



Autumn Term 2021: Newsletter 4  
Friday 15th October 2021

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

Just like that we have flown through the first half term of 2021-2022. We wish all of our families a great two week October half term break. We look forward to welcoming our children back to school on **Monday 1st November**.

## CHARLIE'S

It's been all about arts and crafts at Charlie's Wraparound Club this week. The children were challenged to create models out of recycled 'junk' and created fantastic pieces including an enchanted garden, an Eiffel Tower and a robot! The children also enjoyed a 'design a happy monster' competition and creating designs with hama beads. If you would like more information about our wraparound club please [visit our website](#), or email Mrs Chenoweth at [Charlies@mount-charlessch.org](mailto:Charlies@mount-charlessch.org).



In EYFS, the EXPRESS for their Imaginative Learning Project (ILP)

## EYFS

"Do You Want To Be Friends?" has been to create a friendship feast. As a whole class and in groups the children have been thinking about the ingredients they need to show friendship. They have thought carefully about friendship and being a good friend. They have added cupfuls, sprinkles and pinches of these 'ingredients' to their very own friendship feasts!

## YEAR 1

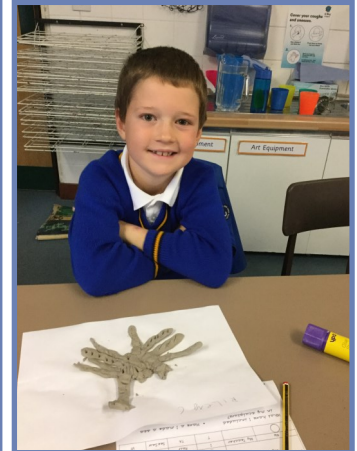
Year 1 have been designing and creating finger puppets over the past few weeks. They thoroughly enjoyed getting inspiration from existing dinosaur puppets and used this to create their own exciting design. The children made the puppets from fabric by carefully following their design plans. They finished off the process with a dinosaur puppet show!





## YEAR 2

What amazing artists we have in Year 2! The children have been practising their sculpting skills, exploring new techniques and learning to use different tools effectively to create their masterpieces. The children have created some incredible sea creature sculptures, as part of their Beachcombers ILP and thoroughly enjoyed sharing these as a class this week to celebrate all of their hard work this half term.

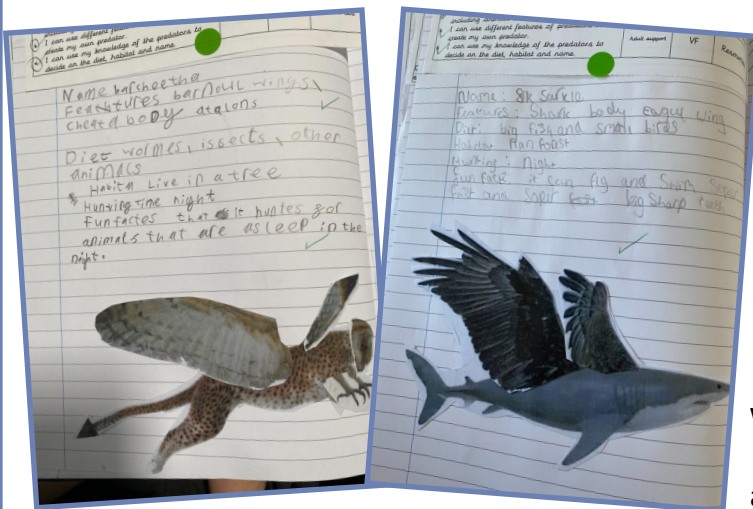


## YEAR 3

Year 3 have been designing their own ultimate predators as the EXPRESS task to end their topic.

The children created collages of their predators and enjoyed inventing names for them and thinking about their diet, special features and habitats.

Willow's ultimate predator was a Barcheetha. "It's a nocturnal hunter that feeds on insects and other worms. It catches its prey using the element of surprise while they sleep!"



## YEAR 4

Year 4 have been making boats out of tinfoil whilst gathering some vocabulary in preparation for how the character in their story, Lucy, will repair her boat.

They had to guess how many counters their boat would hold... one child's boat held 100. Wow!





## YEAR 5

This week Year 5 have been completing their final piece of portrait learning in art.

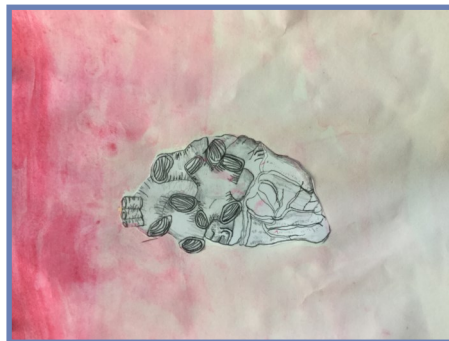
The children each chose one of Henry VIII's wives to sketch and paint, combining all of the techniques they have learnt over this half term.

