



Summer Term 2023: Newsletter 5  
Friday 30th June 2023

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



We were excited to welcome Louie Stowell, the author of the Loki series of children's books, to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Louie told us about her life as an author and illustrator, her inspiration for her books and how school helped her to achieve her dream of becoming a children's author. We were lucky enough to see Louie completing a number of drawings using the children's ideas – these drawings then became prizes for the children who asked the most interesting questions.

Louie then spent time signing copies of her books, ensuring each child had a personalised message and illustration – it is lovely to see these books coming into school under the arms of so many of our children.



This week our choir took part in the 'Big Sing' at the Hall for Cornwall. Along with other schools from across Cornwall, they learnt and performed some upbeat songs as one big choir! Mount Charles won a gold certificate in the Cornwall Singing Schools award in recognition of the fantastic music we provide as a school. The children thoroughly enjoyed their special day.



## EYFS



EYFS had a fantastic trip to Porthpean beach. The children enjoyed rock pooling, paddling in the sea, playing beach games, and building sandcastles and sculptures. They found lots of different living things in the rock pool such as crabs, sea anemones, sea snails and shrimps! Thank you to all our parent helpers.

## YEAR 1

Last week, Year 1 visited Newquay Zoo to explore all things 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. The children went prepared with their Zoo Bingo cards, spotting many of their favourite animals including the Squirrel Monkeys, everyone's favourite, and of course the penguins! In the time, we were able to make our way around the zoo and enjoy a memorable day together.



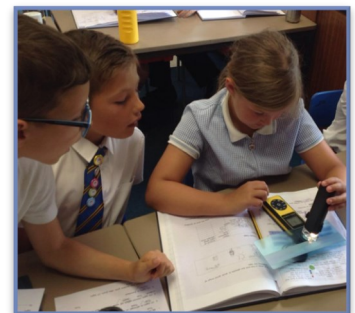
## YEAR 2



Year 2, have been exploring different moving toys, learning about how levers and linkages work. The children then attempted to make their own linkages and levers using pivot points. They will be using linkages to create their own moving minibeasts over the next few weeks.

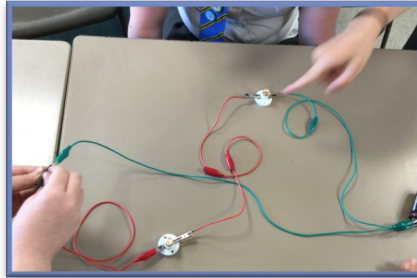
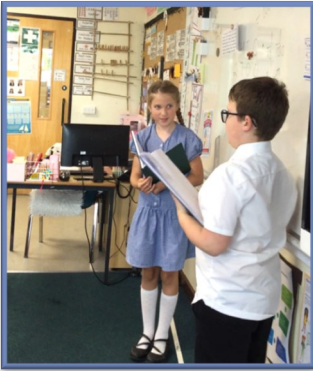
## YEAR 3

Year 3's science unit for this term is all about light. They have looked at different types of light sources, reflectors and darkness being the absence of light. The children have also looked at the dangers of the sun. They talked about ultraviolet rays and how to protect our skin and eyes from them. We then investigated the best material for sunglasses using a light metre that measures in lux





## YEAR 4



This week Year 4 have been continuing their learning focusing on circuits and have experimented with different components to see what happens when they added more. The children noticed that when they added an extra bulb to the circuit, it was dimmer because the voltage was being split between two. They have also continued their work on the 'great chocoplot', working in partners to act out scenes from the story. The children got in to character and showed fantastic expression!

## YEAR 5

Year 5 had an incredible day investigating their science topic at Penrice last week. They were able to use their labs and equipment and explore which materials make the best fuels for a camp fire. They used the Bunsen burners to burn a range of materials including tortilla chips, paper, pottery and cloth. The children were totally inspired scientists - here are few of their thoughts:

***"I had so much fun trying new things and getting to use the Bunsen burners - I wish we could do it again. "***

***"My favourite lesson is science so I absolutely loved going to Penrice - it was wonderful !"***



## YEAR 6



Over the last two weeks, Year 6 had the pleasure of meeting virtually with Minister Kim Moore-Cullen, a Minister of the Spiritualists' National Union. During this term the children have been reviewing the five main religions they have learnt about throughout their Primary School journey. When Kim kindly offered to speak to our pupils, it highlighted the perfect opportunity to further develop our children's understanding of the world, by asking questions about a growing religion. We are always looking for ways to nurture our pupil's spiritual

development so we are extremely grateful to Kim, and the SNU, for supporting our school. We hope we can make more links like this in the future.

