



Summer Term 2021: Newsletter 3
Friday 21st May 2021

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

The children have been extremely busy again at Mount Charles and the weather has not dampened our spirits! As the pandemic restrictions lift, we are delighted with the return of trips with Year 5 attending Porthpean next week for their water sports activity days - they will be sure to have an amazing time. Year 6 look forward to their water sports days in June. Please note, our term dates for 2021/22 have been amended. Please see page 4 of our newsletter for more information.

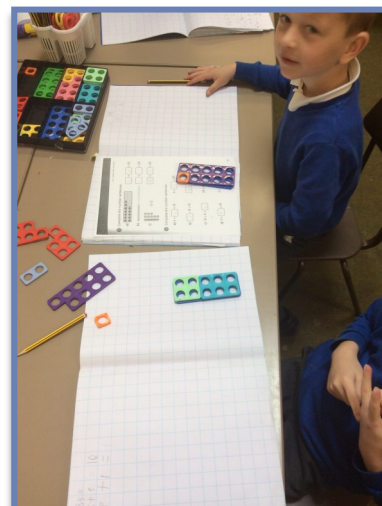
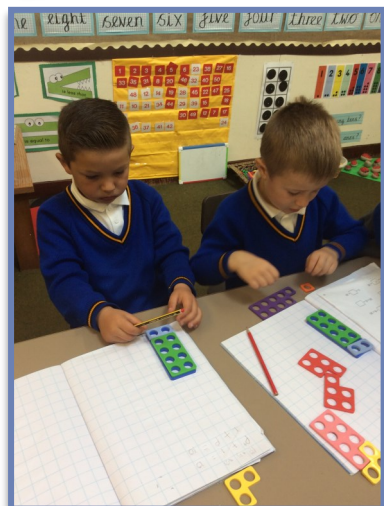
Bubble Update: To enable us to effectively provide the required interventions, support and transition into next academic year we will be merging Year 1 and 2 bubbles together, Year 3 and 4 bubbles together and Year 5 and 6 bubbles together into three new separate bubbles from after half term. Our ARB and EYFS bubbles will remain as separate bubbles. In the event of a positive case within a bubble we will follow Public Health England guidance to ensure that we identify children and staff required to self-isolate. This will not necessarily lead to a whole bubble closure. Thank you for your continued support with following Covid guidance.



To link with their Imaginative Learning Project (ILP), 'Are we nearly there yet?', the children constructed their own bottle cap boats using a set of pictorial instructions. They carried out an experiment to see whether the boats would sink or float. Beforehand, they made a prediction and compared this to the outcome! The class discussed why some of the boats floated or sank. The children then thought about what they could do differently next time, to ensure that all of the boats stayed afloat!!



Year 1 have been busy using practical resources and manipulatives to help solve a range of maths problems. They have been measuring with equipment such as rulers, have been using Numicon to find all the possible answers and have been picking out the key vocabulary in a range of word problems. Super Maths Year 1!





YEAR 2

Our year 2 children have been using the works of artists in computing to inspire their own pictures. This week they looked at recreating the beautiful work of William Morris.

In music the children have been learning musical notes and playing simple tunes on the glockenspiel.

Artistic superstars in Year 2!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been creating fossils in science. The children used sour dough to simulate animals being compressed by layers of weight.

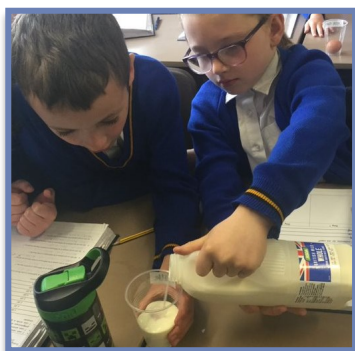
The children had lots of fun with their experiment and then recorded the full process in their Gold Books.



YEAR 4

Year 4 conducted a science investigation based around tooth decay. They investigated which liquids were more or less likely to cause tooth decay. Having no real teeth available to use, they had to settle for using eggs - the eggshell behaves in a similar way to human teeth. The eggs were submerged in: water, orange juice, sugar-free fizzy drink, cola and vinegar. They realised that most of the liquids had some effect on the eggs. Water and milk had no effect whilst vinegar dissolved the shell and it became soft and rubbery.

They also investigated the effect of toothpaste on tooth decay. They coated an egg in toothpaste for 24 hours; then wiped clean and soaked in vinegar for 24 hours. The egg that had the toothpaste protection did not become soft like the one that was not protected. What an interesting experiment!



YEAR 5

Year 5 were investigating the reaction times of different aged people this week. Mr Bartlett and Mrs Copeland both did the ruler test and recorded their results. The children then did the same test to see who had the fastest reaction times.



