



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

23.5.25

Dear Families

We are always looking at and reflecting on our curriculum offer, making sure that everyone gets the best education that we can possibly offer. As part of this, on Tuesday Mrs Webb took part in Code Maths Hub work again, looking at ways of teaching maths through primary schools, and Miss Collop took part in a Geography conference yesterday.

We were delighted to welcome Dawn, the Chair of the Parish Council to school this morning to give Certificates of Recognition 2025 to two of our children. Dawn presented the awards to Eben and Bill in recognition of the huge amount of effort they have put into improving our garden area at the end of the field. Congratulations Bill and Eben and thank you!

It feels strange that we are already reaching the last half term holiday of the school year. The Year Six children took home their hoodies this week and will be able to wear them as part of their uniform after the break. We hope that you have a lovely week, ready for the last seven and a half weeks to come!

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 we are giving them a Book Token too 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	Xavier
Godrevy	Emily
Longships	Tamsin
Pendeen	Diggory
Carne	Jowan
Lamorna	Annie
Allen	Lara
Kenwyn	Oliver
Truro	Wilhemina



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

EYFS and KS1 – Responsibility

KS2 – Resilience

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

Summer sporting events have started now. This week has seen children head off to Truro to play tennis matches and to Helston for a cricket tournament. Great teamwork from everyone.

Recommended Read



This week it's Truro Class's turn...the recommendation comes from Bo. 'I have been reading a book called Kaiju Number 8 by Naoya Matsumoto. Kaiju No. 8, also known in English as Monster 8, is a Japanese Manga series written and illustrated by Naoya Matsumoto. It is about the Japanese defence force which neutralises Kaiju. The main character is Kafka who becomes a Kaiju himself but wants to join the defence but can't. I recommend this book because it's really exciting and a great example of a Manga style book.'

Science Challenge

Here's the latest challenge! Remember to send in photos or videos to hello@mounthawke.org.

TRY THIS INDOORS ... Confused Fish

Amaze and puzzle your family and friends with this optical illusion! Draw two fish on a piece of paper and prop it up behind an empty drinking glass so that you can see the fish through the glass. Then slowly fill the glass up with water while you watch the fish – what do you see happening?

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

What changes about how you see the arrows when you pour water into the container? What happens if you turn the fish so they are pointing upwards? What happens if you use a different glass, or move it nearer to or further from the fish? What happens to writing? Instead of using fish, can you write a word that looks the same when the glass is empty and when you pour water into it? What do you know about how we see objects?



You will need

- Drinking glass or another see-through container
- Jug of water
- Paper and pens

WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

We see an object because light travels through air from the object to our eye. When the light passes through another material it gets bent; this is called **refraction**. When light passes through the empty glass, it is bent a small amount and the appearance of the fish hardly changes, but when the light also passes through water it is bent so much that the light rays cross over before they reach our eyes. This is why it makes it look as though the fish are swimming in the other direction.

School Streets Project

Our school was chosen by Cornwall Council several years ago to look at how we can make travelling to school safer and more environmentally friendly at the same time. The Parish Council has also been hard at work to support everyone with this. The recent School Streets Project has been part of this ongoing work.

If you have any views or suggestions to make please email MounthawkeSS@sustrans.org.uk or for more information, or to provide feedback to Cornwall Council, please follow this link: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/mount-hawke-academy>

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.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 2nd June – gates open from 8.30am.

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Here are our dates for the rest of the school year. We hope that we won't have to change any, but we will give you as much notice as possible if we have to.

MHA Calendar	
26 th May – 30 th May	Half Term
2 nd June – 13 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check
9 th June – 13 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 17 th June	Whole School & Class Photos
23 rd June – 27 th June	Celebration Week – Mount Hawke at 150 years
Friday 27 th June	Open Classroom Afternoon – more details to follow
Monday 30 th June	Y5 & Y6 Sports Day – gates open at 1:20pm – please bring a chair or rug to sit on
Tuesday 1 st July	Y3 & Y4 Sports Day – gates open at 1:20pm – please bring a chair or rug to sit on
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y1 & Y2 Sports Day – gates open at 1:20pm – please bring a chair or rug to sit on
Friday 4 th July	YR Sports Day – gates open at 1:20pm – please bring a chair or rug to sit on
Wednesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9am Break Up for Summer Holidays 3:15pm / Playzone until 5:00pm

Term Dates

These are now available on our website for next year - [Mount Hawke Academy - Term Dates](#)

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