



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

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Dear Families

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We hope that you had a lovely break. On the Training Day before the holiday, all our teachers undertook their first aid training, and we are very pleased that everyone got their qualification.

Our children have already been very busy this week, with lots of learning in the classroom and outside too. Years Four, Five and Six had rugby taster sessions yesterday with a coach from England Rugby. The children were superb and learned many new skills. They also embraced the muddy conditions!

Year Five headed off to Tolvaddon yesterday and took part in a Life Skills Workshop. They learned how to stay safe outdoors and online and were praised for their exemplary behaviour. Well done, Year Five.

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	Connie
Longships	Ottilie
Pendeen	Willow
Gwithian	Kit
Carne	Daisy
Lamorna	Immy
Allen	Mimi
Kenwyn	Melia
Truro	Moved to next month



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

EYFS and KS1 – Fairness
KS2 – Reflection

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

This week has been very busy! Over 70 children took part in the area cross country races. Everyone completed their races and a group have qualified for the next round. This morning, our older children have headed off to Truro to take part in a swimming gala, and this afternoon another group are off to Mithian School for a table cricket match.

February Science Challenge

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

MUSICAL SCIENCE

TRY THIS INDOORS ... MAKE A DRUM

Put your small items - buttons, dried beans or rice work well - into the empty tin can so it's about half full. Take the balloon and cut off the end where you would tie the knot and stretch the rest of the balloon over the top of the tin can. Try shaking the can and tapping the balloon top, listening to the sounds the can makes. Try changing the items you put in the can, or changing how much you put into the can. You could try making more than one drum with different things in each.

You will need

- * Empty tin can
- * Small items: rice, buttons, beans
- * Balloon
- * Wooden and metal spoons
- * String or wool
- * Natural and/or human made items

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

Can you tell what is inside the can by the noise it makes? Is the sound different if you tap the balloon to when you shake the tin? What happens if you stretch the balloon more tightly over the tin? What does it sound like if you tap the side of the tin can with a wooden or metal spoon?



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WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

We hear sounds when an object vibrates (moves back and forth quickly, a bit like shaking). The vibrations of the object make the air around it vibrate too. When the vibrations reach our ears they shake tiny hairs which are connected to nerves inside our ears. The nerves send a message to our brains telling them that there is a noise. An object vibrates when it is hit or made to move, e.g. when the wind blows on a wind chime, the hanging objects move and bump into each other which makes them vibrate. The type of sound an object makes when it vibrates depends on the material it is made from. Metals are hard and vibrate well and usually make a ringing noise. Fabrics are soft so they don't vibrate very well and don't make any noise.

Recommended Read

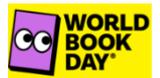
This week's recommendation comes from Allen Class...

Allen Class would like to recommend the book we have been reading as a class: Michael Morpurgo's 'King of the Cloud Forests'. It is a story about a boy called Ashley who has to escape China across the Himalayan mountains with his friend, Uncle Sung. They have to escape wolves, pass through villages undetected, disguise themselves, suffer frostbite and extreme hunger. When Uncle Sung goes missing, Ashley finds himself amongst a tribe of Yetis who treat him like royalty and an important part of their family. The book has made us laugh, feel sad and we have loved using the descriptions to draw our own versions of the Yeti. Here is an example of this: "...gigantic, intelligent and red-haired creatures rather than monsters. They have ape-like faces with black, wrinkled skin, flat noses, receding chins, and prominent, frowning foreheads, often showing intelligent, searching eyes under thick red eyebrows..."



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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FOMHS Virtual Balloon Race

Last year's race was SO exciting...and a bit competitive too! It was a great fundraiser for school and was great fun, so please encourage family and friends to buy as many balloons as possible. There are great prizes donated from many kind companies to add to the fun! We will be watching the launch live in school on Monday 9th March, and will check in through the week to see whose balloon makes it the furthest this year! For more information, see the sheet that has been sent out today.

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 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day – non-school uniform / wear red
Thursday 5 th March	Came 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
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

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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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