## ARB

The children in the ARB have been busy exploring water with their friends, sharing resources and practicing our fine motor skills to catch fish and ducks.



## SPORTS

This week a group of Year 6 children took part in a Handball Festival, against other local schools, at Poltair School. The children enjoyed trying a new sport and competed well, winning the majority of the games. Well done all!



The CELT Rep Football Team won both the boys and girls Trust competition on the 7<sup>th</sup> June with neither side losing a single game and both teams only conceding 1 goal during all 4 of the games played. It was a great event and all of the players were fantastic, both with their performance but more importantly their attitude.

Well done to Abe in Year 5, who was selected to represent Mount Charles. Our thanks go out to Mr Boynton from St Mewan for organising the event.







Are you interested in becoming a School Governor but are unsure of what the role entails? We are currently seeking new individuals to join our Local Governing Board.

The Safeguarding Network are hosting a free webinar on 4th July at 4:30pm. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the role before committing to apply! <https://safeguarding.network/.../webinar-inspiring.../>



## Attendance

This weeks class attendance winners are 4RW with 99.7%.

The whole school attendance is 94.6% Our target is 96.8% . Great effort everyone. Keep up the good work.

This week's 100% attendance winners are Morgan KS1 & Riley S KS2. Well done.

### **REMINDER: What to do if your child is absent:**

- Contact the school office via telephone on the first day your child's absence **before 9am**.
- Provide us with the **full details** of the reason for their absence. Please avoid using phrases such as "poorly", "sick" or "not well".

Repeat this for **every day** of absence.

If you would like to discuss any attendance concerns, please contact Mrs Nile via [enquiries@mount-charlessch.org](mailto:enquiries@mount-charlessch.org) or call 01726 73911.

## School Hours Update

All schools have been asked by the Government to deliver 32.5 hours across each week by September 2023; like many schools, we have made some slight changes to the timings of the school day to accommodate this.

**The school gates will now open at 8.25am, ready for an 8.30am registration.**

**The school day continues to finish at 3.00pm**

Cornwall Council and the Passenger Transport Unit have been informed to ensure taxi pick up times reflect the need for children to be onsite by 8.25am each day. The Area Resource Base will contact their parents directly regarding their school day timings for September. Our attendance policy will be updated in line with these changes in September.



# Diary

# Dates

## July

3rd Yr6, Penrice & Poltair transition days  
 3rd Year 2 Cricket @ St Stephen Cricket Club  
 5th Year 3 Cricket @ Roche Cricket Club  
 3rd EYFS 2023 Stay & Play Session 1.30-2.30  
 4th EYFS 2023 Stay & Play Session 1.30-2.30  
 5th EYFS 2023 Stay & Play Session 1.30-2.30  
 7th EYFS 2023 Stay & Play Session 1.30-2.30  
 6th PTA Summer Fete 3pm  
 7th Year 6 Parents Assembly & Samba performance  
 EYFS reports to parents  
 10th EYFS 2023 Stay & Read session at St Austell Library 10.00—11.00  
 12th Parent Consultations, Yr1-6  
 13th Parents Consultations, Yr1-6

14th Year 6, Celebration assembly  
 17th Year 5&6 Athletic Par Track  
 18th Yr6 Productions, 2pm & 6pm  
 19th Yr6 Leavers Treat Day  
 19th Year 5 Hockey Charlestown School  
 19th EYFS 2023 Teddy Bears Picnic 1.30-2.30  
 20th Yr6 Leavers Assembly 2pm  
 21st Last day of Summer Term,  
**1:30pm finish No Charlies Wraparound**

## Sept

Tuesday 5th Return to school

## TERM DATES

Summer term 2 2023:	Monday 5th June 2023 - Friday 21st July 2023
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



