



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

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Dear Families

We have just finished our Friday Celebration Assembly and the word that every adult was using was progress! The hard work and positive learning attitudes that all our children are showing is incredible – their stamina and resilience is growing day by day - and it will be super to share this with you during our Parent Consultations. Details of how to book are further on in this newsletter. And even more, the way that the children applaud each other and take genuine pleasure in sharing the success of others is testament to the support and generous ways that you are teaching them at home. Thank you.

Football

A huge congratulations to our footballers, who played a home match against Devoran School on Monday as part of the primary school league. It was a very well-played match from both sides and we were thrilled to take a win. The team are away to Threemilestone on Monday – good luck!

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	Benji	Dylan
Godrevy	Jenson	Emmy
Longships	Charlie	Frankie
Pendeen	Seb	Nina
Carne	Maisie	Theo
Gwithian	Jory	Jacqs
Lamorna	Eliza	Oliver
Allen	Thomasina	Harry
Kenwyn	Sienna	Tilda
Truro	Bella	Zenon

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Phonics - supporting your child with reading in Years R, One and Two

As we have mentioned in previous letters, we have moved our phonics to a new scheme – Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised – for children in Years R, One and Two. Although your child will be taught to read at school, parents can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home:

A reading practice book – our 'show off / spot book'. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

A sharing book – our 'star book'. Your child will not be able to read all of this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Reading practice book (show off / spot book)

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

Sharing book (star book)

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

Do visit our website [Phonics and Reading at MHA](#) for more information or talk to your child's class teacher.

Parent Consultations

Because of the current Covid rates, Parent Consultations will take place online, via Teams, during week commencing Monday 18th October. Booking will open on Monday 11th October at 6pm. Please use the new Arbor app to book a meeting with your child's teacher. When you have booked an appointment with your child's teacher, you'll be sent an automated confirmation email. Please check that you've received the email, and that the booking details are correct. Please note that we have allocated one meeting per child/family. If an additional meeting is needed, please contact the school office and we will arrange this direct with your child's teacher. If your child has two class teachers, please only book one meeting. A further letter containing the link to your meeting will be sent out to you next week.

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Parking

Please remember to be considerate when you are parking around the school area. Please do not block residents' drives or park on both sides of the roads so that other cars cannot get through.

Air Filters

We know that some people are keen to donate money for air filters for classes, and we are also aware that there are opposing views to this. As a school, we have a neutral view and ask that everyone remains respectful of each other. If anyone would like to donate money for this, please send your donation (marked air filter) to the FOMHS bank account (20-87-94 93631249) where it will be ring-fenced for this purpose.

Sumdog Competition

We're taking part in the Aspire Sumdog competition! Login and join the tournament!



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.



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Friends of Mount Hawke Academy School PTA (FOMHS) News

FOMHS PTA needs your help and new members! Look for our group on Facebook - FOMHS and request to become a member.

AGM

We will be holding a virtual AGM on Tuesday 19th October at 1.30pm - 2.30pm. If you wish to join in, ask to become a member of our group on Facebook, or email the office (hello@mounthawke.org) and you will be provided with a link to the online meeting.

Christmas Cards!

This year we are running the Christmas card packs again. The children have drawn their designs in class and they will be sent home with an order form. Each form has a unique code. If you would like to order items, please go to <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>, using the unique code on the order form to place your order and make payment. Please SEND THE FORMS WITH DRAWINGS BACK TO SCHOOL, so they can be sent to the printers. You must return the artwork by TODAY, for us to quarantine them before sending. You can order Christmas cards, labels, personalised wrapping paper and even mugs from your children's drawing. The PTA receive commission from every item you order, so we really appreciate you buying your Christmas cards this way.

Alison Jobbins
Chair of FOMHS (PTA)

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