



Spring Term 2022: Newsletter 7
Friday 6th May 2022

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

CAMPS ARE BACK!

What a great time our Year 4 campers had! The children enjoyed water sports and the adventure quarry, had a delicious BBQ for dinner and then settled down for sleep (not as much as Miss Hancock and Mr Grigg would have liked!). Their second day was full of fun and they all arrived back tired but happy. Here is what some of the children thought of camp.

"Unique and incredible" "Remarkable" "Amazing and exciting" "We had the best time ever"



YEAR 4



EYFS



As part of their ENGAGE day for their new ILP 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' EYFS went on a 'Welly Walk!' The children thought about the route that they took, the things they could see and hear and discussed how they can keep themselves safe. The children then enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate in our woodland area whilst retelling our key text 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.'



YEAR 1

This week Year 1 launched their new topic, 'The Enchanted Woodland'. After reading the story 'The Stickman', the children went on the hunt for sticks to then build their own stickman. They also learnt about evergreen and deciduous trees and sketched examples around the school. The children are certainly ready to learn more about their topic!



YEAR 2

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to The Lost Gardens of Heligan to begin their new topic - The Scented Garden. They became explorers looking for different types of leaves and variations in tones of



colour. In the afternoon, they used viewfinders to help identify a landscape scenery for them to sketch. The children were fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed their experience .

YEAR 3



In RE, Year 3 are exploring the Hindu religion and their deities. **How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?** Over the half term, the children will look at the Hindu beliefs and how these are formed into images and Murtis. In the first lesson, they thought about what makes us special and different. They discussed why it is important to be different and what life would be like if we were all the same.

YEAR 5

In history, Year 5 are learning about Ancient Egypt. This week they experienced what it would be like to discover Tutankhamun's tomb! They worked in teams to travel through the tunnels and draw what we found at the end. They then thought of a range of questions they would like to ask about Tutankhamun and used the Surface Go's to carry out some secondary research.



YEAR 6



Inspired by their visit to the Tate St Ives, Year 6 have been studying modern art. They have talked about abstract, figurative and conceptual art and had a go at copying some famous artworks. They then used Picasso's distorted portrait paintings to create their own piece of modern art.

ARB

This week, the pupils in the ARB have started their 'On the farm' topic. They have been reading 'Old Macdonald had a farm' and learning the Makaton signs for farm animals. In science, they have been looking at the similarities and differences between adult and baby farm animals. As part of their creative artwork, they have been looking closely at vegetables and their different textures and colours.



SPORTS

This week, a selection of our Year 1 and 2 children travelled to St Stephen Cricket Club to take part in the Cornwall Cricket Rapid fire festival! We took 2 teams who both demonstrated excellent batting and fielding skills.

The children loved this non-competitive festival against other schools. Well done Year 1 and 2!



On Monday, we took two teams of year 5 and 6 children to Poltair school to compete in the Cornwall School Games continuous cricket festival. For many of these children it was the first taste of a cricket competition. It was great to see their skills develop during the course of the afternoon and we look forward to further developing these skills in our new Friday after school cricket club!

PTA

Our Jubilee celebration plans are almost finalised and we are excited to soon be able to share the details with you.

As part of the celebrations, our PTA have been working hard behind the scenes with our children to create Jubilee tea towels. There is a tea towel for each year group with each of the children's own self portrait printed on them!

The tea towels can be purchased through ParentPay for £5.00 each. There are only 100 of each tea towel available so, if you would like to buy some towels, please do so quickly to avoid disappointment! We'll pop these photos on our Facebook page so parents can have a clear view of the artwork.



School Crossing Patrol: We are delighted to have been informed by Cormac that they have successfully recruited a new crossing patrol to man the position on Victoria Road with immediate effect. Great news!

Summer Clubs: Places on our summer clubs have now been allocated and parents informed of places via text message. Our cricket club is full however there are places available on the year group sports clubs and choir club. Please speak to our school office if your child would like to be added to one of these clubs. Clubs start on Monday 9th May. (Please note, clubs won't run on 17th May, 26th May or 6th June.)

Uniform: Now that we are finally being treated to some wonderful sunshine, please ensure that your child comes to school every day with:

- Sun hat
- Sun cream (labelled with your child's name)
- Water bottle

It is also important to ensure that your child's jumper/cardigan is named so we can return lost items to children that have removed their jumpers in the warm weather. Now that we are in the summer term, our junior children are able to wear polo shirts instead of traditional shirts.

Parking, polite notice: Please can parents ensure they use the visitor car park and not the staff car park. Many thanks.



TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:



- 1st place:** Jessie Rebelo
2nd place: Rhys Oliver-Hart
3rd place: Kai Smith



Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

- 1st place:** Ornella Bercaj
2nd place: Max Beaumont
3rd place: Joshua Commons



Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

- 1st place:** Michael Bowman
2nd place: Milly Hare
3rd place: Betsey Meen



Diary

Dates

May

- 9th-12th Yr6 SATS week
- 10th Year 3 camp, parents meeting, 4pm
- 16th—18th Yr6 Ultimate Adventure Camp
- 17th Yr5, Junior Lifeskills session
- 19th Summer Census, menu change
- 26th Year 3 BF adventure & sleepover
- 26th Year 1 trip to Cardinham Woods
- 27th Last day of half term & Jubilee Celebration Day (more info to follow)

June

- 6th Back to school
- 6th Year 5 Ultimate Adventure Camp
- 14th Sports Day
- 17th Wear Yellow day for "Just Breathe"
- 20th Group and Class Photos
- 21st Sports Day—reserve date

July

- 4th Year 6, Penrice transition day
- 15th PTA Summer Fayre
- 22nd Last day of term, 1:30pm finish



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

Thursday 12th May

Thursday 9th June

Thursday 14th July

3 15pm – 5 15pm

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

All ages welcome.

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'Have a Go Days'

Free to attend. A fun and friendly activity for children with additional needs or disability and their siblings or friends, aged 6-17

Wednesday 1 June
10am-12pm
Bodmin Leisure Centre
Lostwithiel Road
Bodmin, PL31 1DE

Wednesday 1 June
2-4pm
Cornwall College (Astro)
Trevenson Rd, Pool
TR15 3RD

Booking is essential. For more information and to book your free place(s) contact Katie on 01736 759500 or email katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk. Find us on Facebook by searching "Have a Go Days Cornwall".

