

If you have a safeguarding concern please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Nile via [enquiries@mount-charlessch.org](mailto:enquiries@mount-charlessch.org).

If a child (or adult) is at immediate risk of harm – call 999 immediately. Further information regarding safeguarding including domestic violence can be found on the safeguarding tab on our school website: [www.mount-charles.eschools.co.uk/web/safeguarding\\_1/397198](http://www.mount-charles.eschools.co.uk/web/safeguarding_1/397198).

Please keep in contact with your child's class teacher via dojo or telephone. If we do not receive a response and are unable to reach you via telephone, two members of our safeguarding team will make a home visit.



Following the government announcement on Monday evening, we can confirm that Mount Charles School will fully reopen to all of our children on Monday 8th March. We are very happy to be welcoming back our entire Mount Charles family for face to face learning. Our Covid operating procedures will remain in place for the time being, with year groups and staff staying in 'bubbles', regular hand-washing/sanitising, timetabled use of communal areas (playgrounds/halls), etc. Please resume dropping off and collecting your children from the gates they used prior to Lockdown 3. As you will be aware, the government included in their announcement that **attendance will be mandatory for all children from Monday 8th March**. Our attendance policy has been emailed to all parents with this newsletter today and is also available on our website. If you have any concerns about the reopening of schools, please call us on 01726 73911, or send an email to [enquiries@mount-charlessch.org](mailto:enquiries@mount-charlessch.org).

### Preparing your child for the first day back in school.

*Advice from Trauma Informed Schools UK.*



**Be Calm.** Your child will take the lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.

**Be Positive.** Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.

**Be Supportive.** Younger children in particular may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them throughout the day.



**Be Curious.** These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears, but validate how they are feeling—"It's totally fine to feel like that at the moment" or "I can really understand why you would feel like that".



**Be Thankful.** Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher and resuming some of their favourite activities.



**EYFS** Our EYFS children had a very exciting live session this week when the Big Bad Wolf joined them to kick start their new Imaginative Learning Project (ILP), 'Will You Read Me a Story!' The children then got creative and made their own magic wands using natural and found materials to use as props in their own stories. We wonder which magic spells they will cast...!

As this year's pancake day fell during half term, the children enjoyed a belated pancake day in school and had lots of fun practising their flipping skills!



**YEAR 1** Year 1 finished off their Bright Lights, Big City Imaginative Learning Project with an interesting art task.

They have also been studying the work of Romero Britto and have created portraits of the Queen in the style of Romero Britto.



**YEAR 3** This week Year 3 have embraced the bake off challenge and have been busy designing and researching pasties.

Year 3 were also challenged to create self portraits of themselves which includes some of their interests and hobbies.

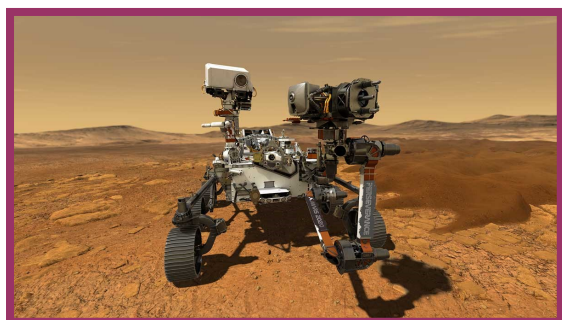




**YEAR 2** Year 2 have had a great start to their new ILP 'Towers Tunnels and Turrets' this half term! In DT, they have been busy creating castles of all different shapes and sizes using recycled goods. In Science, they have experimented with the strengths of walls made out of different building materials and have successfully protected a castle in computing using algorithms. Great work!

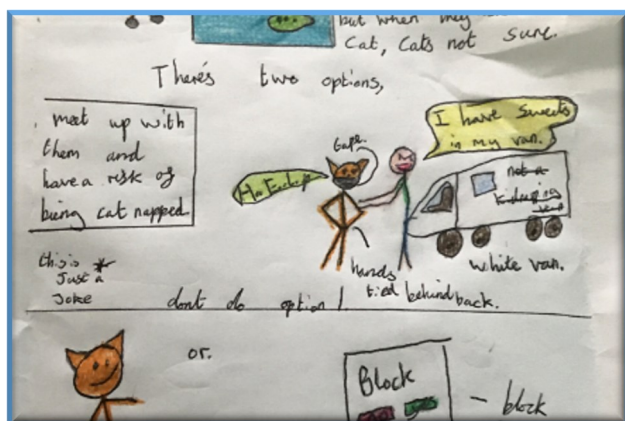
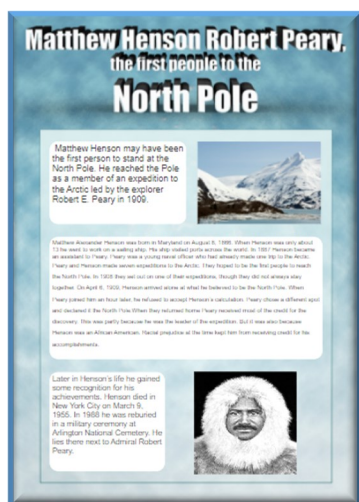


