



Autumn Term 2021: Newsletter 6  
Friday 26th November 2021

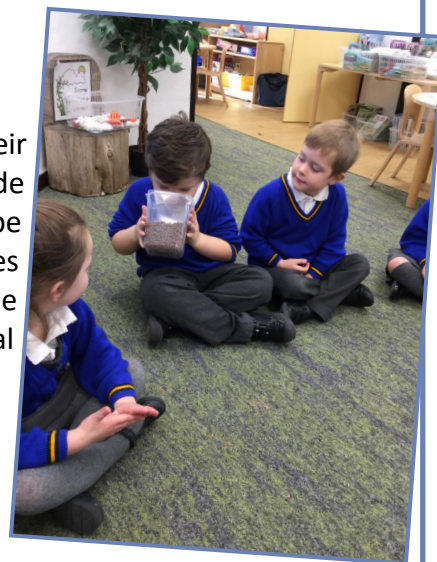
# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



We have raised £346.50 for Children in Need! Congratulations to Eliza (yr6), Joseph (yr5), Noah (yr4), Ava (yr3), Teddy (yr2), Amelia (yr1) and Arthur (EYFS), who won the colouring competition for their year group. Our School Council had a really difficult job on their hands choosing the winners as there were so many fantastic entries! Our winners chose between a Rock Painting Kit or Scratch Doodle Pad for their prize.

## EYFS

EYFS have been exploring foods that wild animals eat to reflect their Imaginative Learning Project (ILP) this half term 'Why Do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?'. The children used a wide range of key vocabulary to describe what they could see, feel and smell. They discussed the differences between the animal food and the food that humans eat. The children expressed that they definitely didn't want to be served animal food at lunch!



## YEAR 1

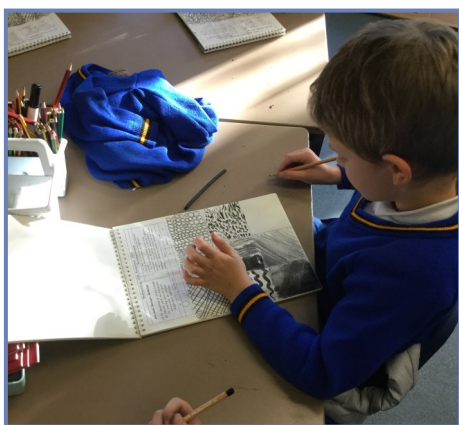
Year 1 have been making the most of the new blue soft surface in the Key Stage One playground. The children enjoyed a fun game of 'domes and dishes' followed by a session focused on racket skills.





## YEAR 2

Year 2 have been experimenting with pencil and charcoal to create different textures, lines and shapes. The children explored shading to create light and dark tones. They will be using these skills to help create their pirate flags over the next couple of weeks. Keep your eyes peeled for the finished pieces!



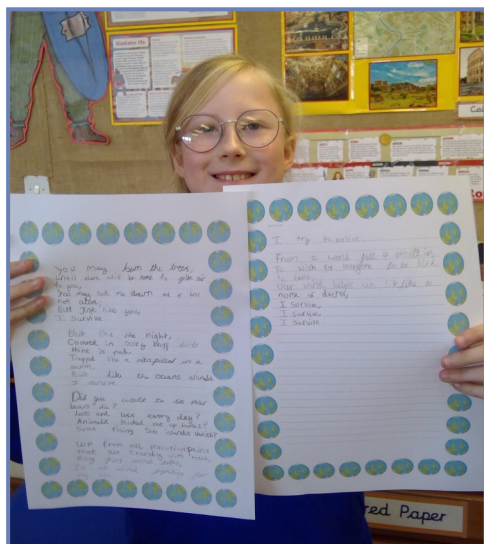
## YEAR 3

In science this week, Year 3 created an experiment to test the friction of different surfaces. The four surfaces they chose were bubble wrap, sand paper, rubber mat and carpet. They had to carefully hold the board at certain heights until the car started moving and rolled to the end of the board. The children enjoyed working as a team to reach their conclusions.