As the children were unable to visit the Egyptian desert, the teachers brought the desert to the classroom this week! As part of their narrative writing, based



around the book 'Secrets of a Sun King', year 5 explored what it might feel like to be crawling through the Valley of the Kings. They handled sand with their eyes closed to really imagine what it feels like. They used their knowledge of simile and metaphor alongside the thesauruses to develop phrases they can use in their story writing.

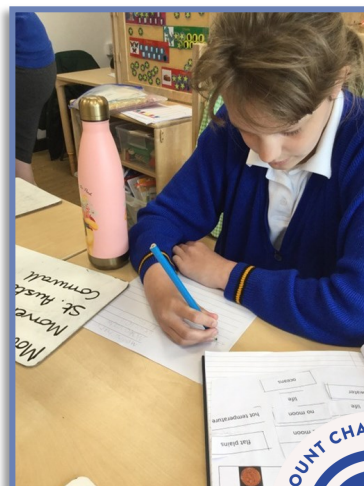
YEAR 6

Year 6 are studying another artistic movement: Surrealism. They've looked at a range of work from famous artists including Salvador Dali. They have then had a go at creating some automatic artwork.



ARB

As our ARB continue to explore their topic around Space, they have created their planets, galaxies and constellations. The children have also been using their theme to help them with their maths. The children have written letters to the aliens living on the planets they have created!



2021/22 Term Dates

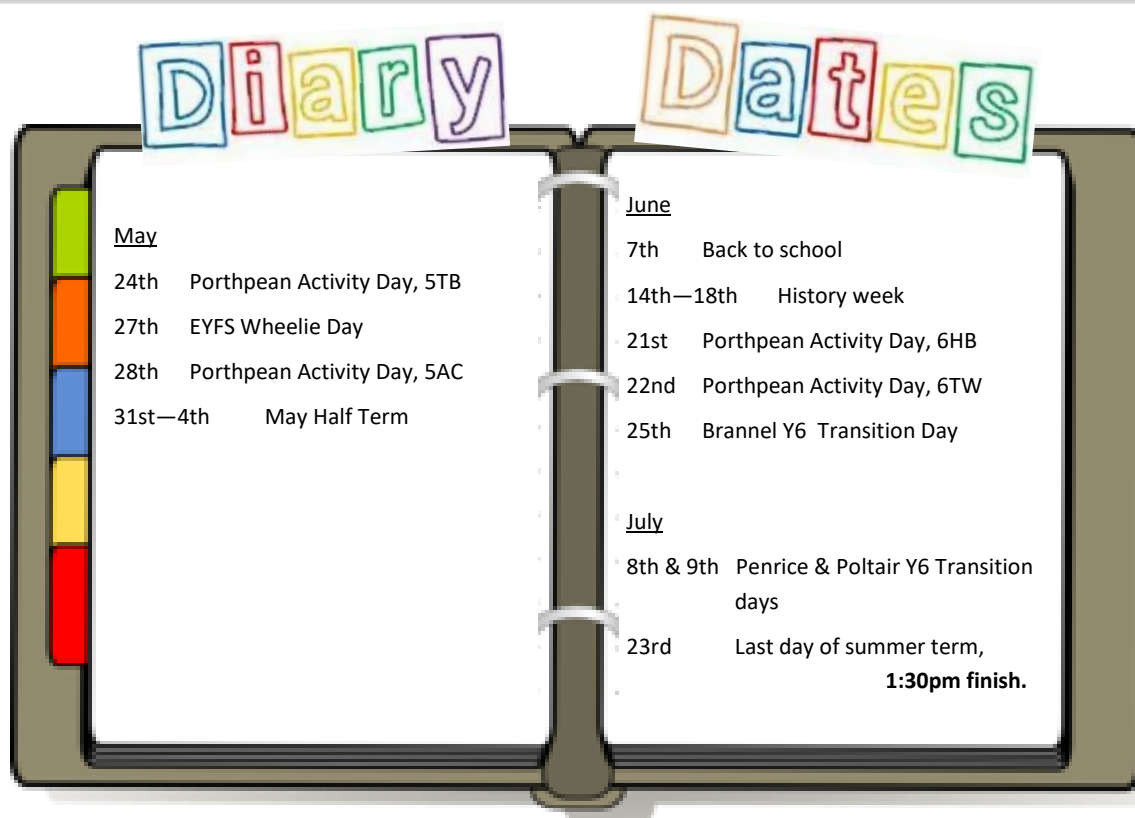
The Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As we will be on our half term break in the week commencing 31st May, the number of days pupils need to be in school has been reduced nationally from 195 days to 194 days for 2021-22.



Therefore, our children will now return a day later than originally planned on Thursday 2nd September.

This change is now on our website along with full details of our 2021/2022 term dates.



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