

Spring 2018: Issue 5—Friday 23rd March 2018



Our Year 5/6 choir entered the Cornwall Music Festival last week and won their class! They returned to school with enormous smiles, great pride and a very impressive shield. We were sad Kacey, our fellow choir member, was not able to sing with us this time, but she can share our success too! A big thank you to Miss Segolo and Mrs Solomon for her hard work as accompanist and beautiful playing on the day!

In celebration of Austism Awareness week, we are holding a coffee afternoon! This coffee afternoon is open to all parents and carers of children on the spectrum or who display associated behaviours. It will also be a chance to catch up with our Autism Champions Mrs Jarvis and Miss

Andrews. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 26 March at 1:30pm

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Down Syndrome Awareness Day

On Wednesday, our children in the ARB had great fun taking part in Down Syndrome Awareness Day. The children came into school in their bright socks. During the day, they took part in 'challenge 21' where the children complete a task 21 times to represent the duplication of the 21st chromosome (the cause of Down Syndrome). The children also decorated their own bright socks!



<u>Book Fair</u>

Our Book Fair was a huge success. It was great to see so many families enjoying choosing books over the three days.

Your generosity has earnt the school £481 in commission, which is a huge boost to our Literacy resources!

A Message from the PTA

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to Homebase in Truro. They have kindly donated an outdoor gazebo, enabling us to hold our fund raising events come rain or

shine!

Please remember that school will be closing on Thursday 29th March at 1:30pm!

Charlies After School club no longer has a mobile phone. Please use hgray@mountcharlessch.org to make bookings

Our top playground opens as a car park at 2:45pm. There have been reports of queuing traffic congesting the main road, please be considerate of other road users and the need to keep a clear path for the emergency services

<u>Year 2 Visit to</u> the Eden Project

Last week Year 2 went to

visit the Eden Project. We had a fantastic day and the children learned lots about the functions of different parts of a plant as well as seeing the variety of flowers and leaves abound in the biomes. We particularly liked seeing the huge banana leaves which were much bigger than the leaves we have been measuring in class!

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WORLD BOO

We are delighted to announce

that we will be celebrating

World Book Day on

Come to school dressed as

your favourite book character

or in your pyjamas ready for a

bedtime story!

The children were fantastic and all great ambassadors for Mount Charles School.

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Thank you to the parent helpers who came along to support us.

Our PTA have arranged an egg-citing Easter Egg hunt for our children! This will take place on Thursday. With egg-squisite attention to detail, our egg-ceptional PTA have even sourced dairy free eggs for our children with intolerances so everyone gets a treat! Egg-cellent!





Tag & Touch Rugby v Biscovey

Rugby

On Thursday 15th March, 39 of our junior children travelled to Biscovey Academy to play seven friendly rugby matches. As we arrived it started to rain and it didn't stop for the whole hour we were there - even though the forecast was for only a light shower! The children didn't moan despite the weather and muddy pitches and were a credit to the school. Our year 3/4's won one, drew one and lost one match. The B team lost both but really stuck at the game and never stopped trying, whilst the A team drew both matches with last play of the match tries (one by Biscovey and one by us!).

Players of the match:

Stuart and Thomas - Yr 3/4

George and Freddie - B team

Finlay and Millie - A team

Many thanks to Mr. Behennah, Mrs.Johnson, Mr.Walters, Mr.Rosevear and Mr.Rees who helped supervise and run the teams on the day – they all got soaked through as well!

Tag Rugby Club for the Year 3/4's finishes on Thursday 22nd March, however look out for Athletics and Cricket clubs starting after Easter!

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The year 5/6 lunch time club will continue after Easter as we have a twice postponed tournament to attend on Tuesday 17th April at Poltair School 2:00pm – 4:30pm. If we finish in the top two we will go on to the East Cornwall Finals the following week!



Swimming Gala

On Friday 16th March, 39 of our Speed swimmers swam against Tywardreath School at Polkyth in a practice gala. Out of the 13 races on the day we won 10 and came second in the other 3 races! The A team performance was much improved with 9 season best times recorded and the other 4 equaled season bests – so it was all good news!

After Easter we have further practice galas against Charlestown, Biscovey and Roselyon before the St.Austell Schools Gala (which we've won for the last 18 years) on Friday 15th June at Polkyth 1:30pm start.

It's *really important* that Speed swimmers attend as many sessions as possible between now and the St.Austell Gala as all places in the A team are up for grabs – we still have a lot to do and need to reduce those times further. We would really appreciate it if parents could help by taking those speed swimmers not involved in a swimming club outside school, to the pool to get in some extra water time – even playing in the water develops water fitness and confidence!

Many thanks

Miss Nile & Mr Behennah