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Mount Charles School

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"What happens when I fall asleep?"

EYFS kick started their topic with a pyjama day! They learnt about the importance of brushing their teeth before going to bed, enjoyed lots of their favourite bedtime stories and learnt about people who work at night-time. They finished their day with a yummy hot chocolate!

"Alien Invasion"

Year One experienced an 'alien invasion' when a spaceship crash landed in the playground! The police came to make sure the alien was safe and friendly. The children learnt about how the police keep us safe and how we can keep ourselves safe. They finished the day making slime 'fuel' to help the alien get back to space!





"Beat, Band, Boogie!"

Year Two have been enjoying lots of Music and Art this week! They are learning how sounds can be made. They experimented with different instruments, learnt how to use the Garage Band app on the iPads and created their own colourful instruments!



"Scrumdiddlyumptious!"

Year Three had the opportunity to sample different types of bread as part of their food based topic, Scrumdiddlyumptious. They used all of their senses to rate and describe each bread before tasting them!

"Hocus Pocus!"

Year Four enjoyed a day of witchcraft and wizardry to begin their topic! They experimented the viscosity of liquids, tested the capacity of different potions bottles and made their own potions.... whilst dressed as witches and wizards of course!





"Pestilence"

Year Five had a visit from 'Pestilence' on Monday! The classrooms were sealed off and they learnt all about the plague! No gruesome details spared!

"Blood Heart"

Year Six will be learning about the heart for their topic—it's function, the circulatory system and how to keep your heart healthy. They saw real sheep's hearts which were dissected by teachers to show first hand what a heart is like! They will continue their topic studying the story "Pig Heart Boy".



We have extended our disabled parking to three spaces in our visitor car park. Please do not double park behind these spaces to allow cars to manoeuvre with ease into the spaces.

Charlie's After School Club!

Charlies Wrap-Around Care is available from 7:45am to 6:00pm. To book a place, please email Mrs Chenoweth at <u>charlies@mount-charlessch.org</u> or speak to the school office.

Breakfast Club: 7:45am until 8:30am (Mondays to Fridays) Afterschool Club: 3:00pm until 6:00pm (Mondays to Thursdays) Afterschool Club: 3:00pm until 5:00pm (Fridays) Please visit our website for more information.

Mr Rees and Mrs Bradley will be leaving Mount Charles on February 16th. Mrs Bradley is retiring from teaching after 18.5 years fantastic service at Mount Charles (and many more before that in other lucky schools!). Mr Rees has been appointed as Lead Teacher at Bugle School. I am sure you will all join with us in wishing them both every success in the future. The office are collecting donations for leaving gifts if you would like to make a contribution.

We are delighted that Mr Hughes will be joining us as Year 2 teacher and Y2/3/4 Phase Leader and Miss Kehoe as Year 3 teacher from after half term. They will both be joining us for transition visits to get to know the children. We will let you know the dates as parents will be able to meet them at the start/end of the school day.



Clubs start on Monday 14th January and end on Friday 29th March. The spring term club timetable has gone home and lots of you have already booked online. If you are not receiving school emails then please check your contact details at the office. We are really proud of the diverse range of activities we are able to offer at Mount Charles. We have tried to offer a range of activities at lunchtime and after school to interest everyone. We would like to thank all staff who have given their time so generously once again to lead clubs. If you have any ideas for future clubs then please speak to Mr Grigg.



Please note, most of our clubs will be run as planned regardless of the weather as the main hall will be available for use.

However, on days of inclement weather, children attending our Tag Rugby and KS1 Football Clubs, will be kept at school until 4:00pm and occupied with an alternative indoor activity. You would of course be welcome to collect your child at usual pick up time if preferred.

Spring Census—Menu Change

Thursday 17th 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 the Universal Free School Meals to encourage their child to have a school meal on Thursday.

Even if your child only has a few school meals a year, it is important that they do so on Thursday 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 made a change to Thursday's menu choices:

Burger & Chips or Macaroni Cheese (v)

With baked beans or peas

Ice Cream Factory