**YEAR 5** Year 5 have also taken part in the pasty bake off challenge and have been following the progress of the Mars Perseverance Rover as it links fantastically well with their space topic. They looked at how it landed safely and will continue their DT challenge in the coming weeks finding out about how they can stop an egg from breaking when it is dropped from a height - replicating the Mars landing!



**YEAR 4** Year 4 started their new ILP; 'Traders and Raiders' this week. They are going on a journey through British history during Anglo-Saxon and Roman times. They have been researching artefacts and settlement maps. Children both in school and at home have designed and constructed Viking ships and shields. This is a fascinating topic for year 4 leading up to the infamous battle of 1066!





## YEAR 6

Year 6 have spent time learning about Charles Darwin and produced fantastic biographies. In history, they learnt about the explorers who took on the challenges of reaching the North and South Poles and produced some information pages to share with others. During Internet Safety Day, they thought about how to stay SMART online and shared their learning in some eye-catching posters.

## ARB

Our children in the ARB have started their new ILP by exploring the sites of London, creating models of them and practising our throwing skills by aiming at Big Ben's clock. They have also explored a favourite item from closer to home; the Cornish pasty. The children have talked about and played with the fillings of a pasty and had a go at making their own!



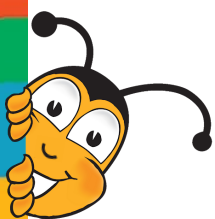
## CONGRATULATIONS KEIRA

Here's a huge shout out to Keira in Year 6, who is our fastest TT Rockstars pupil in the school, having hit a record of 106 correct answers in just one minute! Well done Keira.

Mount Charles is also taking part in the CELT TT Rockstars competition. Let's show them what we are made of!







# WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day during the week beginning Monday 1st March. Each year group will recognise this special day on the day of their live session. Please find below the day each year group will be taking part.

## World Book Day Live Sessions

EYFS – Tuesday 2nd March

Year 5 and Year 6 – Wednesday 3rd March

Year 1 and Year 4 – Thursday 4th March

Year 2 and Year 3 – Friday 5th March

During their live session, all children will take part in some exciting learning linked to their class text. Your child's class teacher will share further details about this nearer the time. Please note, our agreed Teams meeting rules will apply to this session.

## Home Learning Challenge

In addition to the World Book Day Live Sessions, we would like to invite all families (and school staff!) to recreate one of their favourite book covers. We would encourage you to use home-made costumes and props, using items that you already have at home. We would love to receive your photo, alongside the original book cover, via eSchools or Class Dojo..... good luck! Please could you send your photo to your class teacher before your live session—we will then be able to share our book cover creations with our class during the session.

## National Book Tokens

This year, each child will receive a £1 book token to spend on a book. The £1 book token can then be swapped for one of the exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books available from participating booksellers, or used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook. Book vouchers will be valid to spend between Thursday 18th February – Sunday 28th March 2021. To view the range of books on offer this year, please use the link below: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

This year we have been invited to take part in an Usborne Virtual Book Fair, by Nicola Caust, who is one of our Mount Charles Mums! The event will be run in a private Facebook group which can be accessed through this link:

[www.facebook.com/groups/420599352377322/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/420599352377322/) . If you do not use Facebook, you can view the Usborne range at [www.nicolasbooks.co.uk](http://www.nicolasbooks.co.uk) and email [nicolasbooks78@gmail.com](mailto:nicolasbooks78@gmail.com) with your order.

For every £10 that is spent, our school could receive £6 to spend on new books for the library or classroom resources! Please note that orders must be placed directly through the Facebook group page or via email at [nicolasbooks78@gmail.com](mailto:nicolasbooks78@gmail.com) as any orders placed through the website will not count towards the Book Fair sales and therefore the school cannot benefit.

The Virtual Book Fair is open now and closes at 5pm on Monday 8th March. Payment details will be given on receipt of your order. Mrs Caust is able to accept World Book Day tokens towards payment for your orders. When your orders are ready, they will be delivered to our school, all bagged and labelled ready to go home with your child.



# Virtual Book Fair

## DO YOU #CETHESIGNS OF EXPLOITATION?



This week Our Safeguarding Children Partnership (OSCP) launched its second phase of the 'CE the Signs' exploitation awareness campaign. This campaign focuses on raising awareness of the dangers of exploitation amongst children across

Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly aged 11-18 and young adults aged 19-25. You may have seen #CEthesigns across Social Media.

