



Autumn Term 2023: Newsletter 4
Friday 3rd November 2023

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

EYFS



EYFS have been exploring the autumn and thinking about how they know when seasons change. They have enjoyed investigating natural objects we find in autumn, such as acorns and conkers, and have been using these to enhance their learning. The children particularly loved scooping out pumpkins and discovering what they could see inside

YEAR 1

Year 1 have been getting excited about our new writing topic based on the Three Little Pigs. The children were sent a letter from the Three Little Pigs asking them to build a house to protect the pigs from the Big Bad Wolf. The children's houses needed to be strong enough to prevent the wolf from blowing them down. The final designs were excellent and definitely good enough to protect the Three Little Pigs from the wolf!



YEAR 2



To ENGAGE in our new topic 'Land Ahoy!' Year 2 dressed as pirates for the day! The children went on a treasure hunt around the school and found a treasure chest full of golden coins! To experience life as a pirate, they tasted pirate delicacy such as dried and pickled foods whilst experiencing cramped surroundings, they played pirate games and partook in pirate jobs such as scrubbing the deck and some even walked the plank!!



YEAR 3



This week Year 3 have started their Gods and Mortals topic. They have drawn amazing minotaur pictures. They have continued their work on addition and are adding 3 digit numbers. The children have started their next science unit looking at friction and have experimented how friction works by rubbing their hands together.

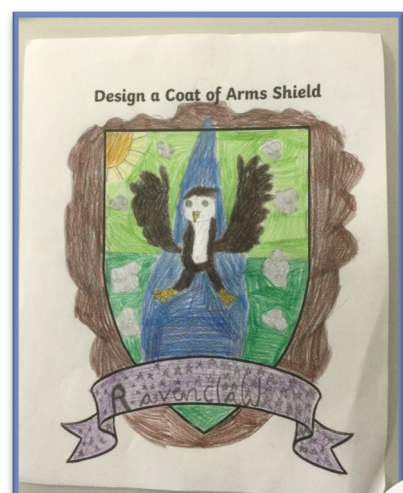
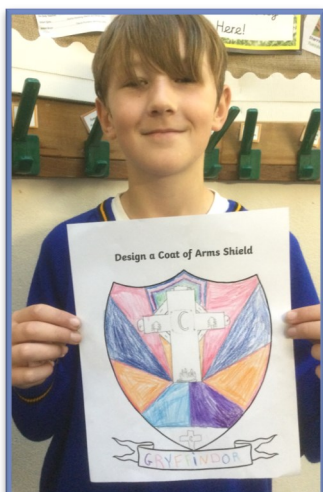
YEAR 4

Year 4 have travelled back to Roman times learning all about Roman legionaries and their armour. They designed and created their own warrior shields to take into battle and protected themselves and their fellow soldiers using battle formations such as 'The Turtle' and 'The Wedge'!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have started their new topic 'Alchemy Island'. The children have started reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and were very excited to be sorted into Harry Potter houses. They had their very own Sorting Hat which determined which house they would be in! After they were chosen, the children designed their own Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw or Hufflepuff crests. What a great job they did!



YEAR

6

Year 6 started off their topic 'A Child's War' by dressing up as evacuee children. They read real accounts of people who were evacuated to St Austell and tried to understand how they must have felt moving away from their family to the countryside. It was



great to hear of the children's own stories of their older relatives who had experience of living through WWII.

ARB

The children have enjoyed doing Halloween activities including carving a pumpkin and having a party with their families.



SPORTS

Each week Mr Yelland awards a trophy to a Sports Superstar. This can be someone who has really shown amazing efforts and achievements in sports. Our winners for last half term are:-

Megan (4HB) for amazing effort and teamwork in PE.

Poppy (5CW) For trying her best and joining in all the activities at the CELT Sports event.

George (6JT) For his amazing motorcycling achievements.

Esmae (5RW) For amazing gymnastics work in PE.

Lily (6AW) For playing in goal for the girls football team and giving it her all.



REMINDEES

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.

Parking: Please make use of the generous offer from Mount Charles Methodist Church on Victoria Road who have allowed us to use their car park before and after school. Please also help us to maintain good relations with our neighbours' by avoiding blocking driveways on Morleigh Close.

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. Perhaps 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.

PTA UPDATE

The PTA have kindly donated £500 to each year group to help reduce the cost of our school trips and curriculum enrichment.

So far this year, this has paid for Year 4 to have an amazing trip to Plymouth Aquarium and for Year 5 & 6 to have the opportunity to meet bestselling author Maz Evans. We will keep you updated of where the money will be spent over the rest of the school year.

With the run up to the Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December the PTA are looking for:

- Christmas Jumpers—any unwanted jumpers to be sold at the Fayre
- Raffle prize donations—if you are able to donate a prize please contact the school office or a member of the PTA

PTA dates to remember:

Friday 24th November—Dress down day in return for a donation cup of wrapped sweets for the Fayre.

Friday 1st December—PTA Christmas Fayre

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.

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.



