



**EYES**

This week, Reception children came to school dressed in their pyjamas and dressing gowns to begin their exciting new topic 'What Happens When I Fall Asleep'. They have been learning about bedtime routines, nocturnal animals and people who work at night. They drank hot chocolate with marshmallows and then got ready for bed by washing their faces and brushing their teeth. Then enjoyed a bedtime story. Goodnight children!

It's a 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic for Year 1. They have been learning all about the Queen and on Monday they received a special message from her and an invitation to a royal banquet! They dressed in their best clothes, decorated their own crowns and made some jam tarts to share whilst listening to the National Anthem. Year 1 have started to discuss comparisons of life in Cornwall to life in London.



**Year One**

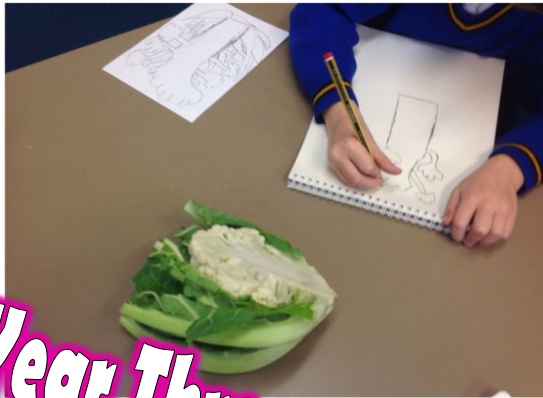


**Year Two**

Year 2 went to Charlestown to explore the harbour and Shipwreck Centre for their 'Land Ahoy' topic. In the Shipwreck Centre they looked at treasures that were once lost at sea and have been rescued and now displayed in the museum. They found cannon balls, silver and gold coins, anchors, a compass and many more items found on ships!

Down by the harbour they identified parts of the ship including the helm to steer the ship and masts to support the sails. To finish, they had some time on the beach where they soaked up the sea air and saw some boats out at sea.





## Year Three

On their 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' engage day, Year 3 studied, smelt, tasted and drew a variety of fruits and vegetables. They then studied the artist Arcimboldo and copied his work by creating fruit and vegetable sculptures. In the coming weeks, they will be learning about where different foods come from. They will also be learning about how to choose a healthy and varied diet as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Year 4 are enjoying their 'Potions' topic. They have been looking at the properties of solids, liquids and gases, how temperature affects water and chemical reactions between substances. This week they designed their own potions and used their writing skills to create a 'recipe' and evaluate their work. They came to school dressed as witches and wizards to really get into the magical spirit!




## Year Four



## Year Six

For their topic 'Blood Heart', Year 6 are learning about the function of the heart. They have drawn and labelled diagrams of the heart and looked in detail at how the heart pumps blood around the body. The children were given the opportunity to dissect a real lamb's heart and identify and label the parts. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and were intrigued to find out what a real heart looks like. Dissecting the heart helped the children understand the importance of the heart and how it works. There was a real buzz across Year 6 for the whole day.

The children are already well underway with their Spring 1 topic. As you have seen, many exciting 'engage' activities have ignited curious minds and a thirst for learning. To find out more about what your child can look forward to in their learning throughout their topic, please follow the link below to the curriculum tab on our school website, **Cornerstones**    
<https://www.mount-charlessch.org/web/curriculum>

- ◇ Year R: What Happens When I Fall Asleep?
- ◇ Year 1: Bright Lights, Big City
- ◇ Year 2: Land Ahoy!
- ◇ Year 3: Scrumdiddlyumptious!
- ◇ Year 4: Potions
- ◇ Year 5: Alchemy Island
- ◇ Year 6: Blood Heart

Class teachers will be sharing home learning opportunities for your child to explore and build upon their learning in school. We would love to share and celebrate any home learning here in school. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like any further help in how you can support your child in their learning.

*(Y5's engage activity is taking place next week, we look forward to sharing their photos in our next newsletter.)*

As we enter the winter months, with the possibility for a school closure due to severe weather or building issues, (snow, flooding, loss of heating or power), I would like to remind you of the procedure for closing the school:

**Closure before School begins (before 8am):** A text message will be sent to all parents, a post will be updated on our social media pages and our website flash will be updated. Information will also be broadcast on Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM and Heart FM.

**Closure during the School day:** A text message will be sent to all parents, a post will be updated on our social media pages and our website flash will be updated. Information will also be broadcast on Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM and Heart FM. Children will be collected from their classroom door and signed out to parents by the teacher. If you are happy for your child to walk home alone, or if your child will be collected by someone else, please send a message to the teacher through Class Dojo. Any student who cannot return home, will be looked after at the school until the parents or carers can be contacted.

**Emergency  
Closing  
Information**

**Please ensure we have your most up-to-date contact details!!**

#### Attendance—Punctuality

At Mount Charles punctuality is important. We expect children to arrive on time every day.

Our gates open at 8:30am, when children are welcomed by their class teachers and complete some early morning maths. Registration is at 8:45am and our maths lessons begin at 8:50am - please ensure your child is in school by 8:45am.

Please note that the classroom doors will be locked at 8:45am, and any children arriving after this time must enter through the main entrance. Any latecomers will need to give a valid reason for the late arrival.

### **Please Note ! a change of plan**

Our Trust have requested that our staff team attends a Kernow Teaching School Alliance (K TSA) training day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. This means we have needed to make a slight change to our term dates as the school is legally required to be open to children for 190 days a year.

