



On Friday 19th March, we took part in fundrais-

ing for Comic Relief. Our children and staff came to school dressed in red or as superheroes with their red nose accessories! The children took part in various Red Nose-themed activities including baking, and arts and crafts. On Monday 22nd March, we all came to school wearing brightly coloured odd socks to raise awareness for World Down Syndrome Day. The school was full of colour and laughter for two great causes.

*"Charity is not just about making a donation,  
it's about making a difference."*



## Site Improvements

We are delighted that since the CELT merger, our premises improvements have progressed at pace. It was certainly not an easy task, but our Key Stage 1 playground and surrounding fencing has been re-designed and completed. The transformation is remarkable, and the new space is being thoroughly enjoyed by the children (and adults!).

We will be fully utilising the summer holidays for two large scale projects. We are delighted that the second half of our roof is being replaced. We will also be refurbishing both EYFS classrooms and their cloakroom area. October half term is also booked for more replacement perimeter fencing and new entrance gates.

There is still lots to do but with the continued support of Wendy Titman (Project Manager), Lisa Mannall (Trust Lead) and Jon Purshouse (Estate Manager) we are confident that the pace of improvements will continue.

All at Mount Charles would like to thank Wendy  
and the CELT team for making this happen!





# STICK MAN



As part of their ILP, 'Will you read me a story?', EYFS have been busy exploring Julia Donaldson Stories. During their Busy Learning time, they made their very own 'Stick Men' and wrote their own wedding invitations for The Scarecrow's Wedding.

They had great fun doing experiments of 'The Disappearing Gingerbread Man' to explore what would happen to the Gingerbread Man when he crossed the river!



As part of languages week, the children in our ARB explored different foods from around the world. They have explored landmarks in London and created their own adventures for Paddington Bear.

They also had lots of fun playing parachute games!



An exciting discovery in Year 1 last week. The children were amazed to find that an alien spaceship had crash landed in the outdoor area! This sparked an investigation! They used their scientific knowledge of everyday materials to work out which materials the spaceship was made from and then explored their properties. The children found lots of different materials and some which they'd never seen before. Some were shiny, some were translucent, and some were flexible. Year 1 have also been creating and animating their own ebooks on Purple Mash using movement tools and audio!



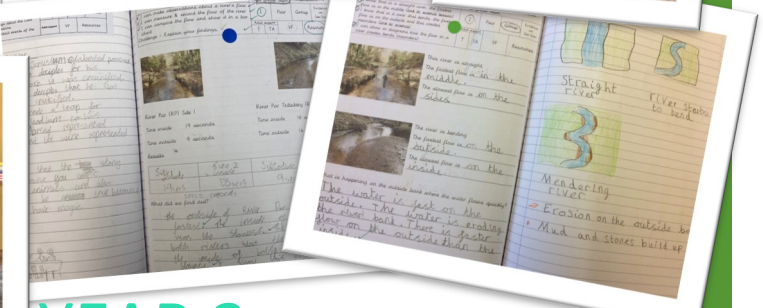
YEAR 1





## YEAR 2

In year 2 we have been working as a team to try and build the tallest tower. We talked about how we could make it strong and stand up on its own. When we measured them, some of our towers were taller than a metre!



## YEAR 3

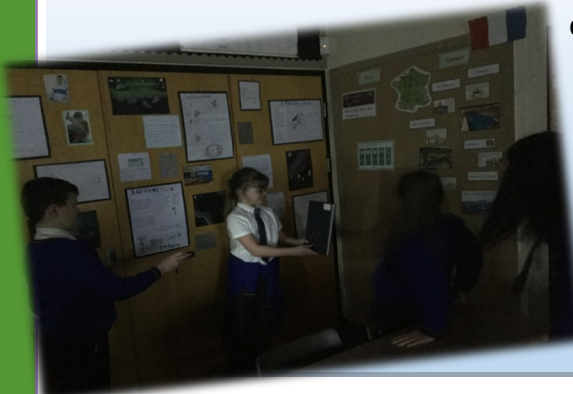
Year 3 have been looking at river flow. In geography they have been investigating why rivers bend and in science they have been measuring river flow using some virtual fieldwork data collected by Mr Grigg.



## YEAR 6

In Year 6, the children have been learning about how

light travels, how we see things and about the colour spectrum. They investigated shadows and how different factors affect the size of the shadow that is formed. They also created colour spinners which the children found incredible; watching to see the way the colours merged to create white when spinning them!



