



Summer Term 2021: Newsletter 1
Friday 23rd April, 2021

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

Welcome back to school for the summer term!

Our contractors were busy again over the Easter break and it was great to see the next stage of our Key Stage 1 playground completed. The two new beds have now been planted. The bed as you walk through the main gate is a geology garden and we have sourced some fantastic rocks to aid our curriculum bringing it to life. The bed at the far end has been planted with fruit trees, wild strawberries, thyme, camomile and mint is on its way! We will be adding more plants over time. The next stage of the playground development will be the installation of new bike storage and storage for playground equipment. The soft surface will go down over the October half term. We are very pleased with how this space is developing!



We have started the term full throttle with our learning and have already completed some fantastic 'Engage' sessions to kick start our new Imaginative Learning Projects (ILPs)....

EYFS



As part of their Engage Day for their new ILP 'Are We Nearly There Yet?', EYFS went on a Welly Walk! The children thought about the route that they took, the things that they could see and hear, and discussed how they can keep themselves safe. To finish off the day the children enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate in our woodland area whilst listening to their key text 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' The children had a brilliant time!



YEAR 1



Year 1 have been visited by some magical woodland fairies this week as part of their Enchanted Woodland ILP. The fairies have been busy building their homes within the classrooms and have even left some instructions for making woodland wands and tasty bird feeders! The children have been focusing on listening and following instructions and the purpose and features of instruction writing this week. They are now ready to record our own instructions next week on how to make woodland crowns.





Year Two had an exciting start to their 'Scented garden' ILP. They became plant detectives on Monday, using non-fiction books and magnifying glasses to look very closely at each plant to work out what it was. In the afternoon, the



children followed instructions to make scented play dough using herbs. We also looked at the work of Georgia O Keeffe to inspire our observational drawings.

YEAR 2

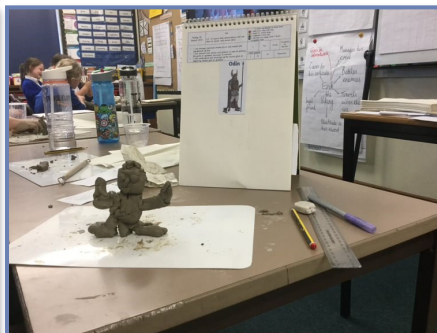
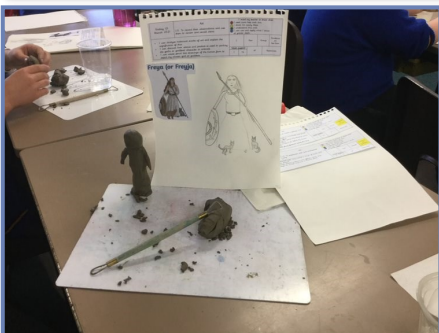
YEAR 3

Last term year 3 designed and built bridges for their ILP 'Flow'. The brief was to design a bridge to go across the river Thames in London. The bridge designs needed to meet a set design criteria such as allowing boats the space to travel underneath the bridge. The children learned to use junior hacksaws safely and cardboard joints to build their prototypes. The children really enjoyed bringing their designs to life!



YEAR 4

Within Art and Design last term, year 4 focussed on sketching and sculpture. The children learnt about how to draw the human form and applied this to draw Viking gods and goddesses. They then used these sketches to sculpt a 3D statuette of a chosen Viking god or goddess, using clay and a range of tools. Great work!



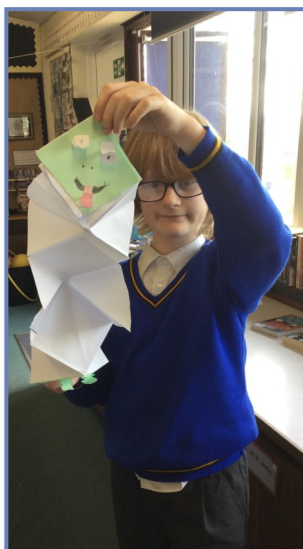
YEAR 5



To introduce their new ILP, Pharaohs, year 5 spent their Engage Day making canopic jars. They used clay to make a head of an Egyptian God. They could choose from the four sons of Horus and make the head



of a baboon, a jackal, a human or a falcon. The children then used modroc to cover a jar and wrote a word in hieroglyphics. They also found out all the gruesome details of how to mummify a body ready for the afterlife!

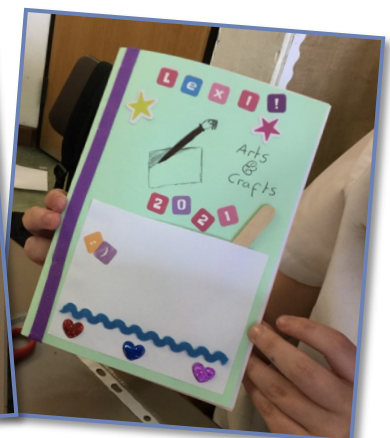


YEAR 6

As an introduction to their topic, Gallery Rebels, our year 6 children have enjoyed

designing and making sketch books to record their ideas and thoughts as they move through the half term.

They used a variety of materials and enjoyed creating imaginative page layouts.



ARB

The children in the ARB celebrated the end of their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic by having a Royal banquet. After learning about London and the Royal family, we had beautiful Princesses and handsome Princes of our own. They enjoyed preparing and making the food, as well as playing party games.





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RSE / PSHE Policy: Our updated RSE & PSHE Policy has been uploaded to our website and can be viewed here, [Mount Charles School—Policies](https://www.mount-charlessch.org/policies) . If you have any questions regarding the policy, please email Mrs Waugh via enquiries@mount-charlessch.org

Clubs: Thank you to our parents in year 1—6 who have signed their child up to our summer term bubble clubs. If you have not yet signed up and would like a space for your child, please speak to our school office

Diary

Dates

April

26th After School Clubs start

May

3rd Bank Holiday

20th Summer Census

24th Porthpean Activity Day, 5TB

28th Porthpean Activity Day, 5AC

31st—4th May Half Term

June

7th Back to school

21st Porthpean Activity Day, 6HB

22nd Porthpean Activity Day, 6TW

July

23rd Last day of summer term,
1:30pm finish.