



Spring Term 2024: Newsletter 5
Friday 15 March 2024

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day 2024. The children were invited to attend school dressed as either, "What would you like to do when you're older?", "Where would you like to go?" or "Who would you like to meet?". Our theme in school was "Someday" based on the book by Eileen Spinelli. As part of the celebrations, our Reading Ambassadors and Class Librarians visited KS1 to deliver and share books. The children really enjoyed sharing their love of books!



EYFS



EYFS have been enjoying the story 'The Gingerbread Man' and have been investigating what would happen when the Gingerbread Man crossed the river. They began by thinking about the ingredients needed to make a gingerbread man. They all got to taste the biscuit which was sweet and crunchy. The children then tried dipping the biscuit into warm water. They found the sugar dissolves so the gingerbread man went soggy, fell apart and then disappeared.

YEAR 1

Year One have been consolidating their understanding of odd and even numbers this week. The children are becoming experts at using their rekenrek to break numbers into parts. This year, the rekenreks have really helped the children with learning their number bonds to 10 and beyond quickly.



YEAR 2

Year 2 had a great trip to Pendennis Castle. We began the day with a workshop learning about the history of the castle and how life has changed since Tudor times. The children were able to dress up as King Henry V111. We walked around the dry moat and discussed the different features of the castle and their purpose. We loved exploring the canon room and looking out from the windows - and even spotted St. Mawes castle! The children were also very lucky to witness a 'gun salute' as the canons went off!



YEAR 3

In science Year 3 studied plant stems and how they transport water. They found that the carnations sucked up food through the stem. The seeds they planted are growing really well. The children have now started planning what fruit and vegetables they are going to put in their tart for DT.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard this week on home learning, with pictures about mountains, mountainous activities and some delicious looking edible peaks! In science this week, the children have been looking at the viscosity of liquids, conducting experiments to see how much viscosity these liquids had based on how quickly they moved down a ramp! The children then drew their own tables to record their findings .



YEAR 5



In science, Year 5 have been continuing to learn about living things. They have been watering their plants each day and are really pleased with the results! The sunflowers and basil are now starting to grow.

The children have also created their own worm farms to investigate the conditions needed for them to grow and reproduce. They have been feeding the worms fruit and vegetable peelings, as well as old tea bags! Each week, the children have been counting the number of worms and their length; they have been surprised to see how much they have grown in such a short period of time!

YEAR 6

Year 6 used some fantastic models to learn more about inheritance in science. The children observed the characteristics of the male and female and then invented their own off-spring. They were able to explain that some characteristics (such as dark hair) are more dominant and therefore more likely to be passed down. They have been working on writing explanations in science so that they can pass on their knowledge to others which is one of our scientific skills.



SPORTS

Last week, we took a group of Year 3 and 4 girls to Poltair to take part in the second round of this years Cornwall School Games Girls football.

The children played 3 matches, winning 1, losing 1 and had 1 draw. They did so well and have qualified for the spring school games finals in Bodmin next week. We are so proud of the children who are improving each time they play. Well done all.

