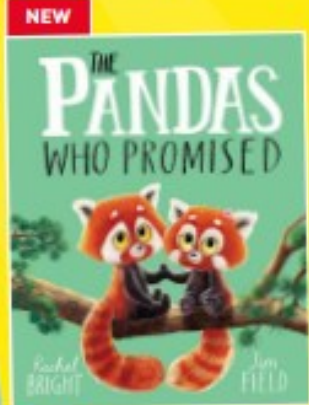
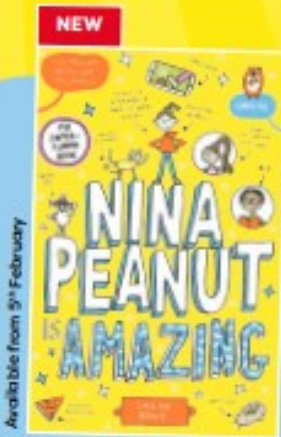
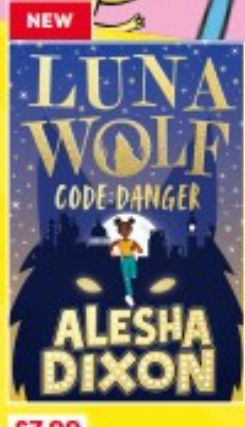
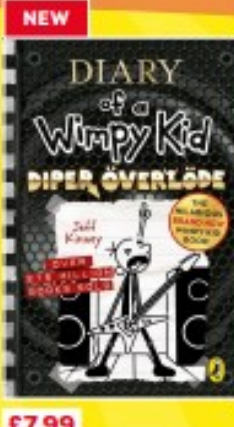
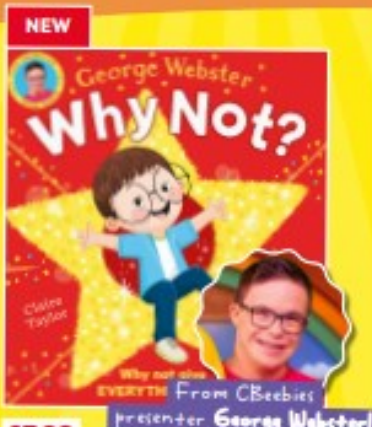


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Date: Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th, Friday 8th March  
3.15 - 4pm in our Main Hall

Scan the QR code to pay online!



# Half Term Holiday Camps



## Softball

For school years 1 to 4  
Tuesday 13th February  
10am to 3pm  
£15



## Hardball

For school years 5 to 8  
Wednesday 14th February  
10am to 3pm  
£20



## U13 Indoor Comp

Thursday 15th February  
10am to 3pm  
Team of 6  
£30



## At Cornwall Cricket Centre

Truro College Campus  
Truro  
TR1 3XX



*To book scan the QR Code or use the link in the text*

Half Term Holiday Camps at Cornwall Cricket Centre, Truro. Spaces are limited, sign up today.

Hardball - <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/f1qr70>

Softball - <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/c1qr71>

U13's Competition - <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/01qr71>

