



Autumn Term 2021: Newsletter 2
Friday 17th September 2021

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

Extra-curricular clubs are back! We received a high number of requests for clubs places and our office team worked hard to ensure that every child secured a place on at least one of their choices. We understand there is an issue with our eSchools platform sending text messages. ESchools are working to resolve this. If you have not received a clubs allocation text message, please speak to the school office.

EYFS



EYFS have been busy exploring the mystery footprints that arrived in their classroom this week! After reading the letter that was left, they discovered the footprints were from the grown-up giants in their new key text 'Once There Were Giants.' During 'busy learning' time, the children enjoyed using a variety of measuring tools to measure the footprints and compare the size



with their own footprints. The children worked really hard to use the key words 'longer and shorter' when comparing. They used their sense of smell to try and work out what the powder was, using amazing adjectives such as "sweet, nice and just like sugar!!"

YEAR 1



As part of Year 1's Imaginative Learning Project (ILP) 'Dinosaur Planet' the children spent an afternoon hunting for images related to dinosaurs. They used a map of the KS1 playground to locate their information which spelt the code word 'diplodocus'.



The children then explored the information they found in the classrooms.

Mr Hughes and Miss McNally were really impressed with the children's enthusiasm for the theme!

YEAR 2

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to their learning. They have been focusing on numbers to 100 and developing their understanding of place value. The children have been using a range of manipulatives to represent numbers and support with counting. Look at our marvellous mathematicians in action! Year 2 have begun learning about beach habitats and are very excited about meeting some sea creatures during our visit by Newquay Aquarium today!



Mark's Ark visited Year 3 this week and brought with them four predators. The children were lucky to meet a bird-eating spider, milk snake, barn owl and a skunk! They learnt some amazing facts about their diets and hunting abilities. The children also had the opportunity to stroke and even hold some of the animals. It was a fantastic experience that helped to bring their Predators ILP to life!

YEAR 3



YEAR 4

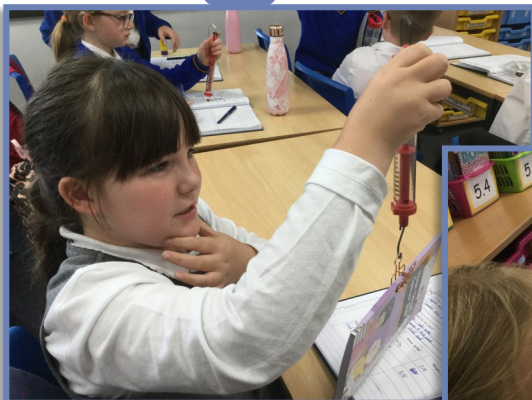
In PSHE, year 4 have explored various roles within the school community and where they might fit. The children had to try and rank different roles by their importance, but found this impossible to do, as everybody in the school plays an essential role!

Year 4 are all eagerly awaiting for their school trip to Plymouth Aquarium next week, as part of their Blue Abyss ILP! If you have not yet returned your child's consent form, please do so on Monday.

Children who do not receive free school meals will need to bring a packed lunch. Thank you.



YEAR 5



Year 5's science ILP focuses on forces. This week they are investigating gravity. The children used weighing scales and newton meters to measure the weight and mass of a range of objects. They predicted which objects they thought would have the greatest weight and mass and tested their hypotheses with an experiment!



They thoroughly enjoyed using new equipment and checking to see if their predictions were correct!

YEAR 6

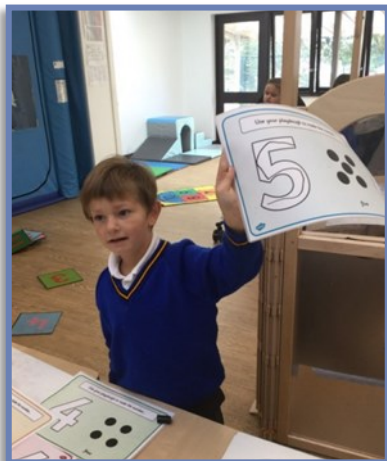
Year 6 have been curious scientists and had a wonderful opportunity to dissect lamb's hearts as part of their ILP, BloodHeart. They observed the open hearts carefully looking for the parts of the heart which they have learnt about and named in science. The children tracked the journey of the blood through the heart and to the lungs



thinking carefully about its purpose. They also made 'blood' using household ingredients to understand that blood is made up of several components which all have a different purpose.

ARB

The children in our ARB enjoyed sensory play with the Jelly Bath. They have also been working hard on maths, tracing numbers and counting objects to match the number. They had great fun with a matching shapes game!



