



Spring Term 2022: Newsletter 1
Friday 7th January 2022

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



SPRING CLUBS



We have now allocated places for our extra-curricular clubs and are pleased to confirm that every child who signed up to clubs has a place on at least one of their choices. You will have received a text message to confirm which club(s) your child has been allocated.

Clubs run from **3pm until 4pm** and will begin week beginning 10th January and will finish on Friday 1st April. We are thankful to our teachers, many of whom give of their own time to run a club, and politely ask that parents be mindful of time keeping; ensuring that children are collected promptly at 4pm after their club session.

Please note that due to staff meetings and training, on:

- Tuesday 18th January - no Y3&4 Art Club or Science Club
- Thursday 3rd February - no clubs running
- Thursday 24th March - no clubs running

If your child decides that they no longer wish to attend their club choice please let our School Office know so the place can be allocated to a child on the waiting list.

Monday

Football	Y1 & 2	Mr Hughes and Miss McNally
Football	Y3 & 4	My Walters and Mr Yelland
Netball	Y5 & 6	Miss Cocks, Mrs Boynton and Miss Hancock

Tuesday

Art & Crafts	Y1 & 2	Miss Bray and Miss Maloney
Art Club	Y3 & 4	Miss Tompson
Art Club	Y5 & 6	Miss Kehoe
Science Club	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Copeland

Wednesday

Gymnastics	1 & 2	Mr Yelland
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Thursday

Football	5 & 6	Mr Grigg and Mr Yelland
Choir	3, 4, 5 & 6	Mr Bartlett

Friday

Running Club	3, 4, 5 & 6	Mr Yelland
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EYFS

EYFS had a great pyjama party yesterday to ENGAGE in their new ILP 'What Happens When I Fall Asleep?'. The children brought in their favourite teddy and enjoyed a yummy hot chocolate with marshmallows whilst listening to a bedtime story. They practised brushing their teeth and got to take home a new toothbrush! They discussed why it is so important to brush our teeth and the things we can eat and drink to keep our teeth nice and healthy.



YEAR 1

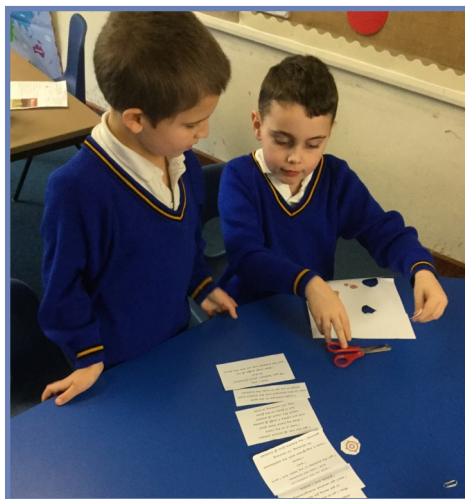


Year 1 are focusing on the story 'Town Mouse and Country Mouse'. This week the children have been learning the story and creating a story map together. They have had lots of fun learning new actions to help them remember the story. They are looking forward to creating their own characters and settings next week in preparation for writing their own story.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been exploring poetry this week, using the poem Bathroom Fiddler by Michael Rosen. They explored the key features of the text and sequencing its verses. The children then worked on performing a section of the poem, using their voices and actions to develop their performances. They are going to be looking at rhyming, repetition and vocabulary choices to help them to develop their own poems.





ARB

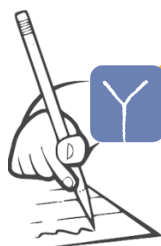
On January 1st, our ARB transferred to the Special Partnership Trust (SPT) and have welcomed their new ARB Lead, Steph Verran to the setting. Although now managed by SPT, the ARB remain very much a part of our school community. The children have had a busy start to the new term and have enjoyed exploring numbers and learning new sounds. They really enjoyed making confetti canons!



Year 3 set their taste buds to work and became bread tasters for their new topic, Scrumdiddlyumptious. The children used their senses of sight, smell and taste to describe the breads. They talked about the taste and texture of each one and rated them, and discussed which ones they liked the most. The warm fresh crusty loaf was the most popular by far! They then learnt about how bread is made and will continue to build on this knowledge and use it to make pizzas at the end of the unit!

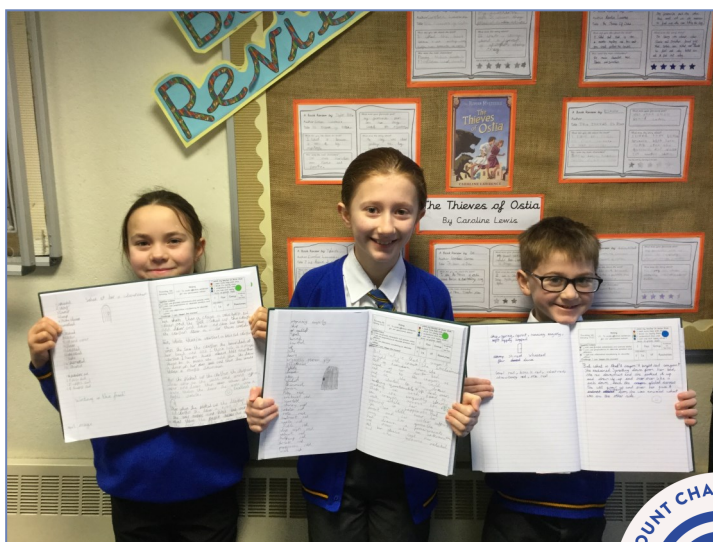


YEAR 3



YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 begun to write a narrative piece, based on the wordless picture book 'The Journey'. They have carefully crafted their sentences by including inverted commas, pathetic fallacy and a range of impressive vocabulary. When they have finished their sentence stacking lessons, the children will be writing their own narrative independently, using the skills that they have been taught to support them.



