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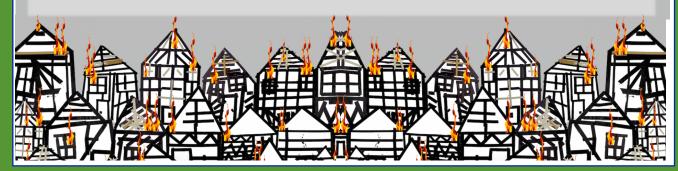
- that the devastating fire started with a small fire in a bakery basement,
- what factors caused the fire to spread so widely,
- why it was difficult to contain, and
- what fire safety rules have been made since the Great Fire of London.

We would like to say a really big thank you to St Austell Community Fire Station for giving their time to help safely demonstrate how quickly a real fire can spread. Our friendly fire service taught the children the dangers of fire and what they can do to help keep themselves safe at home. Our children were able to see the fire engine up close and look at all of the fantastic equipment the fire service use to help us in emergencies!

"The houses were made from wood so they caught fire really quickly."

""It smells like fireworks."

"I want to be a firefighter when I'm older."







Our Reception children have been learning about nocturnal animals as part of their theme 'What Happens When I Fall Asleep?' We were lucky enough to be visited by Mr Cooper and three of the owls from Screech Owl Sanctuary yesterday. The children met Wheatley the tawny owl, Hannah the barn owl and Precious the India Scops owl. Did you know that only tawny owls make the 'twit twoo' sound?







On Friday 31st January our Year 3 children enjoyed a bread making workshop with Caterlink, the company that provides our school meals. They all had a go at kneading and shaping their own bread roll. There was a brilliant variety of shapes, from snails and spiders to plaits and love hearts. They looked fantastic!

Each week in the ARB, our KS2 learners plan and then create their own chosen dish. They write an order form for their ingredients too. This weeks choice was pancakes with Golden Syrup.

Pear 5 took part in a careers and enterprise take over day at the Eden Project on Thursday. The aim of the day was to increase primary children's awareness of the array of job

opportunities available in Cornwall and beyond. Children met with employees from different departments and had the opportunity to take part in activities from their working day. In the rainforest biome, the children took part in story-telling. In the mediterranean biome, they met the international team and designed a new Eden for a different country. With the horticulture team, our children planted their own seeds and then had fun with the chefs making pizzas!









Coronavirus:

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses. For more information visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Parking:

- Do not park in our disabled bays unless you are a blue badge holder.
- Do not block the driveways of residents on Woodland Road or the business park on Morven Road.
- Do not park by Woodland House Residential Home as emergency access is required at all times.
- Use the car parks available to us at B&M, the church on Victoria Road, and the church on Woodland Road
- Do not park in front of the school gates or on the yellow zigzags.





Safer Internet Day 2020 takes place on Tuesday 11th February. There are lots of resources and ideas online at:

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer

ORTS



Our girls football team now have a smart new kit sponsored by Kestrel.

Thank you Kestrel!







A very enthusiastic group of KS1 children travelled to Callywith College on Thursday 6th February to compete in a Multiskills Festival. The event consisted of four games and a competition against six other schools. The Mount Charles team showed exemplary behaviour and sporting attitudes and won the event. They will now represent Mid Cornwall at the Spring Games in Truro in April.

On Tuesday 4th February, Mount Charles played St Mewan in round 3 of the Rosewarne Shield.

St Mewan started strongly so Mount Charles had to defend for the first 5 minutes of the match. We then found some rhythm and had several good breaks. Ethan, Lukas and Max worked well together, with some excellent counter attacking football. Just as we were getting on top, St Mewan broke from a corner and scored. Their first goal was soon followed by a second as we struggled to clear the ball.

At half time, we had a team chat and felt confident that we should be able to score soon. Unfortunately, the second half started like the first, with a quick goal to St Mewan. We managed to gain possession and Lukas scored with a thundering shot into the top corner. Feeling confident, we pushed again and secured another goal. A fast moving game saw further goals scored for each team. The game finished 6:4 to St Mewan and, although we never got on top, there was a great atmosphere and team spirit throughout the game. Man of the match was Lukas for a complete performance with great tackling, passing and goals.

Team: Zack, Ryan, Maban, Henry, Luke, Lukas, Max, Ethan

Since the last report on cross country there has been 2 further races. I have been attending these races for over 15 years and I have to say that I have never experienced such poor weather conditions as we have endured these past months. It is to the credit of the pupils and supporters who have turned up in near freezing conditions with high winds and rain in what can only be described as a mud bath!

All runners have shown improvement since race 1 and it is pleasing to see new faces at training. The squad has been refined to include those who placed well in the house cross country events. With an eye to the future, we have several new, younger runners in the squad. Maisie continues to impress with a further improvement to her placings with an 11th and Aaron and Toby are now into the teens and pushing themselves hard each race. Lois is flying the flag for the younger runners but has others pushing her hard.

We have one race left on February 13th and training is every Wednesday, no need to sign up just bring your trainers, spikes or boots.

On January 13th we sent a year 3 & 4 team and, later in the day, a year 5 & 6 team to the Mid-Cornwall Championships for Sportshall Athletics. These events cover a multitude of track and field type events with all of the squad competing for the team to earn points. We competed with a mixed boys and girls year 3 & 4 team in the morning with several year 3 athletes competing for the first time. There were 5 other schools in the championships from Mid-Cornwall with the first 2 schools going on to represent Mid-Cornwall in the Spring Games held in April at Truro School.

We had lots of top 3 finishes on the day and the girls were particularly strong, we were really pleased to find out that we came second place overall!

A huge congratulations to year 3 & 4 who will now represent not only Mount Charles and St Austell but also Mid-Cornwall in the finals.

After a quick turnaround we took a year 5 & 6 team to the same championships with slightly different events but essentially the same format. We had quite a young squad with some less experienced athletes competing against 5 other schools with some really stiff competition. Although we had some really good individual performances with several top 2 finishes, as a team we were not consistent enough and finished in 4th place. This is still a great achievement though as we are now 4th in the whole of Mid-Cornwall.

All athletes represented the school with outstanding behaviour, sporting attitudes and grace in victory and defeat.







Yr1- Lauren, Ornella

Yr2— Brooke, Jayden, Rhys

Yr3-Liam, Lillie, Aurelia, Amelia

Yr4- James, Olivia, Layla

Yr5— Lisa, Bailey, Keira

Yr6 - Samuel, Olivia, Asha, Oliver

7JC— Shanice



Term Dates 2019/20

Year ends: 24th July 2020

Term Dates 2020/21

Year starts: 2nd Sept 2020

INSET DAYS

19th October 2020

20th October 2020

21st October 2020

22nd October 2020

23rd October 2020

12th February 2021

Year ends: 23rd July 2021

Our attendance trophy was won by:

4AK last week with 99.4%

55G this week with 98%





<u>February</u>

10th Year 4 Camp meeting, 2:30pm

11th Football & Netball, v St Stephens

11th—12th Bikeability, Year 5

12th Healthy Movers

13th Cross country race

PTA spring disco

17th—21st Spring half term

26th Year 2 Trip to Pendennis

Phonics workshop for parents

<u>March</u>

3rd Healthy Movers

5th World Book Day

9th—11th Book Fair Sale

9th—11th Bikeability

10th Stay Safe Workshops

20th Reports home to parents

Yr6 Legally Blonde, at Penrice

25th—26th Yr4 Camp—first group

26th—27th Yr4 Camp — second group