We are super impressed with their skills!

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have spent this half term focusing on sketching using proportion and shading and using watercolour to blend. They based their drawings on a illustration of the heart from 'Ana Tonicom' and looked closely at the size of the different parts of the heart. They were given a variety of options to present their final piece using both media and they are looking forward to finishing them this week.

Year 6 have also spent this week swimming in the afternoons. They have worked really hard to build their stamina and skills and have really enjoyed the sessions. Thank you to parents and carers for your support with this.



The children in our ARB have been enjoying lots of activities this week including maths, visual skills and heavy muscle work. Their favourite activities have been sensory water play and catching the bubbles!

## ARB







Parent Consultations will take place **Wednesday 10th** and **Thursday 11th November, 3:15pm til 6:00pm**. The booking system will close on 8th November. Consultations will take place over the phone so please ensure the school office have been updated with any telephone number changes. Please speak to the school office if you need any help booking an appointment.

Please help us to keep positive relations with our neighbours by parking considerately in **Wesley Place**. Mount Charles Church and the Catholic Church have both kindly agreed to allow our families to use their car parks for the school drop off and collection times.



A pair of My Little Pony glasses have been misplaced. Please check your children's bags in case they have been picked up by accident. Thank you.



Our PTA are a fantastic team of parent volunteers who work together to raise funds for our school. The money raised by our PTA goes directly to the school in resources such as books and covering the cost of trips and transport. If you would like to know more, please contact Laura Mitchell on 07974 072 102 or Laura Hare on 07805 909 684.

## Free School Meal Vouchers

The government has announced a new grant, the Household Support Fund, for local authorities to continue to support households with living costs during the Covid recovery period.

There is no requirement for the Household Support Fund to be used to provide holiday food vouchers for families on Free School Meals. However, Cornwall Council has taken the decision that during this particularly turbulent period due to the cessation of the £20 Universal Credit uplift, the end of furlough and rising energy costs, provision should be made from the fund to enable schools to provide holiday food vouchers for October half-term.

A voucher of £15 will be emailed to parents on Monday 25th October for every child who receives benefits related free school meals. Please note, Cornwall Council are funding one week of half term in line with the official Cornwall term dates.

## Diary

### November

4th Year 6 Evacuee Day  
9th Football & Netball fixture, Biscovey  
10th & 11th School Photos  
10th & 11th Parent Consultations  
W/C 15th 5AK Swimming week  
W/C 22nd 5JT Swimming week  
23rd Year 1 Hearing Screening  
23rd Football & Netball fixture, Sandy Hill

## Dates

W/C 29th 4SG Swimming week

### December

W/C 6th 4FH Swimming week  
15th EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner Day  
16th KS2 Christmas Dinner Day  
17th Last day of term 1.30pm finish



# Notices



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

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
**And**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**3.15pm – 5.15pm**

**Enjoy activities such as crafts, cooking and singing as a family.**

**All ages welcome, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Please book in via:**

**[methodistsatmountcharlesfamilies@gmx.com](mailto:methodistsatmountcharlesfamilies@gmx.com)**

**or**

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

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## Bicycle Maintenance Workshops & Road Safety Advice

Do you know how to repair a puncture or oil the gears? Let **Halfords** help you learn how to take the very best care of your bikes. A demo bike will be provided, but any bikes in need of a little TLC are welcome to come along too!  
**St Austell Fire & Rescue Service** will also be on hand to give road safety advice

**St Austell Library**  
**Monday 25th October**  
**11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm**

For under 15s. Booking is essential for these FREE Workshops. Please book your place in person at the Library Help Desk, by calling 0300 1234 111, or by emailing [staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk](mailto:staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk)  
FB: @StAustellLibrary

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## 'Have a Go Days'

A FREE and friendly activity for children with additional needs or disability and their siblings or friends, aged 6-17

**Bodmin Leisure Centre**  
Lostwithiel Road,  
Bodmin, PL31 1DE

**Wednesday 27 October**  
**10am-12pm**

**Cornwall College,**  
Trevenson Road, Pool, TR15  
3RD (Astro)

**Wednesday 27 October 2-4pm**  
**or**  
**Friday 29 October 2-4pm**



Booking is essential. For more information and to book contact Katie on 01736 751924 or email [katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk](mailto:katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk). Find us on Facebook by searching "Have a Go Days Cornwall".



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**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



[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

