



Autumn Term 2021: Newsletter 5
Friday 12th November 2021

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Yesterday we celebrated the service and bravery of our armed forces, past and present, on Remembrance day. Each class held their own assembly where they discussed the importance of this day, then observed a two minute silence.

We invited our children who are part of uniformed organisations, such as the Cubs and Brownies, to wear their uniforms to school—it was great to see so many children representing these important groups in school for the day. Our School Council also sold Poppy Appeal merchandise in each classroom and we look forward to sharing how much Mount Charles raised when the British Legion have counted our donation.



YEAR 6

Year 6 had a fascinating day putting themselves in the shoes of children who were evacuated to St Austell during World War Two. The children came to school dressed in 1940s clothes, some with their gas masks, suitcases, teddy bears and name labels attached. The children walked to the train station where they read and looked at some resources from those evacuated and tried to imagine the mixture of feelings the children would have experienced. "We learnt that on 1st September 1939, 544 evacuees arrived in St Austell. We were also shocked to learn that Alexandra Road was bombed and two houses destroyed - in the place where the children were supposed to be safe!"



ARB

The children in our ARB been working together in literacy to change the characters of a known story. The children have also enjoyed exploring textures using shaving foam and have worked hard during maths activities at finding shapes and making faces using these shapes. They have been practising measuring ingredients during cookery and made some delicious marshmallow crispy cakes!



EYFS

EYFS have begun their new ILP for this half term, 'Why Do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts'. The children used clay, tools and various loose parts to design and create their own 'Clay Creature.' They used their finger muscles to mould the clay into their desired shape and thought carefully about what detail to add using the materials to create various effects.



YEAR 1

Year 1 leapt into their new ILP 'Superheroes' by coming into school dressed as superheroes themselves! The children enjoyed a day full of superhero challenges including navigating an obstacle course, creating identity badges and rescuing their peers from villains! They will be learning about how real life 'superheroes' help us in everyday life next week.



YEAR 2

Year 2 had a fantastic ENGAGE day when they became real pirates for the day! They received a mysterious treasure map, which led to Blackbeard's secret treasure. Inside was a letter from Blackbeard himself, asking the children to look after his precious loot. The children then completed different challenges, making a boat, designing a treasure map and creating a wanted poster. Arrgh!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant start to their Gods and Mortals ILP this week. They have researched Greek gods and designed their own patterns and pots. The children are looking forward to using their designs to create Greek pots out of clay on Monday.

"My favourite thing that I have learnt about is Minotaurs. They are mythical creatures that are half man and half bull!"



YEAR 5

Year 5 enjoyed a magical afternoon as part of their ENGAGE sessions for their new ILP 'Alchemy Island'. Linked to the whole class text 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', the children were invited to join Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and were sorted into their houses! The children enjoyed designing shields, making bookmarks and making their own magical wand!



YEAR 4

On Wednesday Year 4 held their ENGAGE day for their new ILP, 'I am Warrior'. The children learnt about the differences between Celt and Roman armour and weapons. In the afternoon, they carefully designed either a Celt or Roman shield. Based on their research, they used spiral shapes for the Celt shields and lightning bolts and eagle wings for the Roman ones. Next, the children created their shields using cardboard and paint. We are so impressed with the final result. The children are excited to use their shields in the battle formations they learnt including the turtle and the orb. Well done Year 4!



SPORTS

Great news! Our year 5 and 6 Girls football team took part in the St Austell area tournament last Friday afternoon at Nanphysick and came third overall to qualify for the County finals held next week at Penryn College!

This is fantastic achievement for the Girls, many of whom haven't ever played football competitively before.



Year 4 football: Our team started the game well, passing the ball well and showing some excellent control and skill in possession. The first goal was scored in the first couple of minutes and soon after the score was 2-0. Our players moved the ball quickly not allowing the opposition to tackle. At 5-0 up Mr Yelland took 2 players off to try and even the game out. The final score was 7-1 to Mount Charles—outstanding! Some great individual performances too. Biscovey were very complimentary of how well we played, and we showed excellent sportsmanship.

Year 5 football: Mr Grigg was very pleased with how the year 5 team played in their game against Biscovey, winning their match 6-0. The goals were shared around and it was a great team performance. Amazing result considering it was the first school match in 2 years.



Year 6 football: The year 6 team narrowly lost 2-1 in a very tight game. Both teams played great football in gloomy conditions. The year 6 team had chance cleared off the line and both goalkeepers made some crucial saves.

Great first matches back and we look forward to playing Sandy Hill in two weeks time.

