



Summer Term 2021: Newsletter 2
Friday 7th May, 2021

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

Welcome to our second newsletter of the summer term. We are delighted to have our 'Summer Bubble Clubs' up and running! There are a few spaces available so if your child would like to join their year group club, please email enquiries@mount-charlessch.org and we will do our best to make sure they can access a club this term.

Friday 14th May 2021 will be a non-uniform day. More information is on the last page of this newsletter.



EYFS

In the EYFS the key text this week has been 'The Hundred Decker Bus,'. This has been linked to the children's learning on Road Safety and how they can keep ourselves and others safe on the road.



The children have discussed various road safety signs, traffic lights and built their own jigsaw road to help a family cross safely.

YEAR 1



Year 1 have been learning about instruction writing and have developed their own instructions for making woodland crowns. The children collected all the equipment they needed and followed each step in sequence. Their favourite step was gathering all the natural resources from around the school site and field!



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been looking closely at a bean seed and what happens when it starts to germinate. The children were very excited to see the shoots appearing this week!

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been investigating Mount Charles's new rock garden for their topic, Tremors. The children made observations of the rocks using technical vocabulary to make comparisons.

The children have also been making observational sketches of volcanoes from around the world. They then focused on adding watercolours, taking inspiration from the work of artist Paul Klee.



YEAR 4

To begin studying their new topic, Burps, Bottoms and Bile, year 4 have been finding out about the human digestive system. They learnt about the six main stages of digestion and, with a combination of biscuits, bananas and other things, recreated them - it was an engaging and fun way to start their learning journey. The children have also learnt about the different types of teeth, which are a key part of the digestive process.

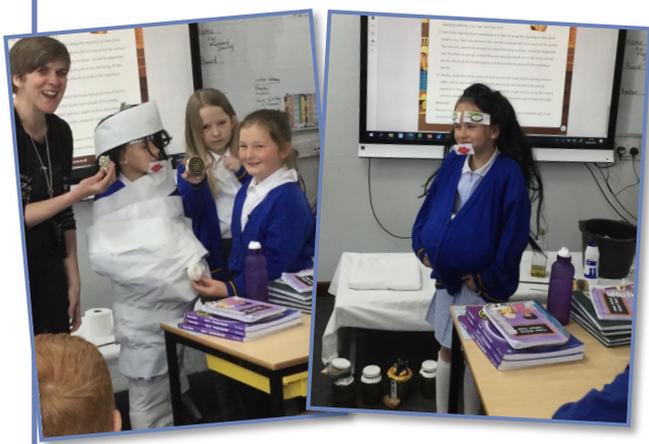


YEAR 5

Year 5 'mummified' Jowan and Kara as part of their Pharaohs topic. They used this exercise to give them inspiration for their writing - an explanation

text explaining the process. The children had to 'prepare' the bodies by washing

them, covering them in salt and spices, removing the internal organs and then decorating and wrapping the body in linen. They had a lot of fun and are now inspired to use a range of imperative verbs and adventurous vocabulary as they complete their text.



YEAR 6



As part of their Gallery Rebels topic, year 6 have been learning about the colour wheel and investigating the colours in black ink. They used chromatography to answer the question, 'What colour is black made from?'. They were surprised to see the ranges of blues and greens that separated out from two of the pens and had great discussions about why the white board pen didn't disperse at all.



ARB

The children in the ARB have had a great start to their Moon Zoom topic. They have been listening to stories about space, exploring planets and the solar system and creating their own. The children have explored a range of materials and tools to create different effects for planets and starry night images.



PE

Across the school, our children have been enjoying a 'Catch Up Recovery Curriculum' for PE. This unit of work is a combination of fitness and skill based activities designed to build stamina and fitness. It has been fantastic to see fitness levels and skills improve during these sessions.





National Online Safety

We would like to make you aware of a fantastic free mobile app for parents from National Online Safety. This app contains over 200 guides about the latest apps, games, devices and more.



Look out for their #WakeUpWednesday guides that bring you the lowdown on the latest games and apps that may be causing online safety concerns.

Census

Summer Census—Menu Change

Thursday 20th May is the Summer Census day. It is the number of children (in Years R, 1 & 2) who take up a free school meal on this day that is used to calculate our school meal funding for next term. We would therefore ask all parents of children who are entitled to Universal Free School Meals to encourage their child to have a school meal on that date.

Even if your child only has a few school meals a year, it is important that they do so on Thursday 20th May to enable us to receive the funding—any shortfall has to be made up by the school!

To encourage a higher take up, the school kitchen has changed the menu choice for this day with the theme of 'trip around the world!'

Thursday 20th May

Chinese Chicken Noodles or Mexican Vegetable Burrito (v)

Served with seasonal vegetable

Belgium Waffles

Diary

Dates

May

- 10th Year 6 transition meeting
- 14th **Non school uniform day**
- 19th Reception eye screening
- 20th Summer Census—menu change
- 24th Porthpean Activity Day, 5TB
- 28th Porthpean Activity Day, 5AC
- 31st—4th May Half Term

June

- 7th Back to school
- 10th Yr6 Penrice transition visit
- 21st Porthpean Activity Day, 6HB
- 22nd Porthpean Activity Day, 6TW
- 25th Yr6 Brannel transition visit

July

- 8th & 9th Yr6 Penrice & Poltair transition visits
- 23rd Last day of summer term,
1:30pm finish.



Notices



Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is launching a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives. It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation held with children.

In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children and young people what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back. The Children's Commissioner will use what children and young people tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives.

It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

[Find out more and take part](#)

A photograph of school uniform (white shirt, striped tie, blue backpack) hanging on a wooden coat rack next to a purple oval logo for Pirate FM 102.2 & 102.8.

Leave your school uniform at home

on Friday 14th May 2021

for

The logo for Cash for Kids Day features a rainbow arching over the text 'cashforkids DAY' and two stylized hands, one pink and one green.

Suggested donation £1

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN

100% of donations will help local children living in poverty

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