## YEAR 4

This half term, Year 4 have been exploring Maya Angelou's poem 'Still I Rise'. The children have written their own poem in the same style, but focused on climate change instead. They are so proud of their finished poems, and so are we!



## YEAR 5

Year 5 have conducted a science experiment exploring sieving and filtration. They used filters, sieves, stones, sand and oil. The children made predictions based upon their understanding of how we can separate mixtures. They had fun with this activity and explored lots of new learning.



## ARB

Our children in the ARB have continued with their 'Superheroes' topic. They have enjoyed the story 'The Three Little Super-Pigs' and lots of activities related to it.

The children made their very own handprint superheroes and superhero power packs to help them 'fly', leap, jump and hop!



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been writing their first narrative using The Write Stuff approach. They are writing a story based on a child's experience of being evacuated at the start of World War II. They have been using their experiences from the Evacuee Day and the Sentence Stacking lessons to focus on developing a range of emotive vocabulary and sentence structures.

We can't wait to read them once they're finished and edited.



## ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We wore odd socks at school on Monday to show support for Anti-Bullying week. Odd socks symbolise that we are all different and that children should be themselves, accepting of one another and celebrate difference.



## CORMAC

### School Crossing Patrol vacancies in this area

Do you have time to spare or know someone that does?  
Concerned about children's safety,  
and would like to do your bit for  
the community?

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Crossing Patrol may be  
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# SPORTS

Our Year 5 & 6 girls football team travelled to Penryn College on Friday to take part in the ESFA Girls County Final. The girls played five matches and came joint 7th with Biscovey. Well done, Team - 7th best in the County!



## Netball V Sandy Hill Academy, 23rd Nov

This was the **A team's** second match and they started really confidently. They were the strongest team and were marking really well, intercepting lots of the passes. Their shooting has really improved over the last few weeks of training and this showed in this match. The final score was 6-1 to us. Player of the match was Ruby.

The **B team** again started confidently! Their marking has improved and their passes were stronger. It was such a close match with both teams getting a few chances to shoot. Sandy Hill managed to score a goal in the final quarter meaning that the final score was 1-0 to Sandy Hill. Player of the match was Maddison for super work across the court.

## Football V Sandy Hill Academy, 23rd Nov

**Year 3 and 4 Football:** We lost 4-0 to a strong Sandy Hill side. We played some excellent football but were unable to get any goal chances with their goalkeeper making some excellent saves. Some big positives in the second game of the season which gives us great enthusiasm for the rest of the season.

**Year 5 Football:** Drew 1-1. Mount Charles had the better game but missed a few crucial chances. Very good team performance showing Mr Grigg and Mr Yelland great things. Impressive for only the second game played. Very unlucky not to get a win.

**Year 6 Football:** Lost 2-0 but played a very good and competitive game. Sandy Hill had two players who were in great form that put pressure on. Good to see the Year 6 team playing well as a group and hopefully their first win isn't too far away after two very good and narrow defeats.

Some great performances from all the teams and we look forward to our next fixture against Carclaze in December.

Our Cross Country runners took part in the first County qualifier of the season at Poltair this week. Every single Mount Charles runner persevered to complete their race - we are SO proud! A special shout out goes to Abe who came first place in the year 4 boys' race.



# Christmas at Mount Charles

We are really looking forward to Christmas at Mount Charles!

We have planned events that ensure we celebrate safely and that the children enjoy some festive magic. We are hugely grateful to our fantastic PTA who have supported with planning celebrations. The PTA have organised a Christmas Tree that will be positioned outside reception. The PTA have bought each child a Christmas decoration for them to personalise and hang from the tree.

We would like to invite all our families to **'Welcome our Christmas Tree'** on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm**. Our choir will sing, festive music will play and our PTA will be selling hot chocolates and hot dogs. If weather permits, there will be a name the teddy game and a small craft stall so please bring some loose change. We will dismiss the children safely to their parents at the usual time and then welcome families back through the gates to the playground. Please note that parents will be responsible for their children throughout the event. Families will be outside on the playground so fingers crossed for a dry afternoon. The area directly outside reception and our Year 3 class rooms at the bottom of the steps, will be reserved for families within our ARB and children in mainstream who require a wheel chair. We are hoping that this will ensure a quieter, more accessible area. We are really looking forward to the grand lights switch on!

