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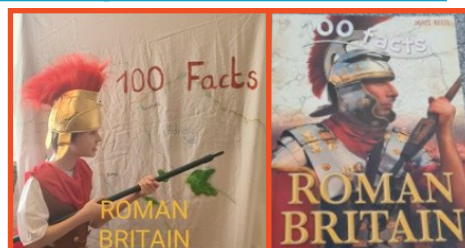
BACK to SCHOOL

A big welcome back to all of our children this week. It has been fantastic to see our Mount Charles family back together again and seeing our classrooms buzzing with excitement! We are very proud of how well the children have settled back in to the school routine and this newsletter showcases how resilient our young people are. They have embraced Spring 2. We would like to thank you for all your hard work and support during Lockdown 3. The standard of home learning was astounding. *If you borrowed a school laptop during Lockdown 3 and have not yet returned it, please do so on Monday. Thank you.*

WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated World Book Day last week with a variety of activities including whole class live Teams sessions, a CELT Big Family Quiz, our first virtual book fair and a 'recreate a book cover' competition. We were blown away by the creativity of our families!

Check out our school Facebook page to see the full range of entries we received.

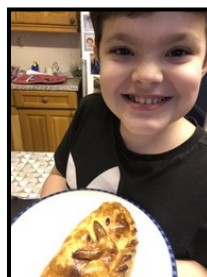
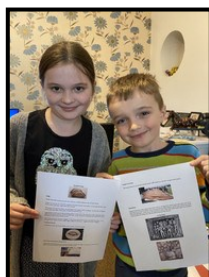
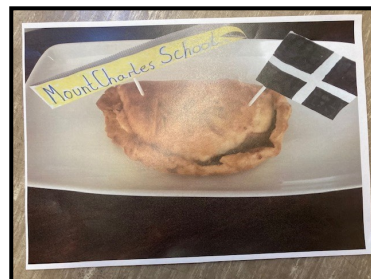


THE GREAT ~~BRITISH~~ ^{CORNISH!} BAKE OFF

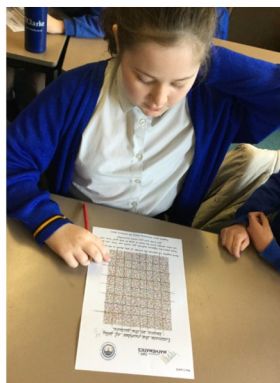


What could we have done to incorporate a Design & Technology engage week and St Piran's Day....? Why of course, the only thing for it, a Cornish style Bake Off—with PASTIES! Well done to everyone who submitted an entry. We were super impressed they all looked delicious! Congratulations to our winners:

Sid 6HB, Ruby 6TW, Billie-Jo 5AC, Jowan 5TB, Skylar 4RW, George 3TH, Isla 3SG, Darcie 2LH, Jake 2GB and Freddie RSW

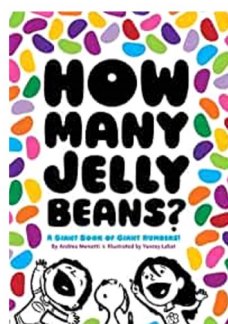


International Maths Day



All of our year groups have been reading the book, 'How Many Jelly Beans?' and basing our maths learning around the text.

Each class is also guessing the number of jelly beans in the jar! How many do you think there are?



We have celebrated International Maths Day across the school this week.

Key Stage 2 have been learning about pie charts and estimating how many beans were in the picture given. There were some great suggestions of how to estimate, which ranged from careful counting, to working out how many were in 1 square and multiplying it.

EYFS rehearsed counting the beans accurately in ones to find out how many jellybeans were in the bag. They also explored placing the beans in groups of 2 to find out if this made the pile easier to count! They then had lots of jelly-bean themed activities to explore during their Busy Learning time.

Key Stage 1 have been using jelly beans to help the learn halves and quarters. They have also completed some fantastic data gathering to work out which jelly bean colour was the greatest and which were the fewest. They recorded their findings in a table and then answered questions relating to length, height and weight.

ARB

Our ARB children have been learning about the Great Fire of London. They have created fire themed paintings, made silhouette pictures with shapes and flour, and worked together to rescue the people from a 'fire'!



In EYFS this week, as part of their ILP 'Will You Read Me a Story', our children have become the ruler of their own fairy tale kingdom. They thought about different rules that everyone should follow to keep each other safe and happy.

Our Kings and Queens created a list of very important rules to follow; always share your sweets, always wear a jumper on a Monday, have a tea party every week and always remember to carry your teddy with you'.



This half term, our Talk for Writing learning will be linked to the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have planted their own beans. We wonder what they will grow into?



