

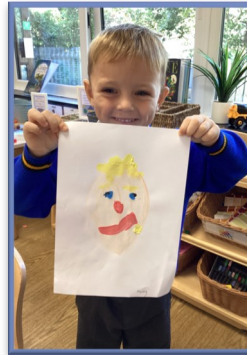
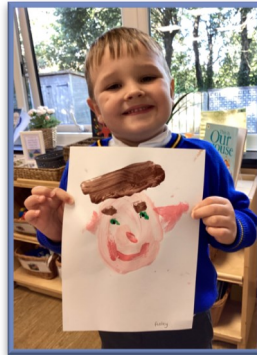


Autumn Term 2023: Newsletter 2
Friday 22nd September 2023

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

EYFS

The children in EYFS have been discussing how we are all different in many ways, the word they have learnt for this is 'unique'. They have been looking closely at themselves in a mirror and have painted their very own self portraits. The children have enjoyed capturing their special features and carefully painting these.

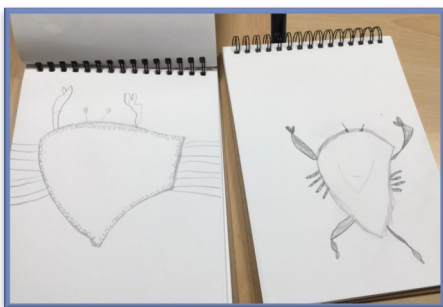


YEAR 1

In geography, Year 1 have been learning about the world's continents. The children used atlases to locate where each continent is in the world and then played some fun games to test their knowledge about what they learnt.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have been practicing their sketching skills in art and design this week. The children have been learning to use different shapes, lines and textures to create a sketch of a sea creature.



YEAR 3

Year 3 enjoyed a visit from Mark's Ark. The children learnt about tarantulas, snakes, a vulture and a lizard. All the animals that came to visit were predators linked to their 'predator' topic this term. The children were extremely brave when given the opportunity to hold them!



YEAR 4

Year 4 had an incredible day exploring the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth: they became marine biologists and submerged themselves to the depths of the ocean using virtual reality; they looked inside the stomach of a whale and found food and plastic which led them to discuss ways to protect our oceans' and finally, they got up close with all the aquatic life including 10 sharks!



YEAR 5



On Tuesday, the whole of Year 5 took part in a CELT sports event at Poltair School, alongside other schools from within our Trust. The children took part in a range of activities including golf, target throw and practising a variety of ball skills. The event provided them with the opportunity to develop a range of physical and social skills whilst, most importantly, having fun!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been practising making different tints, tones and shades of colour as they study the work of Kandinsky. This skill will be useful to them when they produce their final piece.



ARB



The children have been enjoying reading their class story Biscuit Bear and made and decorated biscuits. In maths, they have been adding by counting on, using marks and pictures to represent numbers, doing puzzles and counting.



SPORTS

Mr Yelland took a group of Year 6 children to Poltair School to participate in a rounders festival. The children enjoyed the friendly competition, and were excellent representatives for our school .

When are the PE slots for each year group

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Term 1</u>	<u>Term 2</u>
Reception	Friday	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday and Friday	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Thursday & Swimming Week	Tuesday and Thursday

REMINDEERS

Parking - Please remember to keep the disabled bays in our visitor car park available for our families who need them.

Uniform—With the changeable weather we are having, please send your child to school with a coat every day. Please also ensure ALL items of school clothing are labelled.

School Lunches—Don't forget to order your child's school lunch on ParentPay, even those entitled to free school meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals. You can order now for the remainder of this half term but remember ordering for each week closes at midnight on Sunday. If you have any problems logging into ParentPay account, please email the school office enquiries@mcs-celtrust.org

Boom Reader— We would like to encourage our families to sit down with their child and access our Boom reader app. As parents, you play a crucial role in supporting your child's reading and learning. We have attached a guide to our email which gives you some home learning tips. If you have any problems signing in or using Boom Reader, then please contact your class teacher via Class Dojo.

Open Days For 2024 reception intake Come along and meet our children and staff.

