

Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

26.9.25

Dear Families

Over this week we have hosted over 20 new teachers, who have been spending time in classes and around the school, looking at how we do things the Mount Hawke way. Their feedback has been wonderful – commenting on the excellent behaviour of our children, their positive attitudes to learning and the pride that everyone takes in our school. A big well done and thank you to all our children and staff for all the hard work that goes into every day.

Our new School Council members met last Friday for their first meeting of the year and have discussed very thoughtfully how we can improve our school further. We are using their suggestions to draw up an action plan to work on through the year. We are very pleased that two members, Talullah and Bill in Year Six, have agreed to become our Eco Councillor representatives, joining Miss Collop as our Sustainability Lead, and will attend Aspire sustainability meetings, helping us to become more environmentally aware and work with us on our school Climate Action Plan.

Our Trust, Aspire, have also funded a new gate for our garden area at the end of the field, so we will be able to access this from Rodda's Road soon after half term. Polytunnel update – we were hoping to have the new skin on the polytunnel by now but we have had a delay in the delivery of the timber needed, so this remains a work in progress!

Celebrations

We held our Friday Whole School Celebration Assembly today and it was lovely to share the news from each class with everyone and celebrate all the hard work together. All of our children make us very proud each week, and to gain this additional recognition is very special.

Class	Celebration	Achievement
Mousehole	Bernie	Monty
Longships	Keirah	Nader
Pendeen	Jesse A	Isla P
Gwithian	James	Tamsin
Carne	Max	Deia
Lamorna	Emmy	Riley
Allen	Lainey	Maks
Kenwyn	lvy	Alex
Truro	James	Aliya



My Personal Best Life Skills for next week are...

EYFS and KS1 – Trust KS2 – Encouragement

We will explore these life skills and link them to our ASPIRE values, encouraging their use in all our activities. You can read more about this here - My Personal

Best - Youth Sport Trust and here - Mount Hawke Academy - Ethos, Aims & Values

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Recommended Read

This week's read is from Riley in Lamorna Class...Riley recommends Rune by Carlos Sánchez. Rune is a graphic novel about Chiri and Dai, who follow a bird into a tunnel and end up in another realm. They meet an evil shopkeeper who sells them honey. Then they find a cat and a person who takes them to breakfast town, where they meet a giant and a birdman. They become friends and work as a team to fight evil creatures such as a dragon that can change into other people. I love it because it's so imaginative, there are great pictures. Chiri speaks in sign language and the book even teaches you how to use some of the signs. It's a really good story so I recommend Rune to everyone.

Science Challenge

This month we're exploring light and refraction. Remember to send in photos or videos to hello@mounthawke.org.



September Science Challenge!

TRY THIS INDOORS ... Confused Fish



Amaze and puzzle your family and friends with this optical usion! Draw two fish on a piece of paper and prop it up whind an empty drinking glass so that you can see the fish through the glass. Then slowly fill the glass up with water while you watch the fish – what do you see happening?

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE? Things to talk about ...

What changes about how you see the arrows when you pour water into the container? What happens if you turn the fish so they are pointing upwards? What happens if you use a different glass, or move it nearer to or further from the fish? What happens to writing? Instead of using fish, can you write a word that looks the same when the glass is empty and when you pour water into it? What do you know about how we see objects?

WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

We see an object because light travels through air from the object to our eye. When the light passes through another material it gets bent; this is called refraction. When light passes through the empty glass, it is bent a small amount and the appearance of the fish hardly changes, but when the light also passes through water it is bent so much that the light rays cross over before they reach our eyes. This is why it makes it look as though the fish are swimming in the other direction.

Shadows are formed when objects block light coming from a light source. You cannot see details such as facial features within shadows, only the outline of the object that is blocking the light.

Sports News

Today, a group of our older girls have headed off to Penair School in Truro to take part in a tournament. We wish them all the best for the first competition of this school year.

Year Six Moving On

It is that time of year – if you have a child in Year Six, please make sure that you complete their application for secondary school before 31st October 2025. The online application system is open and detailed information about the admissions process is available online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions.

It is important that you name more than one preference. This will not give you less chance of securing a place at your preferred school. Please also check your eligibility for Home to School Transport before naming your preferences.

If you need support with the application process, contact the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

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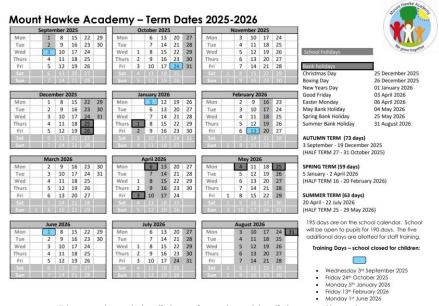
Communications

Remember to use the email hello@mounthawke.org or phone 01209 890230 if you need to speak to one of us, let us know about something or share something with us. Miss Biddick is usually on the gate every morning and afternoon too.

All of us here at school would like to wish you a very happy and safe weekend.

The calendar below will be updated as the year moves on...

MHA Calendar		
Week beginning 20 th October	Parent Consultation Evenings – more details soon	
23 rd October	Flu Vaccinations	
24 th October	Training Day – MHA closed to children	
3 rd November	Open Session for Prospective Families for Reception September 2026 3:30pm – 4:30pm	
14 th November	Children in Need Day – own clothes for a donation	
Week beginning 8 th December	Christmas Performances – more details soon	
19 th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day	



Please book holidays in school holidays – thank you

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