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 2HM with 100%. Well done.

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.



Advance notice!

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.

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 Christingle service, KS1 (children only)

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.



TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

1st place: Abbie Oakshott

2nd place: Brooklyn Takura

3rd place: Neelah Adrien

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

1st place: Jake Hudson

2nd place: James Jones

3rd place: Tommie Williams

Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

1st place: Jasmine Wright

2nd place: Bert Kendall

3rd place: Blake Foster

Celebrating



Yr1— Eliza, Lily

Yr2— Freya, Isabelle

Yr3— Libby, Brinley

Yr4— Leo W, Ishak

Yr5— Conner, Ava

Yr6— Abbie, Layton

Sports Superstar— Lily B Yr 4

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 2HM

Last week: 2HM



Attendance!

Diary

Dates

November

- 6th - Year 5&6 Touch Rugby
- 8th - EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 10:30am
- EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 1:30pm
- 8th - Year 5&6 Football @Biscovey
- 10th - School Photos
- EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 10:30am
- EYFS Open Day '24 Intake, 1:30pm
- 13th Odd socks Day—wear odd socks for anti bullying week
- 13th Year 1 Numbots Day
- 13th - Year 5&6 Netball @Poltair
- 14th - Football/Netball fixture @ Biscovey
- 17th - Year 4,5,6 Cross Country @ Poltair
- 17th - Children In Need —wear spots or Children In Need Merchandise in return for a donation via ParentPay
- 20th - Year 3&4 Multi-skills @ Poltair
- 22nd - Year 2 Multi-skills @ Poltair

- 24th - Dress Down Day (in return for a cup of sweets for the PTA Xmas Fayre)
- 27th KS2 Inclusion@ Poltair
- 27th Family worker Drop in, 8:45am
- 28th Football/Netball Fixture@ Sandy Hill

December

- 1st - PTA Christmas Fayre and Welcoming the Tree event
- 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 - Christingle service, KS1
- 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



Your donations for this year's Harvest Festival raised a whopping 109kg! Thank you so much, this will make a real difference to those who use the foodbank.

If you are able to help again, they are looking for donations for Christmas. See below for items needed. Anything, no matter how small, will make a difference. Donations can be taken directly to St Austell Foodbank or dropped into the school office by Tuesday 12th December.



Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

Here at St Austell Foodbank we'd love you to help us help others this Christmas time. Please feel free to start this anytime during the next month and then bring this to us either by Thursday 14th December or from Thursday 28th December. Anything not given out by Christmas will help us in January.

Email address: info@staustell.foodbank.org.uk | Telephone Number: 01726 65313

1 Tinned Veg	2 Long Life Fruit Juice	3 Crisps	4 Tinned Fruit	5 Coffee	6 Instant Mash Potatoes
7 Long Life Fruit Juice	8 Tinned Rice Pudding	9 Chocolate/ Sweets	10 UHT Milk	11 Jam	12 Tinned Fish
13 Tinned Soup	14 Selection Box	15 Instant Mash Potatoes	16 Biscuits	17 Tinned Custard	18 Toilet Roll
19 Christmas Pud non-alcoholic	20 Toiletries	21 Long Life Fruit Juice	22 Pasta Sauce	23 Tinned Spaghetti	24 Chocolate / Sweets

staustell.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1128866. Your donations will be going to St Austell food bank – a registered charity or charitable organisation which is part of the Trussell Trust network.





Dear Parents/Carers,

WOOHOO... MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy 😊 Here's what you do:

1. **Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
2. **Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using **#OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek** and tag **@abaonline** and **@AndyOddSock** on Twitter. Or **@antibullyingalliance** and **@andyandtheoddssocks** on Instagram.

Monday
13TH
November

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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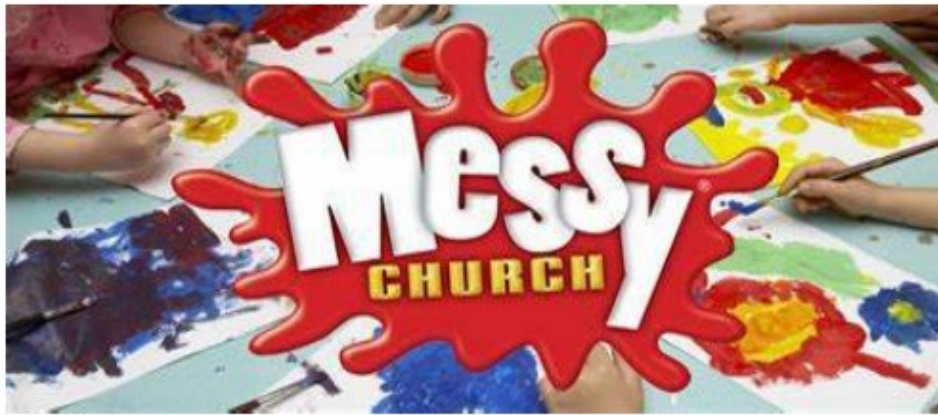
Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am





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