Netball A team: This was the first match of the year for our netball A team and it was against a tough opposition, Biscovey. The A team netballers all did really well, it was really impressive that they were able to remember the rules, different positions and keep up with the fast pace game. They defended well and worked together as a team really well. The final score was 0-10 to Biscovey, so they didn't manage to win the match, but for their first match it was a great effort! Well done to everyone. Player of the match - Jasmine White

Netball B team: The B team netballers had a tournament the day before and used their new learnt skills to play against Biscovey's B team. The team worked really well together and worked hard to pass the ball across the court. Again, the Biscovey team were stronger and the final score was 0-6 to Biscovey. I was really impressed with all of their efforts, they should be proud of themselves, well done! Player of the match - Georgina Fletcher.





It has been brought to our attention that some children are playing games online and their security settings are allowing them to chat with people that they do not know. This makes children vulnerable to inappropriate chat and content.

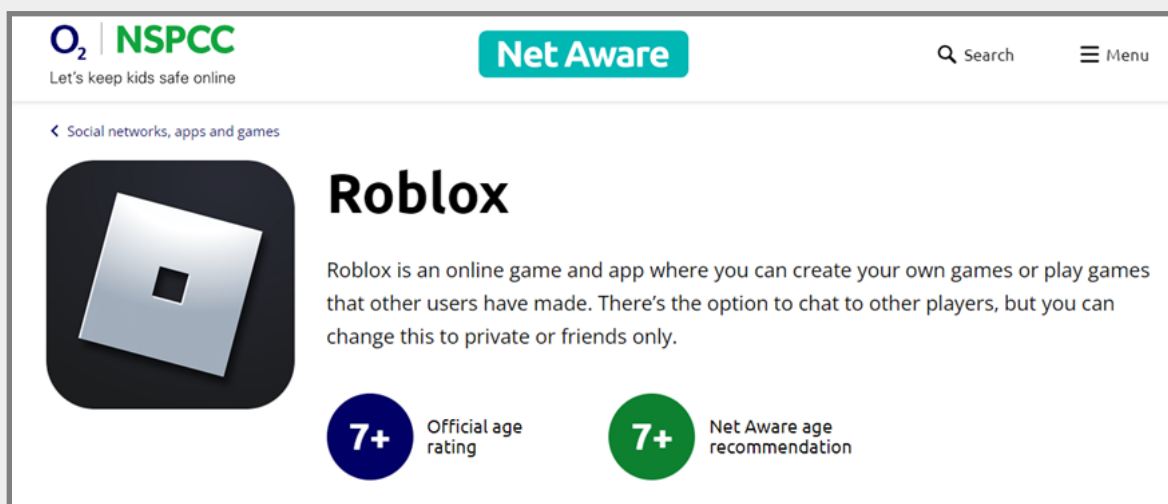
It is vital that all parents know what their children are doing online, know what they are playing, who they are playing with and what their children are downloading.

All games and social media platforms are given age ratings. The NSPCC website Net Aware is brilliant for showing parents everything they need to know about age ratings, settings, privacy, chat etc. Click on the following link to go straight to the website: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
Below is a quick guide to using the website.

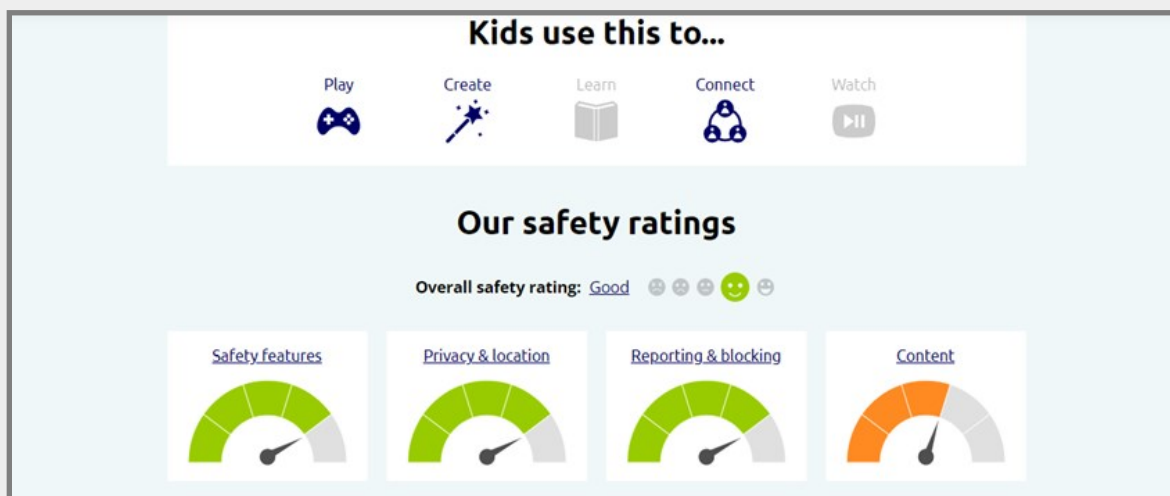
Type in the search box any social media app or game.



A screen will appear with a summary of the app/game.
Here, we have used Roblox as an example.



Underneath this it tells you what children use the game for and the NSPCC safety ratings.. You can click on each of the safety ratings and it will give you information about those features.



