



Spring Term 2022: Newsletter 2  
Friday 21st January 2022

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



A dark den has arrived in EYFS! The children have enjoyed exploring various sources of light with their friends. They then used their sounds to write down what they could see in the dark den!



## YEAR 1

As part of their new topic 'Bright Lights, Big City', Year 1 received an invitation from the Queen to host a royal banquet. The children learnt how to curtsy and bow to address Her Majesty. In true British style, jam sandwiches and cake were enjoyed by all and the children made bespoke crowns for the occasion. They all had a splendid time!





# YEAR 2

Year 2 took to the streets this week and became 'Street Detectives'! They went in search of geographical features around the local area of Mount Charles School. The children followed a map using a key and symbols to help them identify human and physical features within our community. Next, they discussed the



purpose of the different features that were observed. The children created a tally chart to record how many of each feature they spotted. They then used all of the information that they gathered to create their own maps of the local area and bar charts to represent the data they had collected. Super detective work, year 2!



Year 3 have

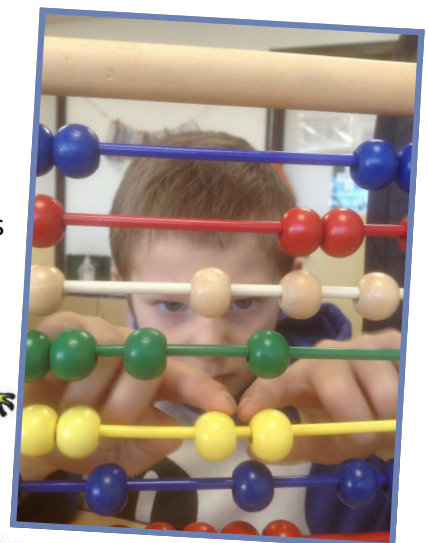
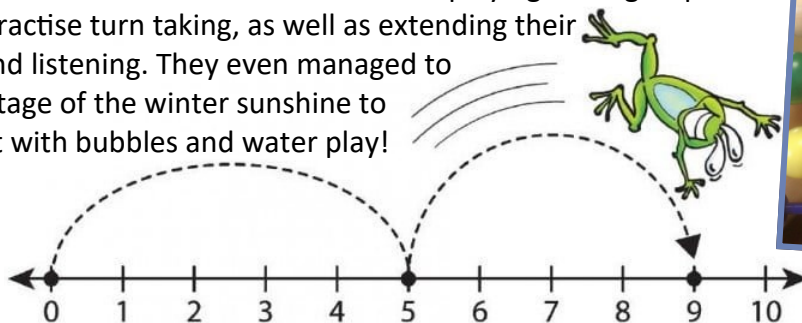
# YEAR 3

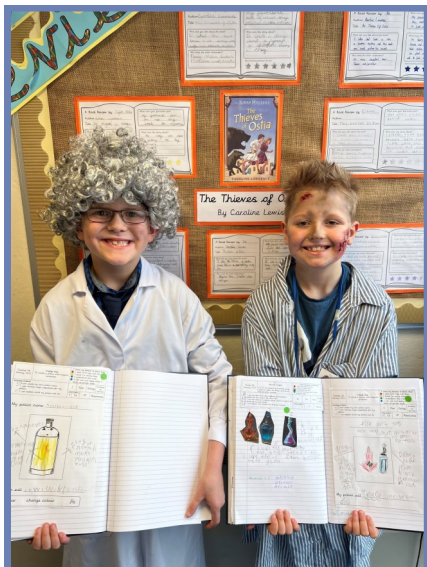
been studying the work of the Italian artist Archimboldo. The children used his work as inspiration for their own creations. They made collages with pictures of fruit and vegetables and then sketched their finished pieces. They then chose pastels or paint to add colour. The results were so impressive we displayed them in the classroom



