



Spring Term 2022: Newsletter 4
Thursday 17th February 2022

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



CELT School Improvement Team

Mount Charles School is proud to be part of CELT (Cornwall Education Learning Trust) that aims to ensure the very best education for the children we serve across the Trust.

Mrs Bunting has been asked, as part of the CELT School Improvement Team, to lead school improvement at Fowey Primary, full time after half term until Easter in the first instance.

In her absence, Mrs Thorp will be Interim Head of School. As you know, Mrs Thorp is currently Assistant Head teacher and knows the school well.

Please be reassured that we will work closely to ensure the continued success of both Mount Charles and Fowey.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Bunting or Mrs Thorp via: enquiries@mount-charlessch.org



Mrs Thorp
Interim Head of School



EYFS were very excited to welcome Screech Owl Sanctuary in to school to share their owls with us. The children learnt so many exciting facts and even had the opportunity to touch a Barn, Tawny and Indian Scops Owl! "It is so soft", "owls eat mice", "it feels fluffy", "their wings help them to fly".





Year 1 had a visit from St Austell Community Fire Station. In preparation for the event, the



children built some of the well known landmarks from the London skyline which were then set alight to recreate the Great of London. St Austell's firefighters came to the rescue and extinguished the fire! They then spoke to the children about the dangers of smoke and fire and what steps we can take to keep ourselves safe.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been busy in DT this half term. They began by investigating Robert McVities, the founder of McVitie's biscuits and learning about how these biscuits have developed over time. Next, they explored a range of biscuits and evaluated the flavour, textures and appearances of them. During their design, they had to identify the main ingredients needed and then chose two special ingredients to make their biscuit taste delicious. Finally, they had to follow a set of instructions to make their very own biscuits. The children loved seeing their final products and getting to taste them!



YEAR 3

Year 3 enjoyed a trip to The Eden Project on Friday to take part in the 'Crazy Chef Challenge'. The children were challenged to find the ingredients needed to make a cake. They followed a map and clues around the biomes to find cinnamon, bananas, oranges, wheat and sugar. They collected their ingredients in their bags and learnt some interesting facts about each one. The Crazy Chef was so impressed with the children's skills and excellent behaviour that he made them a delicious cake! What a super day of exploring, learning and fun.



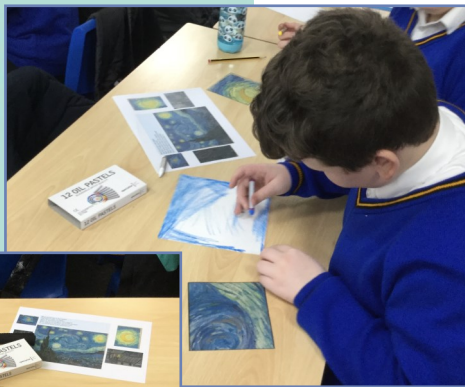
YEAR 4

Year 4 had a very exciting morning yesterday. Specialist Art and Drama teachers from Penrice Academy came to visit. The children made potion bottles out of clay and created their own role plays based on Alice in Wonderland. The children were really engaged and we were all so impressed with their engagement and behaviour.



YEAR 5

After visiting Year 4 in the morning, the team from Penrice Academy spent the afternoon with Year 5. As part of the LEAP programme, the children took part in drama and art sessions based on their topic, Stargazers. They created a collaborative piece of artwork as a class based on Vincent Van Gogh's 'A Starry Night' using oil pastels and took part in a drama workshop to act out their favourite scenes from the current whole class text 'Cosmic'. What a great way to celebrate this half term's learning!



Year 6 have been learning about perspective in Art and using their Frozen Kingdoms topic to create their own ice floe pictures using perspective. The children initially learnt how to draw using one-point perspective. They drew the lines necessary for them to use the vanishing point and create a drawing of a room in perspective. They then used their class text - the beautifully illustrated Shackleton's Journey by William Grill - to create a piece using perspective. They used only blue and white watercolour paints and explored tone and shading to create the finished effect.

YEAR 6





The pupils in the ARB have taking part in the #Showthelove campaign from The Climate Coalition, this campaign encourages people to think about the things in their environment that they love, by creating and sharing green hearts. The pupils have been sharing photos of outdoor adventures with their families. In Maths pupils have been sorting and counting flowers and leaves and in English pupils have been looking at the story 'The Charlestown Robin' by local author Tina Barrott. Pupils have been sequencing the story, practising their sounds and developing their mark making skills. Pupils have been exploring and labelling the different



parts of plants, matching plant images, and looking at similarities and differences between flowers and leaves. The pupils practiced a variety of fine motor skills to decorate their green hearts including wool wrapping, tearing paper and scissor skills.



SPORTS

Last week, our cross country team went to Poltair School for the forth cross country qualifier. Once again we had lots of top 10 finishers and every single runner from Mount Charles finished in the top 20. We now look forward to the regional finals in Newquay for the children who have qualified. Congratulations to Abe, year 4, who has come 1st place in every race he has entered! This is an outstanding achievement!





TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

- 1st place:** Scarlett Abbott
- 2nd place:** Poppy Hiorns
- 3rd place:** Aliscia Burke

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

- 1st place:** Lillian Kitson
- 2nd place:** George Turner
- 3rd place:** Tallulah Cleaves

Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

- 1st place:** Hope Doskitt
- 2nd place:** Alexis Heard
- 3rd place:** Deimante Dromantaite

STANDARDS

We would like to remind our families of our school uniform expectations. Please ensure your children attend school wearing black shoes (trainers are for PE only) and our junior children should all be wearing ties with their shirts.

Girls Uniform

White polo shirts

Infants—all year, Juniors—summer term only

White shirt or blouse and school tie

Juniors—autumn & spring, polo shirt option for summer

Mount Charles V-neck jumper or Cardigan

Grey Trousers

Traditional school style

Grey Skirt or Pinafore Dress

Blue & white gingham dress during summer term

Grey or White Socks

Black shoes

Boys Uniform

White polo shirt

Infants—all year, Juniors—summer term only

White shirt and school tie

Juniors—autumn & spring, polo shirt option for summer

Mount Charles V-neck jumper

Grey trousers or Grey shorts

Grey Socks

Black shoes

Diary

Dates

February

18th **INSET DAY—school closed to children**
 w/c 21st Spring Half Term Break
 w/c 28th 4SG Swimming

March

1st Chartwells, Pancake Day
 Year 5 & 6, Football & Netball
 3rd World Book Day, (see letter sent home
 for full information)
 4th Year 2 trip to Pendennis Castle
 8th Cross Country—Mid Qualifier
 16th Stay Safe Workshops, Yr5

March

18th Red Nose Day
 22nd Cross Country—Final
 29th Football and Netball, St Mewan

Residentials

Year 3 26th—27th May
 Year 4 3rd—4th May
 Year 5 6th—8th June
 Year 6 16th—18th May



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