



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

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Dear Families

Thank you SO much for your support with the latest Bag2School collection. The driver was amazed with how much you donated and it has raised £200 for school funds!

Keeping with the recycling theme, our two Eco Councillors, Bill and Talullah, took part in a virtual Eco Council meeting on Monday with all the other Aspire schools. They looked at our Climate Action Plan and everyone shared ideas as to how we can work together towards our aims of a culture that prioritises sustainability. Mrs Powell took part in the Aspire History Network day on Tuesday as part of our continual focus on our curriculum. Also on Tuesday, Cornwall Council spent some time outside school, looking at next steps in the School Street plan. We will update you when we hear anything.

We were also very pleased to show some visitors from Cornwall Education Learning Trust around school this week, and were very proud of the way our children shared their learning with them. Finally, thank you for your support with The Poppy Appeal again this year. As a school we raised £252.71 – super!

Celebrations

Today saw a lovely end to the month – our Superstar Assembly. The parents of the children named below have already had a letter, telling them that their child has been noticed for going above and beyond in all that they do and an invitation to our Superstar Assembly. Each Superstar is also given Book Token to help them buy a book of their choice.

This is to say a huge THANK YOU and WELL DONE for all that our Superstars do, from everyone at school.

Class	Superstar
Mousehole	Dylan
Longships	Finley
Pendeen	Jesse
Gwithian	Maia
Carne	Alfrieda
Lamorna	Oliver
Allen	Maks
Kenwyn	Alex
Truro	Rory



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

EYFS and KS1 – Concentration

KS2 – Curiosity

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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Sports News

The sporting events continue. On Monday two teams of girls and boys headed off to Truro Prep for football matches, both teams coming away with draws. On Wednesday, the boys' team made the journey to Mounts Bay to take part in league matches, playing superbly and this afternoon a group of children have gone to Richard Lander School to take part in a basketball tournament.

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.

Recommended Read

This week's recommendation comes from Jenna in Kenwyn Class... The Mega Complicated Crushes of Lottie Brooks by Katie Kirby...

I love this book because it is silly and funny. This is the third book of the series and the best so far. Finally summer has arrived and Lottie has BIG plans for the Summer Holidays – scrolling through Instagram, dreaming about Daniel and her school friends and lounging by the pool on their family holiday to France. Then Lottie meets Antoine. The language is a tiny bit of a barrier at first but it doesn't matter as they soon find a way to be friends.



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Christmas Post Box

Our school post box is open in school for the children to pop their Christmas cards to friends in. Our Year Six elves will deliver the cards each day. Please remember to put first and last names on the envelope along with the class.



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.

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

MHA Calendar		
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 (non uniform) and Christmas Dinner Day	

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