



Spring Term 2024: Newsletter 4  
Friday 1st March 2024

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



I am writing to inform you that I have been asked to lead an exciting project working with all schools within Cornwall Education Learning Trust. Therefore, I will be leaving Mount Charles as Headteacher at the end of the summer term on secondment for the next two years.

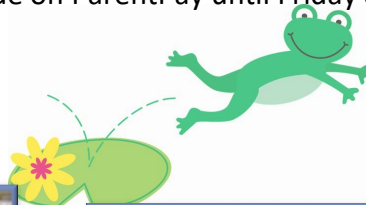
The Trust are currently advertising for a new Headteacher and are planning to recruit before the Easter break, with the candidate starting in September. I can assure you that I will work closely with the new Headteacher to ensure a smooth transition and the continued success of the school.

It has been a privilege to be your Headteacher for the past 8 years. Mount Charles has been a huge part of my life and I have loved working with such amazing children, families, staff and governors. Thank you all for your kindness and support and I look forward to calling in and catching up whilst in my new role.

Claire Bunting

## PTA Sponsored Leap!

On Thursday, the children took part in the PTA sponsored Leap. The children had lots of fun leaping, jumping and skipping around the playground. So far we have raised an amazing £358.50 in sponsorship donations! Donations can be made on ParentPay until Friday 8th March.



# EYFS

EYFS enjoyed reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' together and then followed a set of simple instructions to plant their own bean. The children placed the beans in a sunny spot in the classroom and are looking forward to watering them each day. They are very excited to watch their beanstalks grow over the coming weeks!



# YEAR 1

Year 1 launched their history topic, The Great Fire of London, by creating mixed-media artwork to represent the scene of the great fire. The children engaged very well with the launch and the outcomes were brilliant. To complement this lesson, the children learnt about the key events of the great fire and showed an excellent understanding through sequencing timelines – well done!



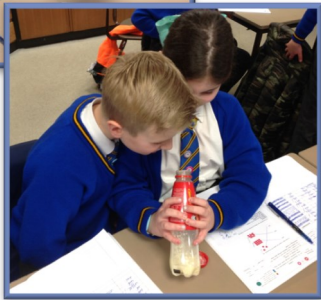
# YEAR 2

Year 2 have been busy exploring the strength and suitability of different materials. They looked at which materials float and sink, then used the results to decide the best material for making a boat. The children then built their own boats and gathered results about which boats held the most weight. One boat was able to hold 110 glass gems! We concluded that the best material for boat making is metal and to allow a boat to float successfully they must have tall sides.



# YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning about where different food comes from. Using a map, the children have discussed why some fruit grows better in hotter countries. They then created fruit skewers made with strawberries, watermelon and banana. Some children even tried the plum sauce!

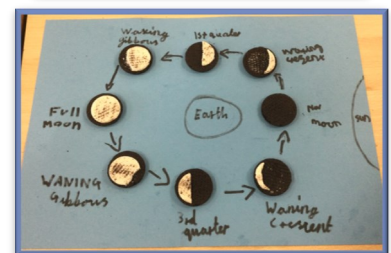


# YEAR 4

Year 4 have started to learn about states of matter and how these states can change when energy is added. The children had a go at making butter from cream by adding some heat energy. Their arms definitely got a workout after that much shaking! In geography, we have learnt about different features of mountains and explored how the plates collide in different ways to create different types of mountains.

# YEAR 5

Year 5 have completed their Earth and Space topic with some fun-filled activities. They learnt about the lunar cycle and used biscuits to re-create the phases of the moon. In DT, the children have finished their space themed cushions. The children learnt some fabulous sewing skills and the final products look amazing!



# YEAR 6



In JIGSAW, Year 6 are learning how they can keep their minds and bodies healthy. This week, the children were exploring how it can be hard to make positive choices and how outside influences can affect their mental health. They looked at a story and highlighted the dangers the characters faced and the choices they could make.

