



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

21.11.25

Dear Families

This week has been another very busy one! Carne Class and Lamorna Class both visited King Edward Mine as part of their learning about our local history. The children explored machinery, old tools and working conditions and brought back a great deal of knowledge. Their behaviour was also exemplary – well done everyone. Meanwhile, Gwithian Class had a cooking session with Aspens on Wednesday for their DT topic of Seasonal Food. The children tasted samples of various fruits and then made healthy snack bars. There were lots of smiling faces and full tummies after!

The disco last night was so well attended, and was great fun. A huge thank you to FOMHS for arranging such lovely opportunities for our children and raising money at the same time.

Christmas Play Tickets

Dry Tri

Thank you so much for your support with our latest dry triathlon. All classes have now completed the challenge. The current fundraising is around £600! Any donations can still be made via ParentPay or cash to the school office to support buying new PE equipment.

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. What also makes us smile is how often siblings are chosen in the same week. Teachers don't discuss their choices with other classes, so this is purely based on what has been noticed in class and around school that week.

Class	Celebration	Achievement
Mousehole	Oggy	Esme Bo
Longships	Holly	Marnie
Pendeen	Bonnie	Ziana
Gwithian	Riley	Ida
Carne	Ronnie	Isabella
Lamorna	Myah	Jackson
Allen	Joy	Freddie
Kenwyn	Nathan	George
Truro	Archie	Eben

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

EYFS and KS1 – Curiosity

KS2 – Concentration

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](#)

Sports News

On Monday, our girl team played a match at home against Truro High School. Our team came together well, and congratulations must go to THS for the win. On Wednesday, the team headed off to St Austell to take part in a Cornwall FA tournament and played some super games. We are delighted that they came third in their area. Well done all.

Today, our football and netball teams are heading off to Mithian School for some matches. Good luck!

Science Challenge

This month we're thinking about flower power! Remember to send in photos or videos to hello@mounthawke.org.

November Science Challenge! Flower Power!

You will need

- * Different kinds of paper and card
- * Scissors
- * Bowl of water
- * Other liquids, e.g. milk, cooking oil (optional)
- * Sketch book and pencil
- * Magnifying glass (optional)

Draw and cut out some paper flower shapes. Gently fold each petal into the centre so they overlap, and then float the flower in the bowl of water. Watch what happens! Experiment to find out what happens with different sizes of flower and types of paper or card. Can you time how long different flowers take to open?



WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

Why do you think the paper flowers open when you put them into water? What happens when you use thicker or thinner paper, or with different sized flowers? Does it still work if you use a different liquid like milk or cooking oil?



WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

Paper is made of lots of fibres. The spaces between the fibres can absorb water and when this happens, the paper expands which is why the flower opens up. The fibres and the sizes of the space between them vary from paper to paper which is why some flowers open faster than others. When water flows into narrow spaces in this way, often against gravity, it is called **capillary action**. Another example of capillary action is water moving through the roots of a plant and into the stem and leaves.

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Recommended Read

This week's recommendation comes from Eben in Truro Class and he recommends Impossible Creatures, The Poisoned King by Katherine Rundell.

This book is about mythical beasts, revenge and justice, and is a gritty page-turning novel that will hook you within the first few pages. There is a young princess – Anya – who is accompanied by her trusty gold-beaked Royal Gagana, Gallia, and a fragile Gagana egg, which will later hatch a beautiful baby bird. They are faced with challenges, poison and murder, but also new friends.

It is the second book in a series that will eventually be five books. Both first and second books in the series are beautifully written and I enjoyed them both massively. I hugely recommend this book to anyone aged 8-14 especially.



Christmas Play Tickets – Now Live on ParentPay

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Christmas plays during week commencing 8th December.

There will be two performances of each play. As last year, we are using ParentPay to book tickets for the performances. Tickets are initially limited to a maximum of 2 per child - please book your ticket for **either** of the 2 performances (**not both please**). The performances will show as separate items in ParentPay. Please detail in the information section how many tickets you would like (1 or 2) for that performance. **NB. children & babies will need their own tickets to comply with fire regulations.**

Please book your tickets by Monday 1st December. Once the initial allocation of 2 tickets per child has taken place there may be a very limited number of additional tickets. If you would like to apply for additional tickets, please indicate in the information section how many tickets you would like and for which performance. There is no guarantee that we will have any additional tickets, but if so we will endeavour to issue any on a fair basis.

There is no charge for tickets on ParentPay but you are welcome to make a voluntary contribution towards FOMHS fundraising if you wish.

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.

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

MHA Calendar		
26 th November	Bag2School 	
8 th December	Years One and Two - Baarmy Bethlehem– 1.30 pm & 5.00 pm	Tickets are now available on ParentPay
9 th December	Years Five and Six – Peter Pan – 1.30 pm & 5.00 pm	
10 th December	Years Three and Four - Lights, Camels, Action 2 – 1.30 pm & 5.00 pm	
12 th December	Year R – The Nativity - 9.15 am & 2.00 pm	
15 th December	Open classrooms from 2.30 pm – 3.00 pm – share the children's learning from the year so far	
19 th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day	

Help us to raise money for school funds by supporting Bag2School on Wednesday – thank you!



BAG 2 SCHOOL

 **We Collect**



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts

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