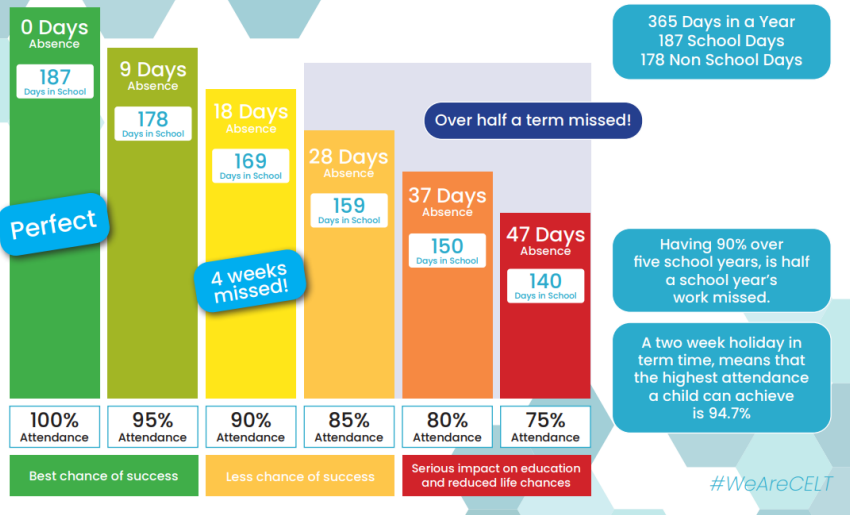


MUSIC

On Thursday, members of our Choir took part in the Cornwall Music Festival at Truro Methodist Church. The children performed brilliantly and were delighted to win a certificate for their singing. The children had a wonderful morning listening to choirs from all over Cornwall- a brilliant musical morning was had!



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



How we celebrate good attendance: Each week, the class with the highest attendance is awarded the attendance trophy and an extra break time. Last week's winners were **2HM** with 100%. This week's winners are **6AW** with 97.9%. Well done to both classes! Our whole school attendance this week is 95%.

Next week is our Lucky Draw 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 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.

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.





Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this year. The sales total was a staggering £1338.05, 55% of that amount is then donated to the school, meaning we have raised £ 735.93. This is more than last year, so thank you so much. We will let you know in due course what we are planning to spend the funds on.

FOOD HYGIENE RATING



We are pleased to announce that following an inspection from Environmental Health Team, our kitchen has been awarded a 5 star food hygiene rating. Well done to our kitchen staff who do an excellent job.



The new menus for the Summer Term are now live on ParentPay, meaning you are now able to book through to the end of the school year.

REMINDEERS

Charlie's Wraparound Club - An email was sent to all parents on Wednesday regarding changes to how you book Charlies Wraparound club beginning after the Easter break. All bookings **MUST** be made on ParentPay prior to attending, your child's place will not be confirmed without booking.

If you need help logging into ParentPay, please contact the school office.

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Celebrating

- Yr1— Annabelle, Quinton, Tommy, Jasper
- Yr2—Poppy, Georgia
- Yr3—Morgana, Jack, Wanessa, Marilyn, Alen
- Yr4—Amyrah, Brooklyn, Riley, Sophie
- Yr5—Annabelle, Darcie, Mila-Marie, Sienna
- Yr6— Ebony, Evie, Beth, Katie
- Sport Superstar—Emma R-C & Theia

Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 6AW 97.9%

Last week: 2HM 100%



Attendance!





TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

- 1st place: Theordore Bristow
- 2nd place: Michael Mutezo
- 3rd place: Misha Mazur

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:



- 1st place: James Jones
- 2nd place: Brynley Gilbert
- 3rd place: Jake Lightfoot

Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Jaiden Cockson
- 2nd place: William Gascoigne
- 3rd place: Tyler Stephens



TOP THREE!

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

- 1st place: Florence Webster
- 2nd place: Alidianna Alic
- 3rd place: Mia Uren



Biggest increase in correct answers in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Florence Webster
- 2nd place: Aldianna Alic
- 3rd place: Jasper Bolt

Highest improvement in accuracy in the last 14 days:

- 1st place: Charlie Bailey
- 2nd place: Aldianna Alic
- 3rd place: Mia Uren



Diary

Dates

March

18th Year 4, 5,6 Cross Country @ Poltair
20th Girls Football Club **CANCELLED**
20th SongFest St Petrocs' Church Bodmin
20th KS1 Easter Crafts
20th Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Information Sessions—14.30
21st Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Information Sessions—08.30
22nd Year 3&4 Girls Football @ Bodmin Dragon Centre
25th-28th **NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**
25th Year 4, 5, 6 Cross Country Final @ Newquay
27th KS2 Easter Crafts
28th PTA Easter Event
28th Last day of term. **Finish at 1.30pm**
Charlies after school club will **NOT** be running

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.