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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.

With the holidays coming up, your child might be spending more time online. Our website online safety page has links to some fantastic resources to help keep children safe online and to help you to know what to do if you have concerns about online safety.

[https://www.mount-charlessch.org/webtalking\\_about\\_online\\_safety\\_with\\_your\\_children/285352](https://www.mount-charlessch.org/webtalking_about_online_safety_with_your_children/285352)



## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been busy conducting experiments to investigate gravity, they carried out an experiment using their very own homemade rockets! They have also been learning about mass and weight using newton meters. In history, the children have been learning about the Race to Space and finding out who got their first!



# GRAVITY FALLS

**Last day of Term—Collection Timetable**

*Charlies Wraparound Club will close at 3pm*

ARB+ all older siblings	RSH + all older siblings	RSW + all older siblings	1LAH + all older siblings	1SC + all older siblings	Year 2 + all older siblings	Year 3 + all older siblings	Year 4 + all older siblings	Year 5 + all older siblings	Year 6
1:35pm	1:25pm	1:35pm	1:35pm	1:25pm	1:25pm	1:25pm	1:25pm	1:35pm	1:35pm
Main Gate Left	Middle Yard Gate	Middle Yard Gate	Main Gate Right	Main Gate Right	Main Gate Left	Swimming Gate	Wesley Gate	Swimming Gate	Wesley Gate

Unfortunately we are still receiving complaints regarding parking.

Please:



- Do not park in front of the school gates or on the yellow zigzags.
- Do not park in our disabled bays unless you are a blue badge holder.
- Please do not double park adjacent to the disabled bays as it obstructs access.
- Do not park over the crossing or Zig Zags on Victoria Road.
- Do not block the driveways of residents on Woodland Road or the business park on Morven Road.
- Use the car parks available to us at the church on Victoria Road, and the church on Woodland Road

Thank you.



Should your child test positive for coronavirus on Friday 2nd or Saturday 3rd April, please contact the school by leaving an message on 01726 73911 or email [enquiries@mount-charlessch.org](mailto:enquiries@mount-charlessch.org). We need to know of such cases so we can inform close contacts of the need to self-isolate.





## Free School Meal Vouchers...

As you will be aware the Department for Education has not funded schools to provide Free School Meals vouchers over the school holidays since the Summer 2020 holiday. However, for the Christmas 2020 and February Half Term 2021 holidays Cornwall Council has utilised funding from its Covid Winter Grant to provide vouchers for all children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, which we distributed on behalf of Cornwall Council.

Covid Winter Grant funding ceases in April 2021. Funding has been allocated from the grant for a final round of Free School Meals vouchers for all children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals over the Easter 2021 holiday. As at Christmas and half-term, funding will be allocated to schools to procure and issue these vouchers (to a value of £30 per eligible pupil for the two-week holiday). However, parents should be aware that there will be no further funding available to provide a universal food voucher scheme for all FSM families over future holidays. Our families eligible for Free School Meals will receive their Easter Holiday vouchers by email on Monday 5th April.

## Change in circumstances...

Sadly, many families across the country are reaching crisis point financially due to the Covid-19 pandemic. If your circumstances have changed, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals.

Please follow this link and complete an online application form. [Free School Meals Application Form](#), or alternatively contact the school office.

## Join our Governors...

If any parents would be interested in joining our Local Governing Body, or would just like to enquire to find out more about what it entails in the first instance, then please contact [chair@mount-charlessch.org](mailto:chair@mount-charlessch.org) by the 31st March 2021.

## Car sharing on school run

At this time please **avoid car sharing**, but if you have to, please follow these simple steps.



**Wear face coverings**



**Sit as far apart as possible**



**Share with the same small group only**



**Keep windows open**



**Wash hands or use sanitisers before and after**



**Clean the car after every journey**



[cornwall.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://cornwall.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### Term Dates 2021/22

Autumn Term 1 2021—Wednesday 1st September—Friday 15th October

Autumn Term 2 2021: Monday 1st November—Friday 17th December

Spring Term 1 2022: Tuesday 4th January—Thursday 17th February

Spring Term 2 2022: Monday 28th February—Friday 8th April

Summer Term 1 2022: Monday 25th April—Friday 27th May

Summer Term 2 2022: Monday 6th June—Friday 22nd July

### INSET DAYS

*18th October 2021*

*19th October 2021*

*20th October 2021*

*21st October 2021*

*22nd October 2021*

*18th February 2022*