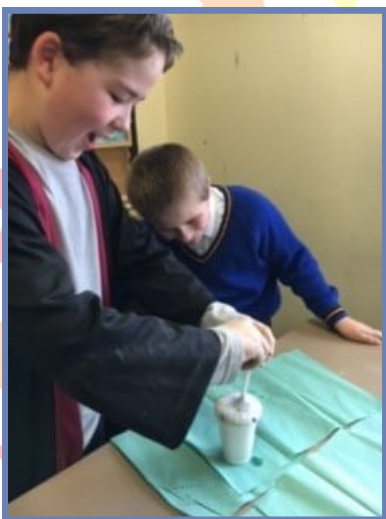
# ARB

The pupils in the ARB have been working hard developing their problem-solving skills in a range of different ways. They have been practicing counting forwards and backwards as well as using number lines to find one more and one less than a given number. The children have been playing small group games to practise turn taking, as well as extending their speaking and listening. They even managed to take advantage of the winter sunshine to experiment with bubbles and water play!

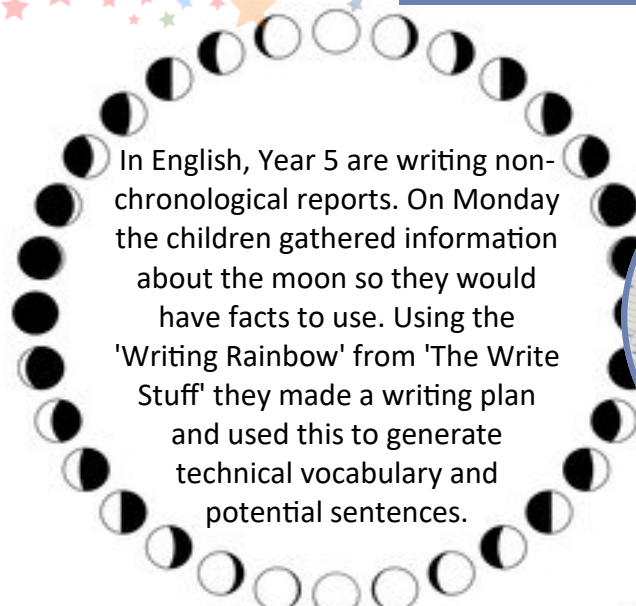




## YEAR 4

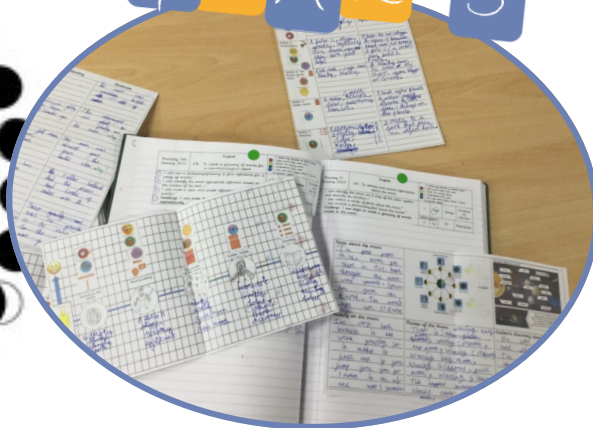


Our witches, wizards and scientists of Year 4 had a fantastically fun ENGAGE day to start their 'Potions' topic. While enjoying the magic the children looked at the science behind colour changing potions, exploding potions and slimy oobleck. They designed their own potions in their books and then decorated bottles for them to go in. The children learnt and recited extracts from Macbeth's 'Double, double toil and trouble...' What a spell binding day!

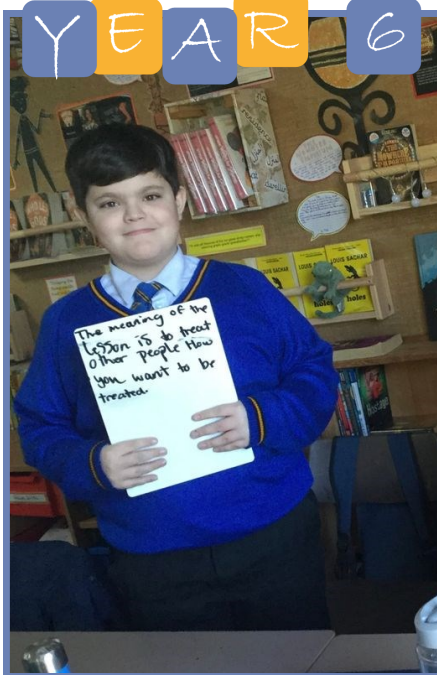


In English, Year 5 are writing non-chronological reports. On Monday the children gathered information about the moon so they would have facts to use. Using the 'Writing Rainbow' from 'The Write Stuff' they made a writing plan and used this to generate technical vocabulary and potential sentences.