# SPORTS

This week, a group of our Year 1&2 children took part in the KS1 Cross Country event at Poltair. The children all did brilliantly and had lots of fun. Results were:

Year 1- Buddy (2<sup>nd</sup>) Freddie (4<sup>th</sup>) and Florence (10<sup>th</sup>)

Year 2- Esmail (4<sup>th</sup>) and Isabelle (12<sup>th</sup>).

For some children it was their first ever race, so brilliant results and a huge well done!



Mount Charles netballer teams played some superb games of netball over the last two weeks, with lots of accurate passing, marking and shooting.

Last weeks game against Carclaze saw the A team in possession of the ball for most of their game, using quick accurate passing to score 4 fantastic goals, winning the game 4-2. The B team followed with a close game, scoring a

great goal and several very close attempts, leaving the score 4-1 to Carclaze.

This weeks game against St Stephens was another close match for both teams, with great teamwork, passing and shooting. The A team narrowly missed out on a win ending the match 4-3 to St Stephens. The B team also played a fantastic game, unfortunately missing out a win, but playing incredibly well together as a team. Everyone played extremely well and should be proud of their achievements. Well done netballers!



On Friday a group of children took part in the 4<sup>th</sup> and final cross country qualifier of the season.

The Year 4 girls race was won in style by Sennen with another outstanding run. Summer finished 13<sup>th</sup> which was a superb effort. Year 4 boys we had some excellent results from Teddy (4<sup>th</sup>) Ishak (9<sup>th</sup>) and Berty (10<sup>th</sup>).

Year 5 Girls Lily and Darcie both finished in the top 20 which is brilliant.

Year 5 boys were amazing. Riley came 1<sup>st</sup> with another outstanding run, Declan (2<sup>nd</sup>), Zack (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Chester (5<sup>th</sup>). All cementing their places at the Mid-Cornwall qualifier.

Year 6 Girls Isla and Scarlett both finished in the top 10.

Year 6 boys race was won by Abe (1<sup>st</sup>) and Josh with a PB (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Some outstanding results, well done to all who have taken part this year. The next round for those who have qualified is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.



We are delighted to announce that Mount Charles School won the Tesco Community Grant. The school has been awarded £1500 in funding towards our growing library. The money will be used to furnish the library, creating a welcoming space for the children to read. Thank you to all those who added their blue tokens!



## Target Winners!



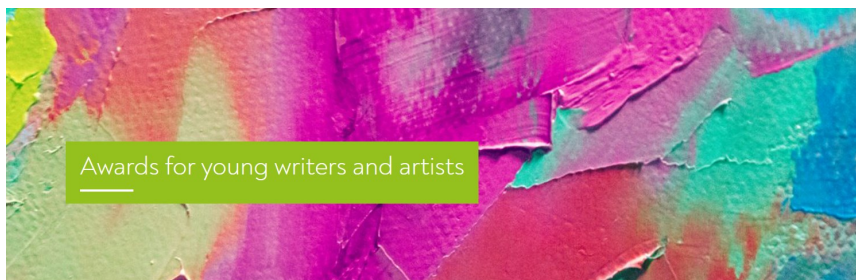
Well done to all the children who met their times table target last half term! It is fantastic to see how speedy so many of our children now are with their multiplication facts. A big congratulations to Matthew in Year 3 who was randomly chosen to win our times table prize!

Your child's new Spring 2 times table target can be found in their homework book. Please support them in achieving their goal by encouraging to play on TTRS as much as possible throughout the week; just three minutes each day can make a massive difference!



Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March. Our school councillors have been working hard to plan ways to raise money.

- Wear something red or Red Nose Day Merchandise for a £1 donation on ParentPay.
- Design a Red Nose Competition (details to be sent home soon)



Fowey Festival have launched their 2024 festival young writer's competition. We encourage Mount Charles' eager writers to apply and have a go. The competition is open to children living in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly aged between 4 and 16 on 31/08/24. Children are invited to create a work of art, write a story or factual piece of writing on their theme of 'Beaches'. The closing date for application is 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024. For full details, please head to the festival website: <https://www.foweyfestival.com/competitions-and-awards/awards-for-young-writers-and-artists-2024-competition/> Good luck!