Harvest Festival

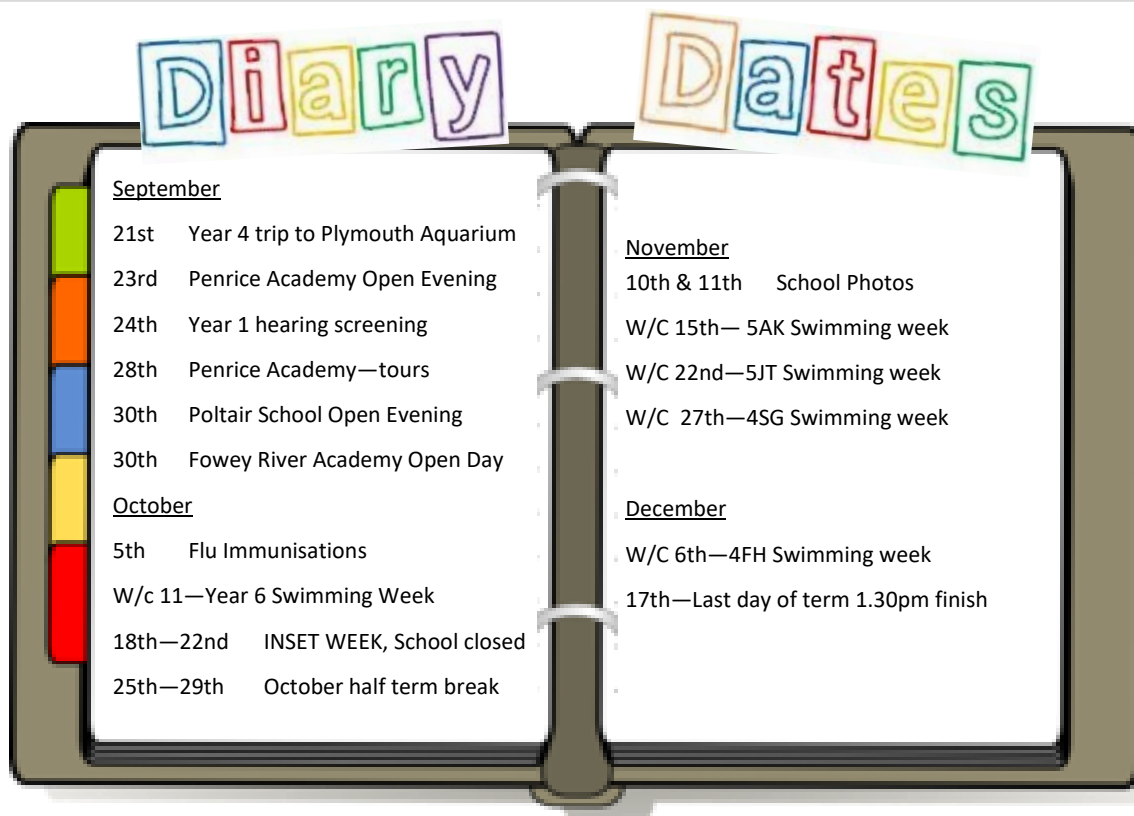
We will be celebrating Harvest in school on 28th and 29th September. As part of our celebrations, we would like to collect donations for St Austell Foodbank.

St Austell foodbank supported many of our families during the pandemic, and continue to do so, and we would like to show our appreciation by giving back to this fantastic charity.

The foodbank is run almost entirely by volunteers and provides nutritionally balanced food and essentials packages for local families in crisis. For ideas on donations currently needed, please visit [St Austell Foodbank's website](https://www.staustellfoodbank.org.uk/).



If you would like to contribute, please send a food/essentials donation to school with your child by Friday 1st October.



Notices



National Online Safety

We would like to make you aware of a fantastic free

mobile app for parents from National Online Safety. This app contains over 200 guides about the latest apps, games, devices and more.

Look out for their #WakeUpWednesday guides that bring you the lowdown on the latest games and apps that may be causing online safety concerns.



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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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Your School Nurse

Your child can have access to a School Nurse at any time if you have any health concerns, in addition your School Nurse offers a full health assessment in reception and year 6.

The School Nurse can check:

- Your child is growing healthily and support with healthy eating
- Support with access to dental care and general support for dental hygiene
- Help with day / night time wetting or soiling
- Provide information about immunisations
- Guidance re healthy lifestyles
- Support with general hygiene issues including head lice and worms
- Support with general emotional health issues
- Support to access other health professionals
- Routines, including sleep

Additionally in Year 6:

- Friendships
- Relationships
- Development, including periods and puberty
- Access to specialist services – including dietician, healthy weight programmes and voluntary services
- Developmental issues
- Transition to secondary school
- Healthy lifestyles



Referrals via the Early Help Hub
www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelp
Tel: **01872 322277**
Client advice line: **01872 322779**

 www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolnursing

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SATURDAY CLUB IS BACK!!



11th September

- Five weeks of fun, confidence building, skills sessions.
- For all abilities of young rider - from learning to pedal to riding technical features such as rock gardens and jumps.
- Our club enables our young riders to get the most out of whatever cycling activities they choose to embark upon.
- Come and join us at Charlestown School, on our local trails and at some amazing bike parks.

**BIKE SKILLS & MAINTENANCE
NEW TRACK FEATURES**



Only £50 for 5 Sessions!

*Family Discount Available

FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES

Dates and Times may be subject to change - Payment to be made in full prior to first session.



For more information or to book a place
Call **07786801963** or

Email info@thecornwallbicycleproject.co.uk

<https://www.thecornwallbicycleproject.co.uk/saturday>