You can do this for any game that the children play. It is a brilliant resource, especially as games are updated frequently and it is difficult to keep up with changes.

Another brilliant resource that can support parents in helping to keep their children safe online is the National Online Safety app. Each Wednesday they have guides for online safety. These are called #WakeupWednesdays. We share them on our school Facebook page.



On the school website we have further online safety support.

This can be found using the links below:

https://www.mount-charlessch.org/web/online_safety/285351

There is also a page about how to talk to your child about keeping safe online:

https://www.mount-charlessch.org/web/talking_about_online_safety_with_your_children/285352

If you have any concerns about your child's online activities and need support, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Rachel Nile, Assistant Headteacher & DSL.

We have received this letter from Cormac. Please allow extra time for your journey to school if these works affect your journey.

CORMAC We are writing to let you now that Cormac have begun improvement works to the Porthpean Junction on the A390 Polmear Road. Works commenced on Monday 8th November and are expected to last for around ten weeks, the project will include the relocation of the existing Toucan crossing, traffic signals and central islands on the eastern arm, to a newly formed signalised junction and right turn in to Porthpean Road one-way system. A new footpath will be created in the existing verge, including tactile and corduroy paving, and wildflowers and bulbs planted in the grass verges.

The pavement will remain in use for pedestrians whilst the improvements are underway and temporary traffic signals will also be in place. As you'll know this is a busy road with a high traffic and pedestrian flow which it's important we maintain, so during the busy school periods the temporary traffic signals will be manually operated.

The works will include some excavation and the cutting of kerbs and paving slabs, which you can appreciate can be quite noisy. We will be using dust suppression techniques and acoustic barriers in an effort reduce disturbance to those nearby. Access to properties will be maintained throughout, as it will for emergency vehicles, and our working hours will primarily be between 7.30am and 5pm. A short period of night-time works may be needed later in the programme, but we will update you nearer the time if and when this is confirmed.

Do please keep in mind that adverse weather conditions can sometimes cause delays to construction phases, but we will do our best to complete in mid-January 2022. If you have any queries or concerns, or would like to speak to someone these works, please call 0300 1234 222 or email us at contracting@cormacltd.co.uk.

We are looking forward to fundraising for Children in Need on Friday 19th November. Our School Council have made the following arrangements:

For a £1 donation, we are inviting our children to wear:

- something yellow, or
- something spotty, or
- Children in Need merchandise.

For a 50p donation, our children are welcome to take part in a colouring competition.

Colouring sheets will be handed out on Monday 15th November, to be returned to school on Friday 19th November. There will be a prize for the best picture in each year group!

Please pay donations through ParentPay.





Are you passionate about our future generations? Do you want to make difference to young people? Would you like to develop your own skills? Do you have some time to give to our wonderful community? Have you ever thought about becoming a school governor? We are currently seeking new individuals to join our Local Governing Board. If you are interested in joining our Local Governing Board, please click this link for more information. [Governors website page.](#)

Our school site improvements continue to progress! Over the half term break four classrooms had new ceilings and lighting installed. Our car park lines have been repainted and include new hash line markings to highlight our dropped curbs, (please do not park blocking the dropped curbs). We are also delighted with our new school gates; they give our school a much friendlier look!



Unfortunately the adverse weather has delayed our new soft surface being installed but we hope this will happen before Christmas.

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We are celebrating Anti-Bullying Week next week. The week will start with a special assembly and the children will be invited to take part in activities throughout the week. To show our support for anti-bullying week we invite everyone to come to school on **Monday 15th November** wearing odd socks—the crazier the better!



Diary

November

- 15th Odd socks day
- W/C 15th 5AK Swimming week
- 16th Cross Country Fixture
- 18th National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP, Yrs R & 6)
- 19th Children in Need Day
Girls FA Football County Final
- 22nd School Council meeting
- W/C 22nd 5JT Swimming week
- 23rd Year 1 Hearing Screening
- 23rd Football & Netball fixture, Sandy Hill
- W/C 29th 4SG Swimming week
- 30th Cross Country Fixture

Dates

December

- W/C 6th 4FH Swimming week

Christmas diary dates:

- 10th Christmas Jumper Day
- 15th EYFS, KS1 & ARB Christmas Dinner Day
- 16th KS2 Christmas Dinner Day
- 17th Last day of term 1.30pm finish



Notices

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THANK YOU



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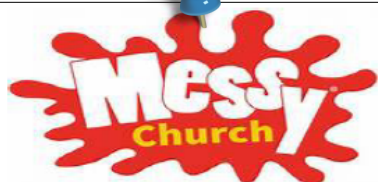
for supporting St Austell foodbank - Harvest 2021

Your donation of 23.5kg makes a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

St Austell foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.



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

Thursday 4th November
And
Thursday 9th 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

or

www.mountcharleschurch.com 



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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