Residential

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

CELT's Higher Education degree courses are still open for applications for the upcoming September 2024 intake!

We know many of you might have friends or family members who are looking to study higher education right here in our community. We offer a variety of engaging degree programs designed to pave the way for future success.

Our Student Journey from Day 1: Year 1, students work on real client set briefs, our students often continue their client work post-graduation. Every week our students work alongside visiting lecturers, and experts in their field, with incredible industry knowledge and accolades, including Oscars and Emmie nominations, aimed at preparing students for a career in the industry.

The qualifications we currently offer: FdA Digital Media UCAS link BA(Hons) Digital Media Top-up UCAS link Direct Course link www.digitalmediadegree.co.uk

New degree qualifications from September 2024: BA(Hons) Creative & Professional Writing - Direct Course link www.creativewritingdegree.co.uk .

UCAS link FdSc Business Management - Direct Course link www.thebusinessdegree.co.uk.

You can also find all the course information on our website at <https://celtrusthe.co.uk>.

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BA (HONS) CREATIVE & PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Our BA (Hons) Creative & Professional Writing course offers students the chance to hone their writing skills across diverse formats, encompassing fiction, non-fiction, screenwriting, and journalism. The curriculum is strategically crafted to equip students with the essential skills and knowledge needed to excel in various writing-related careers.

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Our FdSc Business Management course equips students with a thorough understanding of both the theory and practice of business, emphasizing essential management and leadership skills essential for success across various industries. This program integrates practical experience, industry insights, and engaging guest lecturers, all prominent business professionals.

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BA (HONS) AND FDA DIGITAL MEDIA

Our Digital Media degrees provide students with the skills to create, distribute, and analyse diverse forms of digital content, spanning websites, social media platforms, film, as well as virtual and augmented reality with an emphasis on practical application through client-led briefs. Engaging guest lectures by industry professionals, focusing on industry insights, directly contribute to future career success in the dynamic field of digital media.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Time2Move Holiday Programme – Easter 2024

It is with great pleasure that we can inform you that the Time2Move Holiday Programme for Easter 2024 is live.

The programme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a funded meal for every child. All children are welcome to attend, and it is completely **funded** for children that are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

As a parent or guardian of a child eligible for benefits related free school meals you will need your child's unique code in order to access the activities for free. You can access your child's code quickly and easily at:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move

Once you have this code you can search and book on activities here:

www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme

The activities are all delivered by approved providers with the main focus on fun and enjoyment. So please search for activities near you, book your child's place and we look forward to seeing your child over the Easter holidays.

For any questions regarding the Time2Move Holiday Programme please email Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk or phone 01872 324287.

Yours faithfully

The Time2Move Holiday Programme Team

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EASTER 2024

- Activities including multi sports, forest schools, circus skills, water sports and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays, from April 2nd - 12th

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to book!



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Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

We're on a mission to

01.

Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones in childhood

02.

Empower parents to take collective action in their local communities - agreeing to delay giving their children smartphones until at least 14

03.

Demonstrate that parents are demanding change at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

Why we're doing this now

We've been put in an impossible position by the tech companies. It's a lose lose - either allow our children access to something all the evidence tells us is damaging, or say no and risk alienating them among their peers at a crucial stage of their social development. **We believe something needs to change, and it starts with all of us.**



Scan to find out more

How you can get involved

Join your regional WhatsApp group.

You'll find the links to all regional groups at linktr.ee/smartphonefreechildhood

Start a WhatsApp group for your school to

begin a conversation with your community - we've put together a toolkit to help you smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/toolkits

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Easter fayre

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

Saturday 23rd 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

YOUTH CLUB

Friday 9th February.
Friday 23rd February.
Friday 8th March.
Friday 22nd 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
for more details.



EASTER 2024 HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Take part in fun and exciting sporting activities!
Meet new friends, get active and have fun.

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.

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 5|6|7|8

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