EYFS



YEAR 1

Year 1 have been enjoying learning about space this term. In history they have been learning about famous space explorers like Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. They have made their own rockets and have started the research and design phase of a moon buggy project in DT.



Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying experimenting in

science. They built their own towers out of natural and man-made materials then tested their strength and sturdiness against weights and wind! In geography, the children have studied similarities and differences of different structures from around the globe.



Year 3

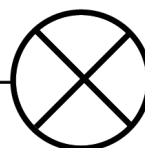
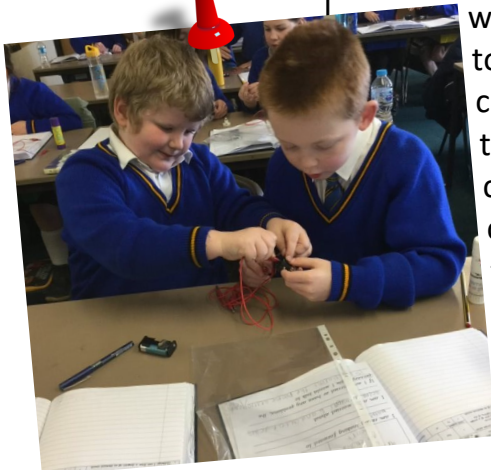
It's all about water for year 3 as they continue work on their topic Flow. They have been studying the features of rivers and used their new knowledge to create their own river maps. They have discussed where our drinking water comes from and how it is cleaned. They had great fun setting up their own water cleaning systems!



Year 4

Year 4 were keen to continue their science topic of 'Electricity'. After learning about dangers of electricity during home learning, the children thoroughly enjoyed studying simple circuits in the classroom this

week. Given the components, the children had to work together to construct a working circuit. Once they had made the bulb light up, the next challenge was to insert a switch to control the flow of electricity around the circuit. To finish the session, children recorded their circuits in their work books using the appropriate symbols in a circuit diagram.





YEAR 6

Year 6 are reading
The Wolf Wilder.

They have been

learning about wolves and writing information texts about them in English. In art, they spent time working on focusing on sketching skills to develop these images of wolves. We think they are incredible pieces of art—Well Done!

On Monday, year 5 explored how the NASA Mars Rover could land safely. They were given an egg and explored some of the ways they could protect it when it was dropped from a height. The children came up with all sorts of good ideas to protect their precious cargo; using popcorn, balloons, old socks, soft packaging, marshmallows, straw and even bread! Eleven eggs survived the drop in 5AC and 9 in 5TB—well done!



Collections & Drop offs

To ensure the safety of school community, please ensure that your children are arriving at their allocated time, we have seen an increase in children arriving early and, although we love their eagerness to join us for the day, it is really important we keep our 'bubbles' intact. Please see the table below for all the drop off and collection times. Please also remember older siblings join their younger siblings at their allocated gate.

	ARB+ all older siblings	RSH + all older siblings	RSW + all older siblings	1LAH + all older siblings	1SC + all older siblings	Year 2 + all older siblings	Year 3 + all older siblings	Year 4 + all older siblings	Year 5 + all older siblings	Year 6
Drop off	8:50am Main Gate Left	8:30am Middle Yard Gate	8:30am Main Gate	8:30am Wesley Gate	8:30am Wesley Gate	8:40am Main Gate	8:40am Middle Yard Gate	8:40am Wesley Gate	8:40am Swimming Gate	8:30am Swimming Gate
Pick up	3:10pm Main Gate Left	2:55pm Middle Yard Gate	3:00pm Middle Yard Gate	2:55pm Wesley Gate	2:55pm Wesley Gate	2:55pm Main Gate	2:55pm Swimming Gate	3:05pm Wesley Gate	3:05pm Swimming Gate	3:00pm Swimming Gate

Free School Meal Vouchers...

As you will be aware the Department for Education has not funded schools to provide Free School Meals vouchers over the school holidays since the Summer 2020 holiday. However, for the Christmas 2020 and February Half Term 2021 holidays Cornwall Council has utilised funding from its Covid Winter Grant to provide vouchers for all children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, which we distributed on behalf of Cornwall Council.

Covid Winter Grant funding ceases in April 2021. Funding has been allocated from the grant for a final round of Free School Meals vouchers for all children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals over the Easter 2021 holiday. As at Christmas and half-term, funding will be allocated to schools to procure and issue these vouchers (to a value of £30 per eligible pupil for the two-week holiday). However, parents should be aware that there will be no further funding available to provide a universal food voucher scheme for all FSM families over future holidays. Our families eligible for Free School Meals will receive their Easter Holiday vouchers by email on Monday 5th April.

