



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

10.12.21

Dear Families

We have certainly had another challenging week with Covid absences but we are very pleased that we have kept the learning and experiences going despite staff shortages too. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our staff for going above and beyond and covering absences. Your child may have had less familiar faces teaching them at times, but they have risen to this so well, and have continued to work so hard and give of their best.

Thank you too yet again for supporting our whole community through this time. This is not the term we were hoping for, having had such low Covid rates for such a long time. Those children who have been well enough have been completing super work at home in Seesaw and it has been wonderful to share this in school.

On Wednesday, the children's performances went so well, bringing home the true meaning of Christmas again, and we hope to have the recordings with you shortly. Mr Hill is busy putting everything together and we will let you know how you will be able to access these as soon as possible.

Celebrations

We held our Friday Virtual Assembly today and it was lovely to share the news from each class with everyone, and enjoy that wonderful family feeling. Even though we still can't see each other in real life altogether in the hall, getting the whole school together in Teams helps us feel so connected.

Class	Celebration	Achievement
Mousehole	Jack	Jackson
Godrevy	Iris	Logan
Longships	Theo	Piran
Pendeen	Archie	William
Carne	Jessie-Lynn	Sammy
Gwithian	Millie	Eliza
Lamorna	Mali	Archie
Allen	Jasmin	Henry
Kenwyn	Jack R.	Lowen
Truro	Sylvie	Jago

Dry Tri

Our first purchase with your incredible generosity – a class set of mats. Thank you so much!



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Maths Update – Rekenreks



We were very pleased to receive a delivery of Rekenreks last week. These are maths frames with groups of five white and five red beads on and they help children with their maths sense. We are lucky enough to be taking part in the Mastering Number project, supported by The Department for Education and The National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Maths. This project aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. The aim over time is that children will leave Key Stage 1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number. Attention will be given to key knowledge and understanding needed in Reception classes, and progression through

KS1 to support success in the future.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to complete our survey. We are always keen to learn of the views of our community. We are delighted that so many of you are very happy with the school, but we are also always very keen to hear when we don't get things right or can improve. A common thread was that you are really missing coming into school, and we are missing this too. We were planning to hold some events this term, but Covid rates and Public Health guidance have prevented this. We are very hopeful that we will be able to welcome you in in some way soon after Christmas, so that you can actually see your child's classroom and have a look at the lovely work in their books that they are so proud of. We will let you know more details when we can. Parents are also keen to find out more about how to help their children develop further, so we will look at how we can improve our communication in this way.

- 96% of parents who responded said that their child is happy at MHA
- 99% said their child feels safe or moderately safe at school
- 96% said that the school makes sure the children are well-behaved
- 95% would recommend this school to another parent/carer

There were also some very positive comments:

- My child feels safe and happy
- I have always been extremely happy with Mount Hawke school - from the caring, supportive staff, nurturing environment and excellent, diverse and individualised learning
- It will leave a huge whole in our lives no longer being there
- We massively appreciate the high attention to detail at Mount Hawke
- We are so pleased about how easily are son has settled in and the support he is being given. He loves life at Mount Hawke school!
- As a family, we love Mount Hawke Academy. Having now got a year 6 child we can see how much the school is developing and constantly putting the children at the heart of what it does. The staff are amazing and our children are happy. What more could we ask for?



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MHA Uniform Reminder

Over the holiday, please take the opportunity to make sure that your child has the correct (and named) uniform for January:

General appearance

Hair styles

If your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school.

Children must not have artificially coloured hair or extreme hair styles such as patterns shaved into their hair. They are welcome to wear a base layer under their uniform during colder times.

Make up

Children should not wear make up, including nail varnish, to school.

Jewellery

Children may wear small, plain, stud earrings, and a watch. Children should not wear bangles, bracelets, wrist bands.

Our academy colour is royal blue and our uniform consists of:

- White or royal blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or royal blue cardigan with Mount Hawke Academy logo
- Grey / black school skirt / pinafore dress / school trousers or school shorts (not jeans, leggings, etc)
- Plain tights or socks
- Flat school shoes in black

PE Kit

- White or royal blue t-shirt with or without logo
- Black shorts or black or blue tracksuit bottoms / leggings
- Blue MHA hoodie (optional) – these hoodies should only be worn for PE and are not part of general uniform
- Suitable footwear – trainers / plimsolls

Christmas Arrangements

- The Post Box is open – please make sure the recipient's name (first name at least) and class is on the envelope.
- Monday 13th December – we will all be watching Cinderella online, if you have not already, please could you pay £2 via ParentPay. More details are here: [CINDERELLA | Panto Online](#)
- Christmas Dinner Day – this will be on Wednesday 15th December. Children are welcome to come in their own clothes on this day – the more Christmas sparkle the better! We won't be asking for donations to any charity this time (we usually use this day as our Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children) as we are very conscious that you have been ever so generous already this term. If you would like to make a donation to a charity of your choice, that would be wonderful, but there is no school 'payment'.
- We finish for the end of term on Friday 17th December at our usual time and the children return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.



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. Even though we can't have a conversation at the classroom door or in the playground, we are still available. 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 and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for the last week of term.

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