The PTA have arranged for every child to create a **Christmas craft** and will be collecting £3 for each child's Christmas craft and tree decoration. Payment can be made via Parent Pay. Your child's craft and decoration will be sent home, after payment, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

To mark **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, everyone is welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper, in place of their school uniform jumper. Usual school uniform is still required. You will be able to donate to Save the Children directly via ParentPay.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December ARB, EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch** – Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory with their usual school uniform!

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Christmas Lunch** – Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory with their usual school uniform!

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas party games – school uniform as usual. **School closes at 1.30pm** – **There will be no Charlie's Childcare that afternoon so please make alternative arrangements.**

Finally, the children have been working hard to prepare a Christmas treat for you all. Mr Bartlett has been working hard behind the scenes to put together a video for you to enjoy at home with your family. This will be shared with you all during the last week of term.

it's the most *Wonderful* time of the year





The Time2Move Holiday programme has partnered up with Parent Carers Cornwall to ensure all children with Special Education Needs or registered Disabled can attend their provision over the Christmas holidays and beyond! Every parent that registers their child as having SEND needs will receive a phone call from Parent Carers Cornwall to fully understand these needs and ensure the provider is aware and these needs are met with the required staffing necessities, food provision and physical activity delivery. If you are a parent of a child and want to talk direct to Parent Carers Cornwall about the needs of your child before you book on some Time2Move activity, please phone one of the 'T2M SEND Support Lines' below:



07706 021018 or 07706 021016. For more information on both Parent Carers Cornwall and the Time2Move Holiday Programme please visit the websites below or call 01872 323335 or email [TimeMove.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:TimeMove.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk)

[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme) / [www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk](http://www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk)

Cornwall Council have been awarded £4.5million to support our community as we continue to recover from the effects of the pandemic. Cornwall Council have allocated part of this funding to the provision of food vouchers for the Christmas holidays and February half term break. Parents of children who are currently on our records as being in receipt of income-related free school meals (FSM) will receive their Christmas voucher by email on Friday 17th December. This will be **£30 per child**.

If you did not receive food vouchers for the October half term break and think your child should be entitled to them, please click this link to [apply for free school meals](#) through Cornwall Council. If your application is successful, you will be added to our list to receive the food vouchers for the Christmas break.

Please note, all children in EYFS, year 1 and year 2 receive universal infant free school meals (UIFSM), but you must be in receipt of income-related free school meals (FSM) to receive the vouchers. If you are unsure of what your child is currently in receipt of, please speak to our school office who will be happy to help.



# Notices



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CLAY WORKS**

## FESTIVE FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 12 December | 10:00-16:30 | Booking recommended



Join our **Festive Family Fun Day**, packed full of **festive activities** around the grounds!

- \* Be explorers in the Family Forest School session, complete with **campfire, hot chocolate and a lantern walk!**
- \* Hear about a Cornish Christmas in our **storytelling sessions**
- \* Get creative with **Christmas crafts** and make the perfect present
- \* Follow the **Reindeer Trail** in the woods
- \* Listen to our **local choirs**
- \* Sparkle on the Community **Christmas Tree walk**
- \* Tuck into our delicious **festive lunches**, cakes and drinks in the café
- \* Find that **Christmas present** in the gift shop
- \* Plus get your **new annual pass**

**Remember your Christmas jumpers or fancy dress!**

**£10.50 adults  
£6 children  
£3 for annual pass holders**




@  
**Mount Charles Methodist Church**  
Victoria Road, St Austell, PL25 4QF

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
And  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
3.15pm – 5.15pm**

**Enjoy activities such as crafts, cooking and singing as a family.**

**All ages welcome, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Please book in via:**  
[methodistsatmountcharlesfamilies@gmx.com](mailto:methodistsatmountcharlesfamilies@gmx.com)

**or**  
[www.mountcharleschurch.com](http://www.mountcharleschurch.com) 



Together   
for Families

The  
deadline for  
applications is  
**15 January  
2022**

## Starting school September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

### Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

### Information and guidance

Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

### Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



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