



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

6.2.26

Dear Families

We've had a busy week in school! On Tuesday, Year Six experienced what life was like in Victorian times for a morning. Lessons were taught in a very formal, Victorian style and the children had to write using chalk. They learned how to complete sums using pounds, shillings and pence, and took part in drill. The cane made an appearance as did the dunce hat. This was a super culmination of the children's learning in history this term.

On Wednesday, our Year Five children took part in Little Lifesavers training. This is led by our Aspire Health and Safety team, and our children learnt basic Emergency CPR and abdominal thrust so they can help in the event of someone choking. The children were so impressive with their listening skills and willingness to take part, and gained a great deal from this.

Carne Class have spent several sessions finding out more about recycling and took part in a Planet Waste Workshop on Wednesday, with Will from Biffa. They then travelled to the Suez Recycling Centre at Bodmin yesterday to find out more about where our waste goes. A big thank you to Tom for helping to organise all of this very important work.

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	Ruairi	Freddie
Longships	Nader	Nuala
Pendeen	Cole	Eira
Gwithian	Maia	James
Carne	Freyr	Annie
Lamorna	Lorcan	Jago
Allen	Ella	Kavi
Kenwyn	Jenna	Frankie
Truro	Bill	Adam



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

EYFS and KS1 – Integrity
KS2 – Self Motivation

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

On Monday, two teams of footballers headed off to Threemilestone School to play matches after school. All the teams played very well, with great determination and skill, and the congratulations go to Threemilestone for two wins!

Attached to this newsletter is details of this year's Coose Trannack Cross Country Races. If you are interested in your child taking part, you can enter on the day.

Science Challenge

Remember to send in photos or videos to hello@mounthawke.org.

SCAVENGER SCIENCE

TRY THIS INDOORS Make a shelter

Collect some different materials together from indoors (e.g. foil, card, plastic, cotton) and/or outdoors (e.g. sticks, leaves). Use the materials to make a waterproof mini shelter for a toy. You could start by making a framework like the one in the picture and then put different materials over it. Once the shelter is finished, put a small toy inside and spray or drip water over the top. Try changing the material to find out which one is best at keeping the toy dry.

You will need

- * Collection of materials (e.g. foil, plastic, card, cotton, leaves)
- * Jug of water
- * Small toy
- * Egg box or other small container
- * Paper and glue

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

Which materials are best at keeping the toy dry? Why do you think this is? Which materials let the water through? Do they let the water through straight away or after a bit of time? Which materials soak up the water?

NB if you are doing this indoors, put a tray or plastic sheet under the shelter to stop water going on the floor!



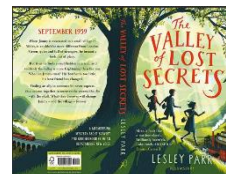
WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

Water cannot pass through **waterproof** materials. Foil and plastic are waterproof which is why they are so useful for wrapping food, and why we make raincoats from plastic materials. Some materials might **absorb** water and so might not let it through straight away, e.g. thick cotton, but after some time, the water will drip through.

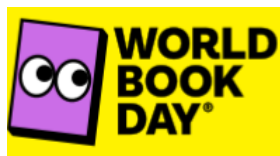
Recommended Read

This week's recommendation comes from Truro Class... we recommend The Valley of Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr.

We have read it together in class and loved the suspense created from the start. When 12-year-old Jimmy and his little brother are evacuated from London to a small town in South Wales, they try to adjust to a new, quiet life in the valleys away from their dad. Then Jimmy discovers a skull hidden in a tree and wants to find out what happened.



It explores themes of trust, friendship, and the contrast between city and rural life during the war. It makes you intrigued to know what has happened and you can't help but love the main characters.



World Book Day – 5th March 2026

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March this year. All the children will be bringing home a Book Token after half term so that they can get a copy of one of the World Book Day books for free. There are some lovely choices of books, written by some very well known authors. On the day itself, we will

hold our annual tour of the classrooms for the children, where they can share the activities that they have completed. A poster with suggestions for home activities is being sent with this newsletter too.

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Traffic Consultation – Area Speed Limits

Cornwall Council is planning to introduce a 20mph speed limit on most residential streets within the St Agnes & Perranporth Community Network Area.

Why?

Introducing a 20mph speed limit in these areas will make our streets safer, especially for pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users. This change supports Cornwall Council's Vision Zero goal: working towards eliminating all fatal and serious injuries on our roads. The link below takes you to the online consultation:

[St Agnes & Perranporth Community Network Area: 20mph Speed Limits | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

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	
Thursday 12 th February	Lamorna Class Cake Sale - after school
Friday 13 th February	Training Day – school closed – updating first aid training
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – see the attachment
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day – non-school uniform / wear red
Thursday 5 th March	Carne Class Cake Sale - after school
Monday 9 th – Monday 16 th March	The Great MHA Balloon Race – details to follow
Friday 15 th March	FOMHS Cupcake Workshop – details to follow
w/b Monday 23 rd March	Parent Consultation Evenings
Monday 30 th March	Open Classroom Session – 2.30pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 1 st April	Gwithian Class Cake Sale - after school
Thursday 2 nd April	Break up for Easter Holiday at 3:15pm / Playzone until 5:00pm

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Monday 20 th April	Return to school for Summer Term
Wednesday 20 th May	Pendeen Class Cake Sale - after school
Wednesday 17 th June	Longships Class Cake Sale - after school
Thursday 9 th July	Mousehole Class Cake Sale - after school Summer Fair
Friday 17 th July	FOMHS Colour Run – details to follow

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