# TOP THREE!



## Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

**1st place: Zoe Knight**

**2nd place: Scarlett Abbott**

**3rd place: Annaliese Price**

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

**1st place: Hope Dollard**

**2nd place: Zachary Maby**

**3rd place: Jake Lightfoot**

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

**1st place: Misha Mazur**

**2nd place: Chester Osborne**

**3rd place: Leo Janasiak**

## Celebrating

Yr1— Freddie W, Georgia,

Yr2— Freddie N, Freddie F, Floyd

Yr3—Sennen, Billie

Yr4— Bailey, Olivia, Soraya ,Annabelle

Yr5— willow, Charlotte, James, Bailey

Yr6—Alifie-Lee, Owen R, Maddison, Alisha

## Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 4RW

Last week: 1TH



## Attendance!



We are getting ready for our

# SUMMER FETE

★ Please note our  
change of date! ★

Please note a change of date for our  
PTA Summer Fete.

The fete will now take place on  
**Thursday 6th July.**

Don't forget:

- Fete raffle tickets are available to purchase in advance through ParentPay.
- We are collecting preloved teddies for the fete Teddy Tombola. If you have a collection of outgrown teddies that you are able to donate, please pop them in to our School Office.
- We are also looking for any good quality uniform for a second hand uniform stall
- Any unwanted gifts for the raffle
- Jars of wrapped sweets

★ Thursday 6th July, 3pm ★





REGISTER NOW - REGISTER NOW - REGISTER NOW - REGISTER NOW - REGISTER NOW



**FREE**  
**CRICKET**  
**PROGRAMME**  
**FOR 8 TO 11 YEAR OLDS**  
**STARTING JULY 3RD**

**ST AUSTELL**  
**CRICKET CLUB**

PERSONALISED T-SHIRT, CRICKET ATTAX CARDS, BAT AND BALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

To book scan the QR Code.  
At checkout add the discount  
promo code TXVCZZ




**AGES**  
**8 - 12**

# SUMMER Super Camp

**31 JUL - 4 AUG** & **7 AUG - 11 AUG**

**10:00 - 14:00**

**A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO GET ACTIVE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!**

**ACTIVITIES**  
FOOTBALL  
BASKETBALL  
VOLLEYBALL  
TENNIS  
FRISBEE  
*and more!*

**THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THOSE STUDENTS IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS. HOWEVER, FOR ALL OTHER STUDENTS THERE IS A CHARGE OF £10.00 PER DAY.**

**A LIGHT BREAKFAST & LUNCH IS PROVIDED.**



**REGISTER HERE**



# Welcome

Everything you need to know about the T2M Holiday Activities Programme



## Book now!

Our online bookings for the Time2Move Holiday Programme this Summer are now OPEN!

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the holidays, from 24th July - 1st September.

Sessions including multi sports, forest schools, circus skills, water sports and lots more, are open for children aged 5 to 16.

**Don't forget** - every session includes a healthy meal for ALL children and there are funded places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals - find your booking code on our website.

Not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals? Your child can still attend, activities are payable upon booking.

**SEND provision** - where possible we will do our best to offer support to children with SEND. Contact us to discuss your requirements by emailing [Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk) or calling 01872 323335.

Visit the website to book—[Time2Move Holiday Programme – Active Cornwall](#)



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**Runs Sat 8th July - Sat 16th Sept**  
**FREE to join at St Austell Library!**



Supported using public funding by  
**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**

**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**



**YOUTH  
SPORT  
TRUST**

**INSPIRING  
ACTIVE  
READERS**

**THE  
READING  
AGENCY**

Illustrations by Loretha Schauer and logo-arts by Lizzie Everard. All © The Reading Agency 2023

© The Reading Agency. Registered charity number 1055440 (England & Wales)







## Calling all dads!

Come and join us on  
Saturday, 8th July 2023  
in Unit 4,

Old Vicarage Place, St Austell (Town Centre), PL25 5YY  
at

11.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

There will be plenty of books to share  
and a special visit from author

**Julie Sykes.**

Grown ups £3 / children FREE

(tickets booked in advance Include a cocktail pasty or sausage roll)

Scan the QR code / visit [www.crbo.co.uk](http://www.crbo.co.uk) / call 01726 63513

"Sharing books is a great way for dads and their children to spend time together and has fantastic benefits for both of you - but research shows that fewer dads than mums are reaping these rewards, so we want to make sure no one misses out on the magic."

[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)



St Austell Town Council



**Farshore**

HarperCollinsChildren's Books