## National School Attendance Award

2023/24 Autumn Term



Mount Charles School

Top 10% of similar FFT Primary Schools in England

Mount Charles has been awarded the National School Attendance Award for the Autumn Term, which is a fantastic achievement. Attending school regularly is important both academically and socially. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support.

**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! The whole school attendance is **95.8%**.

**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.



# REMINDEERS



*'Today a little girl is stuck being a kid, but that doesn't stop her from wishing for SOMEDAY, and she knows that when that day arrives, it's going to be sensational. She'll swim with dolphins, she'll dig for dinosaur bones, or she'll explore the South Pole-the possibilities are endless!'*

On World Book Day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March) Mount Charles will be celebrating the book 'Someday' by Eileen Spinelli.

As part of our celebrations, we are inviting the children to come dressed up as the answer to one of the questions:

What would you like to do when you're older?

Where would you like to go?

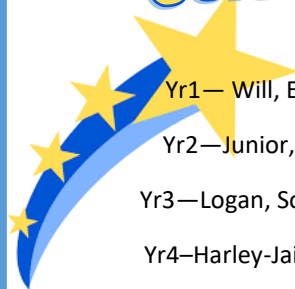
Who would you like to meet?

**REMINDER:** - Our book fair will running in the main hall 15.15-16.00 on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th & Friday 8th March . Please come along , there are over 200 titles to choose from! Please note this will be card only.

**Water Bottles**— Following a breakage in the hall this week, water bottles must NOT be made of glass. Please label with your child's name so any lost bottles can be returned.

**PE Kit**—With the current cold weather, please ensure your child is wearing black jogging bottoms or leggings, not shorts on their PE days.

## Celebrating



Yr1— Will, Eli, Toby, Florence

Yr2—Junior, Mazie, Ruan, Leo

Yr3—Logan, Sophie,, Riley, Laerta

Yr4—Harley-Jai, Otto, Sam, Riyadh

Yr5—Maisie, Skye, Leo, Archie

Yr6— Tyler O, Tallulah, Esemé, Holly C

Sport Superstar— Zoe 6AW & Freddie 1TH

## Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 2HM 100%

Last week: 2HM 98.8%



# Attendance!





# TOP THREE!



## Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

- 1st place: Lillymari Croft
- 2nd place: Joey Stowell
- 3rd place: Storm Wheat

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



- 1st place: James Jones
- 2nd place: Logan Graham
- 3rd place: Jack Beard

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

- 1st place: Brooklyn Takura
- 2nd place: Jaiden Cookson
- 3rd place: Bailey Kelly



# TOP THREE!

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

- 1st place: Cerys Hudson
- 2nd place: Sienna Charnock
- 3rd place: Freddie Humphrey



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

- 1st place: Cerys Hudson
- 2nd place: Harriet Morley
- 3rd place: Freddie Humphrey

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

- 1st place: Dale Thompson
- 2nd place: Lily McFarlane
- 3rd place: Reuben Fox





# Diary

# Dates

## March

4th Year 3&4 Girls Football @ Poltair  
4th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm  
5th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm  
6th Year 4 Parent Multiplication Workshop  
08.45-09.45  
7th World Book Day  
7th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm  
8th Book Fair Main Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm  
8th Year 2 Trip to Pendennis Castle  
8th Year 5 Trip to Penrice to watch Oliver  
11th Year 5& 6 Sport Hall Athletics @ Poltair  
13th EYFS & Year 6 School Nursing Team —  
Weight and Height measurements  
14th No after school clubs today  
14th Stay Safe Workshops, Year 5  
14th Cornwall Music Festival Truro  
18th Year 4, 5,6 Cross Country @ Poltair  
20th SongFest St Petrocs' Church Bodmin  
20th KS1 Easter Crafts

## March

20th Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Information  
Sessions—14.30  
21st Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Information  
Sessions—08.30  
25th Year 4, 5, 6 Cross Country Final @ Newquay  
27th KS2 Easter Crafts  
28th PTA Easter Event  
**SPORTS DAY**—22nd May  
Reserve dates 26th June or 9th July.