Change in circumstances...

Sadly, many families across the country are reaching crisis point financially due to the Covid-19 pandemic. If your circumstances have changed, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals.

Please follow this link and complete an online application form. [Free School Meals Application Form](#), or alternatively contact the school office.

Join our Governors...

If any parents would be interested in joining our Local Governing Body, or would just like to enquire to find out more about what it entails in the first instance, then please contact chair@mount-charlessch.org by the 31st March 2021.

Comic Relief...

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day in school on Friday 19th March. As well as fun activities in school, we are also inviting our children to wear non-school uniform day. You can:

- Design a cape and mask to wear to be a superhero,
- wear something red or wear something spotty.
- You can also wear official comic relief merchandise that can be bought from Sainsburys, TK Maxx or the Comic Relief website.

The logo for Comic Relief, featuring the word "COMIC" in a bold, black, sans-serif font above the word "RELIEF" in a larger, bold, black, sans-serif font. A red circle with a white dot inside is positioned between the two words, resembling a nose.

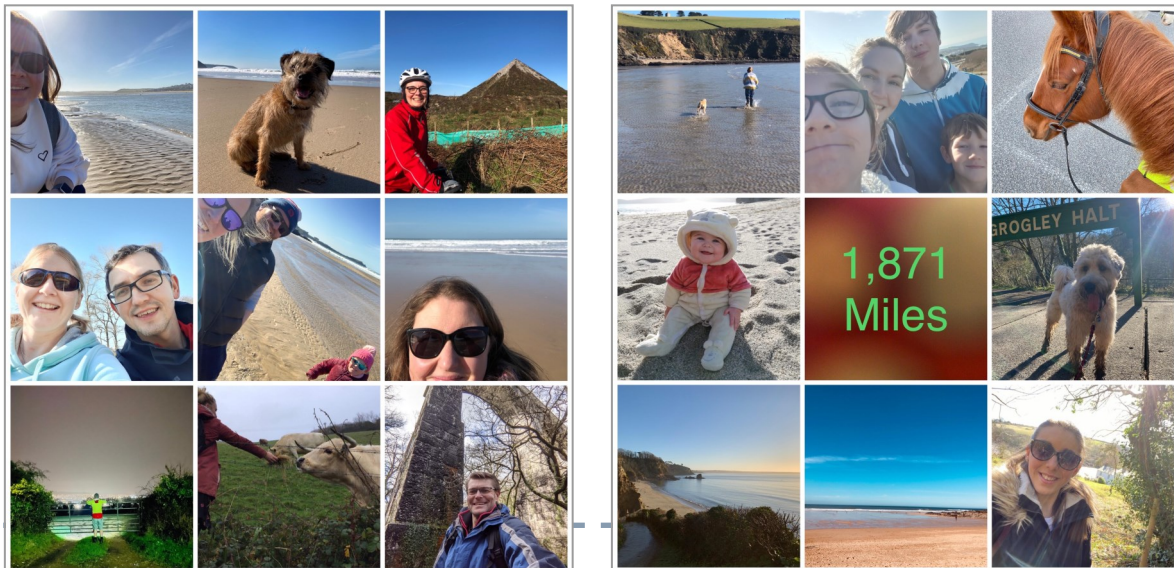
Donations can be made to the charity via [this link](#). Please note, this payment item is not listed on our standard ParentPay page. By using this link, Comic Relief can collect gift aid donations meaning more money for this amazing charity at no extra cost to you! *We are unable to collect cash donations in school.*

February Miles Challenge!

We set out to walk 500 miles, then we decided we could walk 500 more.....

Last month 28 members of our staff team walked, ran, rode, cycled a mega 1,871 miles. We have walked all the way to the Leaning Tower of Pisa (with a few miles left over to find a good pizza restaurant!). Please submit your February miles to Mrs Waugh via Class DoJo so she can tally up the entire Mount Charles family miles!

If you have been inspired there are some March challenges happening to raise money for cancer charities. [Here is the link](#) if you are interested.



Diary

Dates

March

- 16th Yr1 Hearing Screening, re-tests
- 19th Red Nose Day
- 23rd EYFS Parent Consultations
- 24th EYFS Parent Consultations
- 26th Yr 1—6 school reports going home

April

- 1st Last day of term, **1pm finish.**
- 2nd Good Friday, (school closed)
- 5th—16th Easter Holidays
- 22nd Stay Safe Workshops, Y5

May

- 3rd Bank Holiday
- 31st—4th May Half Term

June

- 7th Back to school

July

- 23rd Last day of summer term,
1pm finish.