



# Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

6.6.25

Dear Families

We've had a great first week back...and a very busy one! Year Five spent Wednesday night sleeping with the sharks at Plymouth Aquarium. They travelled up on Wednesday, took part in a variety of workshops, had a tour of the aquarium, looked behind the scenes, watched a movie in a very big sleepover and returned to school yesterday afternoon, rather tired! Thank you Year Five for taking part in everything with such enthusiasm and thank you too to all the staff who volunteered to go, making this memorable visit possible.

Year Six took part in their Bikeability training this week, starting in the playground before heading out into the village and will now be road safe. Great listening and concentration, Year Six!

Year Three took their learning out into the village too this week. As part of their Geography topic, Carne walked around the village, looking at land use. The children were so sensible and learned a lot of new information about Mount Hawke.

## 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	Bill	Nader
Godrevy	Jude	Iris
Longships	Rita	Phoebe
Pendeen	Arlo	Gabe
Carne	Jack	Maple
Lamorna	Jessica	Archie
Allen	Archie	Ella
Kenwyn	Aliya	Iris
Truro	Holly	Stanley



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

EYFS and KS1 – Communication

KS2 – Empathy

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 it's Kenwyn Class's turn and the whole class have chosen... Oh Maya Gods by Maz Evans

This book is part of the *Who Let the Gods Out?* series, and it's super funny, exciting and full of action. In this story, Vesper and Aster go on a new adventure to Mexico, where they meet the Maya gods. There are cool new characters, like the Hero Twins, and lots of tricky situations they have to escape from. We really liked the way Maz Evans made the old gods feel modern and hilarious.

Our favourite part was when the characters had to solve puzzles and defeat some pretty scary monsters. It felt like we were on the journey with them! There were also some sad bits that made us think about family and friendship which we didn't expect but we liked that too.

We would totally recommend this book to anyone who likes mythology, adventure, and lots of laughs. It's perfect if you've read the earlier books but even if you haven't, you can still enjoy it.

By Kenwyn Class

## Science Challenge

This month takes a different theme – it's time to get outside and use your observation skills! Remember to send in photos or videos to [hello@mounthawke.org](mailto:hello@mounthawke.org).

### TRY THIS OUTDOORS .... Looking for Lichens

Look closely at the trees around you – can you see anything growing on the trunks or branches? If so, you might have spotted some lichen. There are many different types of lichen, but by identifying which species you have found, you can learn about the quality of the air nearby. Some types of lichen struggle to grow in polluted air, while others grow well.

#### WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

##### Things to talk about ...

Which types of lichen did you find growing near roads? Which types of lichen did you find **not** near a road, or in green spaces like a park?



Lichens consist of two types of organisms – a fungus and either an alga or a type of bacteria – that live together and depend on each other. The fungus makes the body that protects the alga/bacteria, and the alga/bacteria provides the food for the fungus. Common types to look out for: **Hypogymnia** has large, green-grey lobes, but it won't grow where there is air pollution; **Usnea** looks like a green beard and is usually found hanging from tree branches. It indicates a clean-air environment as it doesn't like the nitrogen found in polluted air; **Cushion Xanthoria** is bright-yellow or orange lichen. It loves nitrogen so it is an indicator of polluted air.

## Term Dates

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

## Sports News

Yesterday, two teams of footballers, made up of Years Three and Four headed off to Archbishop Benson, some for their first match. The children played so well and showed great sporting attitudes throughout. Congratulations go to ABB for the wins.

Today, a group of our older children are competing at a Quad Kids event at Carn Brea. Good luck everyone!

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## School Streets Project

Sustrans are not managing the barriers anymore but the road closure restrictions are still in place and legally enforceable for the duration of the trial. If you have any views or suggestions to make, please email [MounthawkeSS@sustrans.org.uk](mailto: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>

**Please do remind the children that residents' vehicles are still permitted to use the road.**

## Photo Day – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Remember this is our class and whole school photo day. Please would everyone wear smart school uniform on that day. If it is your PE day, please bring kit to change into later. Year Six, please wear your MHA blue jumpers, not your hoodies.

## 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.

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

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