## YEAR 5



## YEAR 6



In RE, Year 6 have been putting their oracy skills into practice. Each group read a short statement or story from the Bible. Two members of the group discussed what the story was trying to teach us about how we should live our lives. The third member was a "silent summariser". Their role was to listen to the discussion and pick out the key points. They made notes and then presented their summary to the class. This lesson was part of a sequence exploring our key question in RE this half term, "Is anything ever eternal?" We would love to hear if this discussion is continued at home and what thoughts and ideas you generate.


"Try and work your hardest. Never trick anyone"

"Treat other people how you want to be treated"

"Love everyone, no matter what they look like"








**S** Sit up

**T** Track the speaker

**A** Answer in full sentences

**R** Respect others



At Mount Charles School we

**shape**

the way we talk...


We always speak in full **sentences**.

We keep our **hands** away from our faces.

We **articulate**, we never mumble.

We **project** our voices by speaking loudly and clearly.

We look people confidently in the **eye**.



At Mount Charles, we strongly believe in the importance of oracy and hold it at the heart of our curriculum. Being able to speak clearly, express ideas and interact with others are crucial building blocks in all children's development. To support our children in this area and ensure that they become confident speakers, we have introduced STAR and SHAPE protocols into all of our classrooms. Teachers have worked with their classes to introduce these routines and are amazed with how quickly the children have taken to using them. Please ask your child about how STAR and SHAPE have helped them with their learning this week.

## CORMAC

A message from Cormac:

Unfortunately we have not received any interest to our School Crossing Patrol advert so the position on Victoria Road remains vacant.

We are in the process of automating the flashing warning lights however the timeframe for this is quite a lengthy one.

Please can your families make use of the pelican crossing to cross safely.




**CORMAC**

**School Crossing Patrol vacancies in this area**

Do you have time to spare or know someone that does?  
Concerned about children's safety,  
and would like to do your bit for the community?

Then becoming a School Crossing Patrol may be for you!

For more information please email  
[schoolcrossingpatrol@cormactd.co.uk](mailto:schoolcrossingpatrol@cormactd.co.uk)  
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# TOP THREE!



## Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

- 1st place:** Jake Hudson  
**2nd place:** Pearl Johnson  
**3rd place:** Corban Harrington

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

- 1st place:** Holly Collinson  
**2nd place:** Maisie Hawker  
**3rd place:** Aurelia Grant

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

- 1st place:** Joshua Commons  
**2nd place:** Brad Child  
**3rd place:** Jazmin Rodrigues

## Join the PTA!



Help raise much needed funds for your child's school.

The money we raise goes towards resources such as books and money for school trips.



Please contact either Laura Mitchell  
07974072102 or Laura Hare 07805909684



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

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**3 15pm – 5 15pm**

Enjoy activities such as: crafts, cooking  
and singing as a family with a sit-down  
meal together.

**All ages welcome.**

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



# Diary

# Dates

Jan

w/c 24th 3BW Swimming Week

25th Cross Country Fixture

27th Year 6 Football, Carclaze

31st KS1 Cross Country, Poltair

School Council Meeting

w/c 31st 5AK Swimming Week

February

1st Football & Netball fixture, St Mewan

3rd No extra-curricular clubs

w/c 7th 5JT Swimming Week

7th School Council meeting

8th Safer Internet Day

Cross Country Fixture

11th Year 3 trip to Eden

EYFS visit from Screech Owl Sanctuary

14th KS2 Dodgeball, Poltair

15th Football & Netball fixture, St Stephens

16th Penrice LEAP, Years 4 & 5

17th No extra-curricular clubs

PTA Non-uniform day, £1 cash donation

18th INSET DAY—school closed to children

w/c 21st Spring Half Term Break

March

3rd World Book Day

8th Cross Country—Mid Qualifier

22nd Cross Country—Final

## 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](http://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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto: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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