



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

27.9.24



Dear Families

This term we have become the first school in the country to be awarded with plastic Free School status for the third time from Surfers Against Sewage. Mount Hawke Academy worked together to find yet another plastic item to eliminate from our school by buying and using refillable glue sticks. Children also wrote letters to Members of Parliament to educate them on the effects of plastic pollution on our planet. Lamorna Class (our now wonderful year 5s) came up with the fantastic idea of 'Plastic Free Packed Lunches' after researching the types of plastics that are still lingering in our school. Once a month we will be holding a 'Plastic Free Packed Lunch' day where we would love all packed lunch items to be free from any SINGLE USE PLASTIC. Our first 'Plastic Free Packed Lunch' day will be on Tuesday 8th October. Please work with us on this day to take valuable steps in eliminating plastic from our school. Thank you so much for supporting us with this.

Our Mental Health Ambassadors ran their first session yesterday lunchtime, giving the children a space where they can sit quietly and doodle, draw and make things, also sharing any worries if they would like to. A huge thank you to our Year Six Ambassadors who, after their training in the summer, are showing such maturity and wisdom.

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	Ondine	Nuala
Godrevy	Iris	Josh
Longships	Ella	Will
Pendeen	Deia	Benji
Carne	Freddy	Beau
Lamorna	Lainey	Coast
Allen	Jensen	Gwen
Kenwyn	Bethany	Bella
Truro	Elsie	Arlan



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

EYFS and KS1 – Encouragement

KS2 – Imagination

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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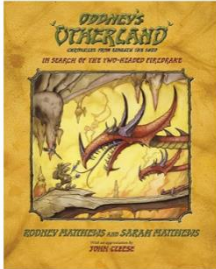
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Recommended Read

This week's recommendation is from Ivy in Allen Class... I recommend Oddney's Otherland by Rodney Matthews and Sarah Matthews because it is full of strange creatures and it is very mysterious and funny. It's all about an old man called Oddney with a giant nose and he has a bird called Maggie. Oddney's uncle thinks there is a land under the shed but no one believes him. Oddney finds his journal and goes to the shed, where he sees a head poking out of a giant plant pot! The journal reveals what this Otherland is all about.

Family Information Sessions at MHA



EYFS Phonics Workshop – Find Out How We Teach Phonics and Early Reading

This workshop will be held on Thursday 3rd October between 9.00 am and 9.30 am in the hall. Drop your children to class and then come to the front doors.

This information session will especially be for Mousehole parents, but parents from other classes are welcome too. You will find out more about our scheme - [For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://For%20parents%20Letters%20and%20Sounds%20(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)) – and what you can do to help your child at home.

All Classes - Maths Workshop – Find Out How We Teach Subtraction – and visit classes

This workshop will be held on Thursday 17th October between 9.00 am and 10.00 am and is suitable for all ages. Mrs Webb, our maths lead, will talk through our teaching methods first and then you are welcome to visit classes to see maths in action.

Census Day Menu

Next Thursday 3rd 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 3rd October we will be serving the popular hot dog menu, 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.



Sports News

The football season has started again and a team of Y5/6 and a team of Y3/4 headed off to Tregolls Academy in Truro on Monday to have their first matches as new teams. Both teams represented our school so well against great opponents, showing great sporting values and we were delighted to come away with two wins.

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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.

Autumn Term Calendar
Thursday 3rd October – 9.00 am – 9.30 am Phonics Workshop for EYFS parents in particular – other years welcome
Tuesday 8th October Plastic Free Packed Lunch day
Thursday 17th October – 9.00 am – 10.00 am Maths Workshop for all year groups & then see maths in action in the classes
Monday 21st October – Thursday 24th October Parent Consultation Evenings – booking nearer the time
Christmas Performances – more details to follow:
Monday 9th December Years One and Two – 1.30 pm & 5.00 pm
Tuesday 10th December Years Five and Six – 1.30 pm & 5.00 pm
Wednesday 11th December Years Three and Four – 1.30 pm & 5.00 pm
Friday 13th December Year R – 9.15 am & 2.00 pm
Friday 20th December Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day Break Up at 3.15 pm / Playzone until 5.00 pm

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Mount Hawke Academy – Term Dates 2024-2025

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		5	12	19	26		Thurs		3	10	17	24	31	Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		4	11	18	25		Fri		1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		5	12	19	26		Sat		2	9	16	23	30
Sun		1	8	15	22	29	Sun		6	13	20	27		Sun		3	10	17	24	

December 2024							January 2025							February 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24		
Tue		3	10	17	24	31	Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		4	11	18	25		
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		1	8	15	22	29	Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		5	12	19	26		Thurs		2	9	16	23	30	Thurs		6	13	20	27	
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Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		4	11	18	25		Sat		1	8	15	22	29
Sun		1	8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26		Sun		2	9	16	23	30

March 2025							April 2025							May 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26		
Tue		4	11	18	25		Tue		1	8	15	22	29	Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	
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June 2025							July 2025							August 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue		1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26	
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School holidays	
Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

AUTUMN TERM (74 days)
3 September - 20 December 2024
(HALF TERM 28 October - 1 November 2024)

SPRING TERM (60 days)
6 January - 4 April 2025
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

SUMMER TERM (61 days)
22 April - 23 July 2025
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

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:

- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Wednesday 4th September 2024
- Friday 25th October 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Friday 14th February 2025

Please book holidays in school holidays – thank you

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