



# Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

22.11.24

Dear Families

On Tuesday morning Mrs Webb and Mrs Pascoe visited Treloweth School as part of the continuing development of our maths curriculum as part of Cornwall's Code Maths Hub. This is a working party sharing experience and excellence in maths teaching and learning. We are always very keen to look at ways we can improve our school even more and they have come back with new ways for our younger children to explore number bonds and our older children to become really secure in their multiplication facts.

Mrs Martin met with our Year Six Mental Health Ambassadors this week to evaluate how the term has gone so far and they have planned some further activities and support for their peers, such as drawing, Lego and games and Chewy has been in as well, making everyone smile!

This morning we took part in the virtual Plastic Free Schools Pupil Power Assembly, hosted by Surfers Against Sewage. The children met many guest speakers and thought about the importance of water and practical ways we can get involved to protect and be stewards of water. Great work from everyone.

## 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	Xavier	Nader
Godrevy	Cole	Bonnie
Longships	Sophie	Alma
Pendeen	Dulcie	Arlo
Carne	Emmy	Jowan
Lamorna	Emily	Rosie
Allen	Ella	Nina
Kenwyn	Aliya	Liberty
Truro	Ella	Zach M



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

EYFS and KS1 – Curiosity  
KS2 – Concentration

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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## Recommended Read

This week we move back to Key Stage Two for the recommendation, and into Truro Class. Elsie recommends the Harry Potter series...They are great books for people who love magic and drama!!! I would definitely recommend them and if you like the first one, there are seven more after that! Once you've read the books, you can even watch the films. My favourite character is Hermione Granger. I love how committed to Hogwarts she is. One of the quotes she said goes a bit like this, "I'm going to go to bed before we get killed or worse...expelled!"



## Attendance

Our Aspire Education Welfare Officer visited this week and is very pleased with our attendance rates – as are we. It is currently at 96.2%, higher than both the national and Cornish rates. Do remember that children need to be in school by the time lessons start at 8.45 am; we fit a lot of learning into every day and missing even a few minutes makes a difference to each child. Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of the attendance regulations – holidays are not authorised in term time. Thank you for your support with this.

## MHA Educational Mental Health Practitioner

Mount Hawke Academy is very pleased to welcome Jon Evison, our allocated Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) from the NHS Mental Health Support Team, to our team at MHA. Jon brings a wealth of experience in supporting young people and their families with mental health and emotional wellbeing. Based in school every Thursday morning, he is committed to working alongside our community. Keep an eye out for upcoming events and workshops, or contact the school if you'd like to discuss how he can help. We have sent out further information with this newsletter.

NHS  
Cornwall Partnership  
Mental Health Support Team

Children's Mental  
Health Support Team  
Cornwall (MHST)



*Hi, I am Jon Evison and work for the NHS Mental Health Support Team (MHST) as Mount Hawke's allocated Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP). As a service we help to look after young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. We can also help the important adults in their lives - parents or carers, teachers and support staff - to learn how to better support the young people they care for.*

*We are trained to work with young people to help them understand their mental health and look after their emotional wellbeing. We have a toolkit of resources that we use to help you to explore any worries that might be making life difficult for them, and find useful strategies to help them feel better.*

*I will be based in the school each Thursday morning and look forwards to meeting you all. Please look out for upcoming information events, workshops and more. Should you have a concern regarding your young person/s, please contact the school to discuss the potential for direct work.*

## Sports News

Today, our Girls' Football Team is taking part in the finals at Penryn. We wish them all the luck and are so proud of them for reaching this stage.

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## Christmas Play Tickets

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Christmas plays during week commencing 9th December.

There will be two performances of each play. As last year, we are using ParentPay to book tickets for the performances. Tickets are initially limited to a maximum of 2 per child - please book your ticket for **either** of the 2 performances (**not both please**), the performances will show as separate items in ParentPay. Please detail in the information section how many tickets you would like (1 or 2) for that performance. **NB. children & babies will need their own tickets to comply with fire regulations.**

Please book your tickets by Wednesday 4th December. Once the initial allocation of 2 tickets per child has taken place there may be a very limited number of additional tickets. If you would like to apply for additional tickets, please indicate in the information section how many tickets you would like and for which performance. There is no guarantee that we will have any additional tickets, but if so we will endeavour to issue any on a fair basis.

There is no charge for tickets on ParentPay but you are welcome to make a voluntary contribution towards FOMHS fundraising if you wish.

## Science Challenge

Here is the latest Science challenge...have fun!

### FIREWORK IN A GLASS

#### You'll need

Vegetable or sunflower oil  
Warm water  
Food colouring  
Glass or jar

#### Instructions

Fill the glass or jar about 3/4 full of warm water.

Carefully pour a small layer of oil onto the surface of the water and leave to settle. Note that oil and water don't mix!

Carefully drop small amounts of food colouring into the jar. You should see the food colouring drop through the oil into the water leaving colourful trails behind.

#### Extension Task

Try with colder or warmer water, is the display different?

#### Why does it work?

Food colouring is more dense than water so sinks to the bottom of the glass leaving trails (resembling fireworks) as some of the colour diffuses into the water.

The water based food colouring forms a bead shape in the oil as oil is hydrophobic (water hating). Oil molecules are more attracted to each other than water molecules so repel the food colouring. Surface tension between water molecules pulls them into the coloured spheres you see in the oil.

Science Sparks™  
Adult supervision required. You are responsible for your own safety.  
www.science-sparks.com



Remember to send in photos or videos to [hello@mounthawke.org](mailto:hello@mounthawke.org).

## Communications

Remember to use the email [hello@mounthawke.org](mailto: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.

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## MHA Calendar

**Christmas Performances** – dates below:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Years One and Two – 1.30 pm & 5.00 pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Years Five and Six – 1.30 pm & 5.00 pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Years Three and Four – 1.30 pm & 5.00 pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Year R – 9.15 am & 2.00 pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day

Break Up at 3.15 pm / Playzone until 5.00 pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Staff Training Day – MHA curriculum review

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Spring Term starts

## Mount Hawke Academy – Term Dates 2024-2025

<b>September 2024</b> Mon 2 9 16 23 30 Tue 3 10 17 24 Wed 4 11 18 25 Thurs 5 12 19 26 Fri 6 13 20 27 Sat 7 14 21 28 Sun 8 15 22 29	<b>October 2024</b> Mon 7 14 21 28 Tue 8 15 22 29 Wed 9 16 23 30 Thurs 10 17 24 31 Fri 11 18 25 Sat 12 19 26 31 Sun 13 20 27 31	<b>November 2024</b> Mon 4 11 18 25 Tue 5 12 19 26 Wed 6 13 20 27 Thurs 7 14 21 28 Fri 8 15 22 29 Sat 9 16 23 30 Sun 10 17 24 31
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<b>School Holidays</b>	
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	25 December 2024
Christmas Day	26 December 2024
Boxing Day	01 January 2025
New Years Day	18 April 2025
Good Friday	21 April 2025
Easter Monday	05 May 2025
May Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	25 August 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Please book holidays in school holidays – thank you

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