"I was amazed to learn how many moons Jupiter has" - Ioan

"I enjoyed learning how the solar system was made" - William

"I liked the planetarium show as I was excited about the new topic and it helped me learn about space" - Betsey

"I liked it because I learnt about the solar system." - Alisha

YEAR 5



Year 5 had a really interesting afternoon on Wednesday. The children enjoyed a virtual experience with The Royal Greenwich Observatory for their Engage session to kick start their Stargazers topic. They learnt all about what makes up our solar system and had an interactive quiz. The children created chalk pastel planets and explored how to blend the pastels to mix colours and create pictures that were out of this world!



YEAR 6



"The ice got clearer when it was placed in water" - Amelia

"It was strange how there were long air bubbles, not just small circles" - Amelie

"I was surprised how long it took to melt" - Hayden

"Even though the ice was melting, the little spikes inside the ice remained" - Jazmin

"I was observing the ice during the lesson and as it got smaller it made a weird shape!" - Billie-Jo

As the Engage activity to their new topic, Frozen Kingdom, Year 6 observed ice melt. Each group had a large 'iceberg' floating in water and observed it carefully throughout the afternoon. The children hypothesized and asked lots of questions about the ice.

"Would the part in water melt quicker than the part out of the water?", "Why did the ice have bubbles in it?", "Would the iceberg all melt at the same rate?", "Why were some parts of the ice white and other parts clear?"

As the children progress through their topic they will be studying the polar regions, how life has adapted to survive there and expeditions which have taken place in the Arctic and Antarctic.

STANDARDS

As part of our Healthy Schools status, we encourage our children to drink plenty of water and eat healthy snacks.

There has been a concerning increase in the number of children bringing in squash/juice in their drinks bottles, and crisps and chocolate bars for snack.

Our children should bring only water in their drinks bottles and a healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit or vegetable. The NHS Healthier Families page has lots of suggestions for tasty and healthy snacks—[click this link to see their ideas.](#)



We would like to remind our families of our school uniform expectations. Please ensure your children attend school wearing black shoes (trainers are for PE only) and our junior children should all be wearing ties with their shirts.

Now we are in the winter months, with the possibility for a school closure due to severe weather or building issues, (snow, flooding, loss of power), we would like to remind you of the procedure for closing the school:

Closure before School begins (before 8am): A text message will be sent to all parents, a post will be updated on our social media pages and our website flash will be updated. Information will also be broadcast on Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM and Heart FM.

Closure during the School day: A text message will be sent to all parents, a post will be updated on our social media pages and our website flash will be updated. Children will be collected from their current pick up gate and signed out to parents by the teacher. If you are happy for your child to walk home alone, or if your child will be collected by someone else, please send a message to the teacher through Class Dojo. Any student who cannot return home, will be looked after at the school until the parents or carers can be contacted.

Please ensure we have your most up-to-date contact details!!

**Emergency
Closing
Information**

Girls Uniform

White polo shirts

Infants—all year, Juniors—summer term only

White shirt or blouse and school tie

Juniors—autumn & spring, polo shirt option for summer

Mount Charles V-neck jumper or Cardigan

Grey Trousers

Traditional school style

Grey Skirt or Pinafore Dress

Blue & white gingham dress during summer term

Grey or White Socks

Black shoes

Boys Uniform

White polo shirt

Infants—all year, Juniors—summer term only

White shirt and school tie

Juniors—autumn & spring, polo shirt option for summer

Mount Charles V-neck jumper

Grey trousers or Grey shorts

Grey Socks

Black shoes



Diary

Dates

January

10th Year 4 Indoor Athletics, Poltair
 12th Year 1 hearing, re-screen
 17th School Council meeting
 Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics, Poltair
 w/c 17th 3RW Swimming Week
 18th Year 5 & 6 Football, Charlestown
 No yr3&4 Art Club or Science Club
 w/c 24th 3BW Swimming Week
 25th Cross Country Fixture
 31st KS1 Cross Country, Poltair
 w/c 31st 5AK Swimming Week

February

1st Football & Netball fixture, St Mewan
 3rd No extra-curricular clubs
 7th School Council meeting
 w/c 7th 5JT Swimming Week
 8th Cross Country Fixture
 15th Football & Netball fixture, St Stephens
 18th INSET DAY—school closed to children
 w/c 21st Spring Half Term Break

March

8th Cross Country—Mid Qualifier
 22nd Cross Country—Final
 24th No extra-curricular clubs

Notices



FREE Public Swimming Sessions

Leisure providers are offering FREE weekly swim sessions to tackle the negative impact Covid-19 has had on many people's swimming skills development.

Days, times and start dates being confirmed for GLL Better Cornwall centres, Camelford, Penzance and Carn Brea Leisure Centres.

Please visit:
www.activecornwall.org/free-swimming

Supported by Contain Outbreak Management Fund.

Find out more:



Together for Families

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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