



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

29.9.22

Dear Families

We are finishing our third full week back in school and it feels as if our Mousehole children have been with us forever. They have settled so well and are already learning lots about so many areas of the curriculum. It is such a privilege to be involved in such exciting times!

On Monday we were visited by Vanessa Bragg, the CEO of Aspire, and Penny Shilston, the Chair of Trustees. They were very complimentary about all that they saw and praised the warm welcome that they received from everyone.

Yesterday our new School Council had their first meeting of the year, supported by Mr Brandreth. They have made some super suggestions about how to improve our school further, so we will start acting on these soon.

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	Elodie	Alma
Godrevy	William O	Phoebe
Longships	Isabella	Max
Pendeen	Lorcan	Emmy
Carne	Lainey	Harley
Gwithian	Milo	Arthur
Lamorna	Karolina	Aiden
Allen	Holly	Arlan
Kenwyn	Jowan	Thea-Rose
Truro	Eden	Eliza



Phonics Workshop

We hope that as many parents from Mousehole, Godrevy, Longships and Pendeen Classes can join us in the hall on Tuesday 3rd October from 9.00 am – 9.30 am to find out more about how we teach phonics and a love of reading. You will find out more about our scheme - [For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](#) – and what you can do to help your child at home.

Nits

We have had incidents of nits reported to us. Please do check for nits regularly and treat if needed. More information here - [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

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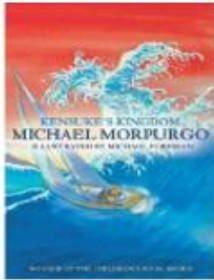
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Recommended Read

We had a bit of a glitch last week which meant that we didn't share Kenwyn Class's choice! So we have two recommended reads this week!

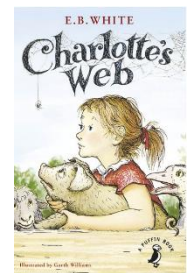
Kenwyn's recommendation is from Penny, Kyla and Ruby...



We are writing this book review about one of our favourite books 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. Kensuke's Kingdom is made up of strange, interesting and funny characters, on an island in the Pacific. The reason we chose this book is because we thought it was a great cliff hanger. We always wanted to read more. The main characters are called Michael, Kensuke and of course Michael's loyal sidekick Stella the dog. On Michael's birthday he and Stella fell overboard, with no food and no water; Michael curls up to die. When he wakes up there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit and a bowl of fresh water. He is now not alone...

Allen Class Recommended Read

Are you an animal lover? If so, you will love 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White. This book is set on Zuckerman's farm and the main characters are a pig and a spider. The book is about a young pig called Wilbur and a spider called Charlotte. What I liked about this book is that Wilbur is an innocent little pig that is a runt and he wants a friend. At night he hears a tiny voice and the tiny voice says, 'You will see me in the morning'. When he wakes up, he sees Charlotte [a spider]. I would recommend this book to everyone. By Maisie



Census Day Menu

Next Thursday 5th October, is a National School Census Day, when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we must report is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day.

The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we receive for our hot meals.

We do not receive funding for the number of hot meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the census days each year.

Our solution to this problem is to ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the school meal (or part of it) on Census Day. Please book as usual on ParentPay but instead of the options shown for 5th October we will be serving the popular 'Build a Burger' served with wedges, sweetcorn and baked beans followed by chocolate brownie. Jacket potato and hot tomato pasta will also be available. Your child will then be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs. You are welcome to send in a packed lunch as a back-up.



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Dry Triathlon

The week starting Monday 9th October Mount Hawke Academy, in conjunction with FOMHS, will be holding a year 1 to year 6 Dry Triathlon (a scoot/bike, row and run) day.

The event will take place throughout the school day with every year group taking part in this fun and exciting challenge.

We are certain that you and your family will want to support your child in participating in this event. By sponsoring them, you will also be supporting the school, and raising money to buy new PE equipment. Sponsorship can be made either via cash on the attached form, or by using the Triathlon donation item on ParentPay.

All children will receive a certificate to recognise their achievements on the day and there will be fun rewards to recognise outstanding effort.

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 2023. 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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**Reception Class 2024
Open Afternoon**
6th November: 3.30-4.30pm

Call: 01209 890230
Email: hello@mounthawke.org

Starting School September 2024

If you or someone you know has a child who was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 the application deadline for a school place for September 2024 is 15 January 2024. The Cornwall Council online application is here - [Applying for School - September 2024 start](#)

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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.

Dates

Autumn Term

- Phonics Workshop for EYFS & KS1
 - Parent Consultation Evenings
 - Christmas Performances
 - Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
- Tuesday 3rd October – 9.00 am – 9.30 am
Monday 16th October – Thursday 19th October – more details to follow
Week commencing Monday 11th December
Tuesday 19th December

Mount Hawke Academy – Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023 Mon 4 11 18 25 Tue 5 12 19 26 Wed 6 13 20 27 Thurs 7 14 21 28 Fri 1 8 15 22 29 Sat 2 9 16 23 30 Sun 3 10 17 24 31	October 2023 Mon 2 9 16 23 30 Tue 3 10 17 24 31 Wed 4 11 18 25 Thurs 5 12 19 26 Fri 6 13 20 27 Sat 7 14 21 28 Sun 1 8 15 22 29	November 2023 Mon 6 13 20 27 Tue 7 14 21 28 Wed 1 8 15 22 29 Thurs 2 9 16 23 30 Fri 3 10 17 24 Sat 4 11 18 25 Sun 5 12 19 26
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School holidays	
Bank holidays	
Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)
4 September - 19 December 2023
(HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

SPRING TERM (56 days)
3 January - 28 March 2024
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

SUMMER TERM (67 days)
15 April - 24 July 2024
(HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

195 days are on the school calendar. School will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for staff training.

Training Days – school closed for children:

- 4th September 2023
- 5th September 2023
- 20th October 2023
- 9th February 2024
- 28th March 2024

Please book holidays in school holidays – thank you

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