Contact our school office to book a space

Friday 6th October —10:30am & 1:30pm

Wednesday 11th October —1:30pm

Thursday 2nd November —10:30am & 1:30pm

Wednesday 8th November —10:30am & 1:30pm

Friday 10th November —10:30am & 1:30pm



ATTENDANCE

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.

At Mount Charles we celebrate good attendance.

How we celebrate good attendance

Each week, the class with the highest attendance is awarded the attendance trophy and an extra break time. Congratulations to 3SG, 5RW, 1NM, 2HM and 2SC who have already been awarded the trophy this term.

Lucky Draw Week

We also have a lucky draw week each half-term which we will announce on the Friday before. In this week, any pupil who has achieved 100% for the week will be put into a prize draw. There will be a KS1 and a KS2 prize.

Attendance Reward

Every term we will have an attendance reward for all pupils who have achieved 96.8% or higher for the term.

At the start of each term (Autumn, Spring and Summer) **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.

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.

Reminder of what to do if your child is absent:

- Contact the school office via telephone on the first day of their child's absence **before 9am**.
- Provide us with the full details of the reason for their absence. Please avoid using phrases such as "poorly" or "sick".

Repeat this for every day of absence.

If you have any questions or queries regarding attendance, please contact Miss Nile via the school office.



Diary

Dates

September

27th Family worker drop in 8.45am

October

2nd Year 5 & 6 Crossfit (invite only)

9th Year 2 Multi-skills (whole year group)

EYFS & KS1 Mastering Numbers Meetings

11th EYFS 8.30am

12th Year 1 8.30am

13th year 2 8.30am

12th PTA Disco !

Open days for 2024 Reception Intake

6th October 8th November

2nd November 10th November

November

1st Parent Consultations Years 1-6

2nd Parent Consultations Year 1-6

10th Individual School Photos

27th Family worker Drop in 8.45am

TERM DATES

Friday 13th October End of half term

Monday 30th October Return to School

Friday 15th December End of term

Monday 8th January Return to School

KEY DATES

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

Celebrating



Yr1— Cerys, Mia, Reuben, Dax

Yr2— Ayaz, Archer, Esmail, Leola-May

Yr3— Harley, Ethan, Freddie, Logan

Yr4— Teddy, Theo, Jake, Lillymarie

Yr5— Cory, Olivia, Jake, Florence

Yr6— Toby, Ella, Lacey, Bailey

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 2SC

Last week: 2HM & 1NM



Attendance!



HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

WHT MILK
LONG LIFE JUICE
BISCUITS
INSTANT COFFEE
TINNED VEGETABLES
POT NOODLES
JAM
CRISPS
TINNED TOMATOES
TINNED SOUP

*Don't forget...
You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*



staustell.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 112886



Family Worker Drop In

Mount Charles School
Morven Road, St Austell

These sessions will be run by the Restormel Early Help Team

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running drop-in sessions with no appointment necessary

The next sessions will be:

Wednesday 27th September 8:45am

Wednesday 27th November 8:45am

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 01872 324929



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 www.cornwall.gov.uk



CELEBRATE THE GOOD THINGS AT
OUR HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE!

LIGHT PARTY

COME AS YOU ARE OR IN YOUR LIGHTEST BRIGHTEST FANCY DRESS

FREE!

GAMES!
FUN!
CRAFTS!
MUSIC!
HOT DOGS!
AND MORE!

31 October
6.00 - 7.30pm

white river
community
church

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

**DURING OCTOBER
HALF-TERM**

- ALL CHILDREN AGED 2-12 YEARS
- FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES
- FUN FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE
- PRIZES, MEDALS & GIVEAWAYS
- SIBLING & CLUB TEAM DISCOUNTS
- EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE

10AM-3PM

DEVON, CORNWALL & SOMERSET

OCTOBER

BOOK NOW: SAINTSSOUTHWEST.CO.UK

PSSP NETBALL CLUB

POLTAIR SCHOOL

**YEAR 5 & 6
GIRLS**

**WEDNESDAY
EVENING**

16:30-17:30

SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW TO SIGN UP

WEDNESDAY
27TH
SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY
4TH
OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY
11TH
OCTOBER

HALF TERM

WEDNESDAY
1ST
NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY
8TH
NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY
15TH
NOVEMBER