## **Family Worker Drop in Sessions**

24th April 08.45-10.00  
12th June 08.45-10.00

## **KEY DATES**

**SATS Week** 13th-16th May **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

## TERM DATES

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

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

# COME To the SUPER AMAZING BOOK FAIR!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

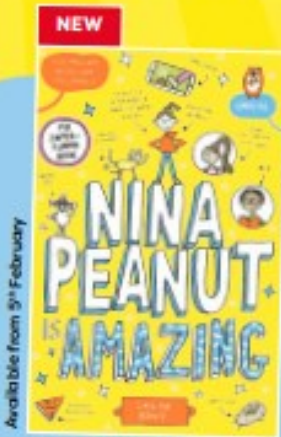
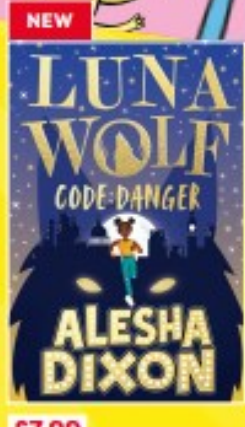
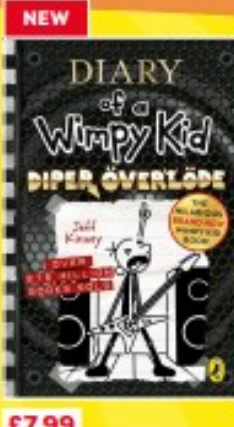
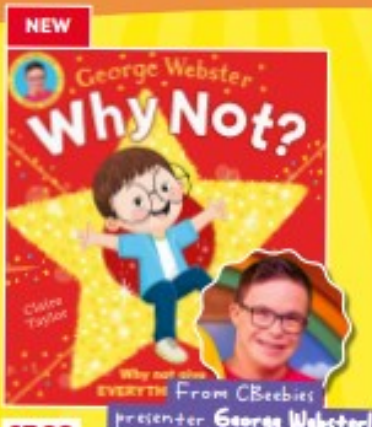


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Date: Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th, Friday 8th March  
3.15 - 4pm in our Main Hall

Scan the QR code to pay online!





Changing lives  
through a love of books  
and reading



Thursday 7th March 2024

World Book Day® is a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens



# World Book Day Book Giveaway!

Members from Soroptimist International  
St Austell & District will be here offering  
**FREE** children's books! For ages 0-teens.

**St Austell Library**  
**Sat 9th March**  
**10.00am-12.00pm**

For more info, call 0300 1234 111,  
or email: [staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk](mailto:staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk)



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## Easter fayre

@  
Mount Charles Methodist Church  
Victoria Road, St Austell, PL25 4QF

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
12pm – 3pm

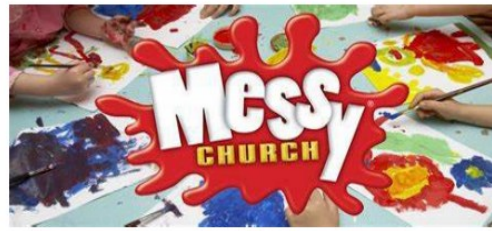
Children's and adults art gallery, craft stalls, book sale and refreshments with pasties and cake.



Everyone welcome.

Fundraising for our church.

[www.mountcharleschurch.com](http://www.mountcharleschurch.com) 



@  
Mount Charles Methodist Church  
Victoria Road, St Austell, PL25 4QF

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

3 15pm – 5 15pm

Come and  
join us for:



All ages welcome.

[methodistsatmountcharles-families@gmx.com](mailto:methodistsatmountcharles-families@gmx.com)

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# YOUTH CLUB

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

@

Bethel Methodist Chapel, Brockstone Road, St  
Austell PL25 3DW

6pm – 7 30pm.  
£1 per child.  
Ages 7 years and up.

Team games, crafts, game consoles, tuck shop and time to be with you friends in safe and friendly environment.

No need to book in, just come along on the dates above.

But numbers are limited to 40, so come on time!

Contact Laura Mitchell on: [lauranewman89@hotmail.com](mailto:lauranewman89@hotmail.com)  
for more details.

