



Autumn Term 2022: Newsletter 1
Friday 9th September 2022

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK!

The 2022-23 academic year has begun and our children have already enjoyed lots of learning experiences. We are delighted to be able to share the first updates of the year. Firstly, a HUGE WELCOME to our new EYFS children! The children have been exploring their classrooms and outdoor areas during their induction sessions and are enjoying their first week of school.

The school was a hive of activity over the summer holidays with more site improvements. Our toilets in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 have been refurbished. Our Menabilly Room has been extended to provide a larger more useable space and we have new lighting in our Year 2, 5 & 6 classrooms. Our reception area has also been decorated with new flooring, paintwork and lights, giving a really bright entrance area to our school. We are really pleased with the works and have lots of further upgrades to come!

As well as our new children, we also welcome new staff to the Mount Charles team!



Miss Coon
Year 4



Mrs Boulter
Year 2/3



Miss Grigg
EYFS



Mrs Harris
Year 4



Mrs Whitford
Year 5

MEET THE TEACHER!

Reminder: Parents are invited to meet their child's teacher, in their classrooms, and find out about the year ahead at the Meet The Teacher sessions held at 2.30pm on the following dates:

- Monday 12th September - Year 4
- Tuesday 13th September - Year 2
- Thursday 15th September - Year 1
- Friday 16th September - EYFS



EYFS



EYFS have been settling into their new learning environments well and lots of new friendships have been made already! We are looking forward to sharing the rest of their primary experience together.

YEAR 1

As part of Year 1's current writing unit 'The dinosaur who lost his Roar', the children engaged in a 'Creative Hook'.

This involved a T-Rex stomping its way through our corridor here at Mount Charles! The children were very excited by this and immersed themselves in role play: acting out some key vocabulary from our new story.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have started their 'Beachcombers' topic. They have been learning all about living creatures and what they need to survive. They began by discussing habitats and micro-habitats and made their very own homes for insects. The children had great fun choosing different natural materials to fill their homes and showed excellent teamwork.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have started their new topic, Predators. They are looking forward to discovering more about these amazing creatures. On Monday, the children studied animal prints and the amazing colours and patterns found on animal skin and fur.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have started their new topic, Blue Abyss. They children studied continents and oceans and put the world back together by arranging snippets in the correct places. The children have also learnt about how to log on to the Surface Go devices that they will use for computing and TT Rockstars.



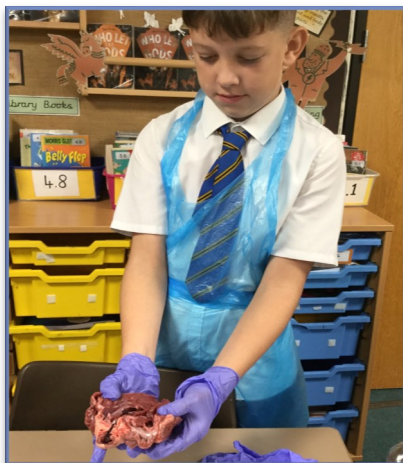
YEAR 5

During the engage session for their new topic: 'Off with Her Head!', Year 5 became history detectives! They looked at a range of Tudor artefacts from the Royal Cornwall Museum and predicted what the objects could be and what they may have been used for.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have had fun dissecting hearts as part of their Engage into the Blood Heart topic. In this topic, the children will learn all about the function of the heart and the circulatory system. They will also be reading Pig Heart Boy in our whole-class reading lessons which will encourage good debate and analytical thinking.



REMINDEERS

- ★ Please remember to pre-book your children's lunches on ParentPay by midnight on Sunday for the following week. You can also book right up to half term. Should you require any help with ParentPay please contact the school office who will be happy to help.
- ★ Term Dates! We merge our five INSET days to give a two week October half term. This has been the case for numerous years to enable our families to take an affordable holiday during term time. Please see 'Diary Dates' for the dates of our two week break. This year, our two week break runs from Monday 24th October to Friday 4th November.
- ★ Charlie's breakfast and after school club provision is open for anyone who currently attends Mount Charles School and who needs wraparound care. Charlie's offers a range of fun activities for all age groups, pre booking is essential due to limited spaces. Payments must be made prior to booking. Please see our website for more information and contact details.

Bagels are back! Last term our school signed up to the National Schools Breakfast Programme which enables us to provide every child with a free bagel. The bagels are served in the classrooms between 08:30am—08:45am each morning.

ICT Agreements

As part of our online safety policy, all parents, children and staff need to sign an ICT acceptable use agreement. Forms will be coming home with children next week along with a new data collection sheet. Please read and sign both forms then return to the school office.

Diary Dates

September

12th Meet the teacher, Year 4, 2:30pm
 13th Meet the teacher, Year 2, 2:30pm
 Year 3, Mark's Arc visit
 15th Meet the teacher, Year 1, 2:30pm
 16th Meet the teacher, EYFS, 2:30pm
 22nd Year 4 Trip to Plymouth Aquarium
 w/b 26th Swimming week, Year 6

October

w/b 3rd Swimming week, Year 6
 24th—28th Half Term
 31st—4th Nov INSET Week, School Closed

November

w/b 14th Swimming week, Year 5
 w/b 21st Swimming week, Year 5
 w/b 28th Swimming week, Year 4
 18th Flu Immunisations, more details to follow

December

w/b 5th Swimming week, Year 4
 20th Last day of term, 1:30pm finish

January

w/b 16th Swimming week, Year 3
 w/b 23rd Swimming week, Year 3