Exploited children and young people may not look like they're being exploited. They may not seem vulnerable and they might not behave like victims. But exploitation, whether it's criminal or sexual, poses a real threat to the lives of children and young people across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and must be stopped.

If we all learn to #CEtheSigns of child exploitation, we can work together to protect them from harm and stop this abuse from happening in the first place. If you see something that doesn't look right, it might not be. So, please: learn the signs of exploitation and report any concerns today.

For more information go to <https://ciossafeguarding.org.uk/cethesigns2>

## Free School Meal Vouchers

As per the recent Local Authority announcement, all children currently in receipt of benefits-tested free school meals will receive free school meal vouchers during the school closure. Families will receive a £15 Asda voucher per eligible child, on Tuesday 2nd March, which will cover the period 1st March to 5th March. If you have any questions, please email :



[enquiries@mount-charlessch.org](mailto:enquiries@mount-charlessch.org).

## GOOL PERAN LOWEN! ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Menu

Traditional Steak Pasty  
or Cheese and Onion Pasty

Hevva Cake

Jacket Potato available on request



Pasties were taken down the mines by the adults and children who worked there; the shape and size made them ideal for carrying. It's distinctive D shape with the crust acting as a handle, which was discarded to prevent contaminating the food with grubby, possibly arsenic-ridden hands



At Proper Cornish we are passionate about quality pastry, filled with great tasting ingredients, made properly in Cornwall for people who love food.

We are passionate and honest about where our ingredients come from. At Proper Cornish, we believe in supporting our local farmers. Our swede comes from Hayle, courtesy of Trevor Goldworthy's family run farm, our potatoes come from third generation farmer Chris Dufrow from Par and our onions are grown by Anthony West of Toppoint. Cornwall grows some of the highest quality produce in the world, so why go anywhere else?



## Dear Parents,



We are really excited to start welcoming back pupils from 8th March following the recent Government announcement. We wanted to take a moment to let you know what the return to school will look like and what we have put into place to ensure your child is not only kept safe but they are able to enjoy our delicious food and great service.

### Safety is our priority

Our priority for the return to school is the safety of all children, our teaching colleagues and our own teams. The Health and Safety measures introduced at the start of the pandemic such as social distancing and new clearing COVID-19 procedures will stay in place to keep everyone safe. Please watch our short video to see how we will be re-opening our schools to all pupils [here](#).

### Tasty menus

We are pleased to inform you we will be offering the same tasty and nutritious menu items we had on offer prior to the latest lockdown. Please get in touch with your school to confirm your menu and to order your meals for week commencing the 8th of March.

### Medical diets

Our specialised team of Medical Diet Nutritionists are available to offer menu support for pupils with medical dietary requirements. Please take a look at our Medical Diets video to hear a Chartwells parent talk about their experience using our Medical Diets process [here](#).

If your child requires a Medical Diet menu please ensure that you fill in the Medical Diet Request Form available [here](#) and return this to your school, who can pass this onto us.

For any other queries please email our team at: [Chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk).

### Support

If you have any questions about the return to school, please contact your school who will be more than happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming back your child(ren).

Chartwells.



### PLEASE NOTE

Return to School for all Children Monday 8th March 2021

### Easter Holidays

Friday 2nd April—Friday 16th April

### Bank Holiday 3rd May

### May Half Term

31st May—4th June 2021

### National Lockdown—What we can and can't do

We ask that everyone follows all Government Guidance:

[Government Guidance — Link](#)

This includes no car sharing, or play dates and only mixing with your own family bubble and support bubble where applicable.



On the last week of term we were delighted to be able to arrange a brilliant performance by M&M productions for the children at home and in school as a treat for all their hard work. We had some fantastic feedback from the children and parents. It was lovely to have everyone together even if it was virtually. *"I liked the humour because it was funny."*

*"It was amazing."*

*"I liked the plot twist at the end"*

*"It was entertaining as it was funny and had good dances"*







# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 15

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 28TH MARCH 2021

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

**CORNWALL SCHOOL GAMES**

**LOCKDOWN 3.0**  
**CORNWALL VIRTUAL SCHOOL GAMES**  
1ST - 5TH FEBRUARY 2021

# BRONZE

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL**

WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED **BRONZE** IN

**YEAR 4**  
**AROUND THE WORLD**

AT THE

**LOCKDOWN 3.0**  
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**WELL DONE!**

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# SILVER

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL**

WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED **SILVER** IN

**YEAR R**  
**HOP LITTLE BUNNY**

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