The autumn term will now begin on  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**  
 and the school will be closed to children on  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

Our full term dates are available to view on our website:

<https://mount-charles.eschools.co.uk/web/calendar>

### Spring Clubs

Clubs start on Monday 13th January and end on Friday 20th March. The office team have allocated club places and sent text notifications. Some of our clubs have spaces available:

- Art & Colouring Club on Tuesdays for Years 1 & 2
- Construction Club on Thursdays for Years R, 1 & 2
- Drum/Band Club on Mondays for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
- French Club on Mondays for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
- Recorder Club on Thursdays for Years 2 & 3
- Rugby Club on Thursdays for Years 3 & 4
- Street Dance Club on Tuesdays for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Please speak to our school office if you would like to book your child into any of these clubs.

### Spring Census—Menu Change

Thursday 16th January is the Spring 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 16th January 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 swapped next Thursday's menu choice for Friday's menu:

#### Thursday 16th October

**Fish & Chips or Cheese Quiche & Chips (v)**

**With baked beans or peas**

**Ice Cream Factory**

#### Friday 17th January

**Spaghetti Bolognese or Veggie Bolognese (v)**

**With sweetcorn or peas**

**Jelly**



## Census

### Parking:

- Do not park in our disabled bays unless you are a blue badge holder.
- Do not block the driveways of residents on Woodland Road or the business park on Morven Road.
- Do not park by Woodland House Residential Home as emergency access is required at all times.
- Use the car parks available to us at B&M, the church on Victoria Road, and the church on Woodland Road
- Do not park in front of the school gates or on the yellow zigzags.



### Starting school in September 2020

Was your child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016? If so, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2020.

**The deadline for applications is 15 January 2020.** Please speak to our school office or the School Admissions Team if you have any questions.

**Website:** [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

**Email:** [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

**Telephone:** 0300 1234 101





Yr1— Scarlett, Aliscia, Alexis

Yr2— Diana, Holly, Kian, Franky

Yr3— Steven, Micheala, Lexi, Jaiden

Yr4— Amiera

Yr5— Caleb, Evelyn

Yr6— Ben, Lily, Millie, Grace

**Success**

### 100% attendance

182 children attained 100% attendance for the second half of autumn term

116 children have 100% attendance for the this academic year to date!  
**Brilliant!**

Our attendance trophy was won by:  
6TH on the last week of term with 99.4%  
1SC & 7JC this week with 100%



## **Attendance!**

## Diary

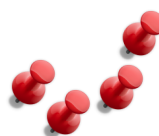
### January

- 13th Spring clubs start
- 14th Football & Netball v Charlestown
- 16th Cross country race
- Spring Census, menu change
- 17th TimesTable Rockstars day,  
(whole school dress as a Rockstar!)
- 21st Football match v. Pondy, home
- 24th Yr3 Trip to the Eden Project
- 28th Football & Netball v St Mewan
- 30th Cross country race

## Dates

### February

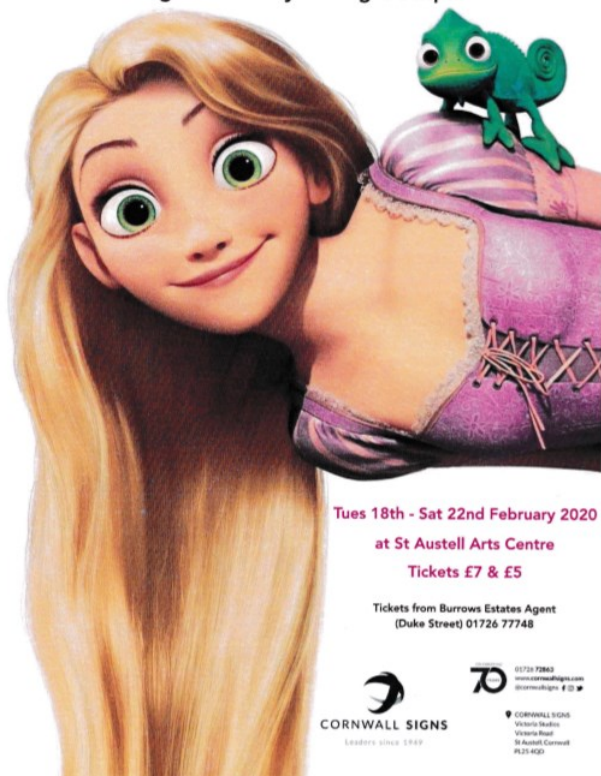
- 4th EYFS Screech Owl visit
- 6th Yr5 Eden Takeover day
- 11th—12th Bikeability, Year 5
- 13th Cross country race
- PTA valentine's disco
- 17th—21st Spring half term



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(Duke Street) 01726 77748



## 'Have a Go Days'

Free to attend. A fun and friendly activity for children with additional needs or disability and their siblings or friends, aged 6-17

Wednesday 19 February  
10am-12pm  
Bodmin Leisure Centre  
Lostwithiel Road  
Bodmin, PL31 1DE

Wednesday 19 February  
2-4pm  
Cornwall College  
Trevenson Rd, TR15 3RD

Booking is essential. For more information and to book your free place(s) contact Katie on 01736 759500 or email [katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk](mailto:katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk). Find us on Facebook by searching "Have a Go Days Cornwall".

