

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 24th February 2023

Headteacher's News

I have enjoyed talking to the children this week about their half term holidays and they have certainly returned to school refreshed and demonstrating an eagerness to learn. I was particularly proud of Hockney and Hepworth class this week and the way in which they have behaved out of school. Two members of the public commented on Hockney's "excellent behaviour" at the swimming pool and the organisers of the canal trip were really impressed with the manners and responsiveness of Hepworth class.

Staffing News

Thank you to Mrs Rees and Mrs Board for all they have done in their first week in the office. Mrs Rees is looking forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks. I am also grateful to Mrs Child for taking on breakfast club in addition to her lunchtime duties.

Mrs Wilson has been successful in obtaining a role closer to home and will therefore be leaving us at the end of this term. She has contributed a lot to the school during her time here and I know many parents and children will be sorry to hear this news. I am grateful to Mrs Jones who has agreed to work an additional day in the summer term to ensure consistency for the children in Hepworth class. Mrs Jones will teach Hepworth from Monday to Thursday and Miss Shine will teach them on Fridays.

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March 2023: Please remember that children can dress up as their favourite book character!

Strike Action

You may be aware that the NEU is planning further strike action next week. I am pleased to confirm that it is our intention to be open as usual for all pupils next week.

Lunches

Please remember to book your child's lunches by Monday evening for the following week. So if you want your child to have school dinners during the week of Monday 6th March, they must be booked by Monday 27th February.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that we do have two children in school with severe nut allergies. **If you are sending your child in with a packed lunch please ensure that it does not include nut products, including Nutella.** Thank you.

Artist of the Week

Our artist of the week was M. C. Escher chosen by Mrs Powell

Safeguarding

This week's Wake Up Wednesday information is about Spotify. I have attached it to this mailing for ease of access. Please do read it to help keep your child safe.

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



Happy Birthday

No Birthdays This Week!



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Endre	Leo
Monet	Gabriel	Henry
Hockney	Sienna	Bryan
Hepworth	Pip	Evie-May

Weekly Attendance

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality of our students. Please continue to ensure that your children attend school every day and on time.

Van Gogh	90%
Monet	87%
Hockney	92%
Hepworth	95%

Class News

Van Gogh

Hope you have all had a good half term!

Phonics:

This week consolidating digraphs ch, sh, th and ng. The children are finding these tricky, so it is important that you are working with them to reinforce these at home as well.

Week 4	ai ee igh oa	Tricky Words: with then that this them
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Reading:

Please ensure that you write in the reading record every time you hear your child read or share a book with them, so that books can be changed. **PLEASE SEND IN ALL READING RECORDS NEXT FRIDAY AS WE NEED TO UPDATE THEM, FOLLOWING READING ASSESSMENTS.**

Writing:

This term we will be working on writing instructions in different contexts. We will also be encouraging the children to extend sentences by using adjectives and to start using a capital letter at the start of a sentence and a full stop at the end. Please continue to encourage the children to write at home.

Handwriting:

This week the children started cursive handwriting. Next week we will be sending home a sheet showing how letters are formed, please reinforce pre cursive letter formation. **DO NOT** encourage the children to join letters up. At school we use the term, whooshing in and whooshing out, for example to write 'a' whoosh in, go around the apple and dust away the dirt and whoosh out.

Maths:

Next week we will be learning all about TEN and introducing 3D shapes (sphere). Please note we will be sending home Maths targets specific to your child and would appreciate if you could work on these.

Topic:

The next few weeks is all about food from different countries.

Show and Tell

Unless it is related to the topic, maths or writing, please make sure that the children in the correct house bring in something to show on Friday.

Friday 3rd March 2023 - YELLOW HOUSE

REMINDERS:

Tuesday 28th February 2023: Van Gogh Trip to Pizza Express. Please ensure that you arrive at the venue between 9.00 – 9.15

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

Next week in Monet Class we will be looking at poetry in English. We will be exploring imagery, adjectives, verbs and comparing poems.

In maths we will be focusing on addition. Year 1 will be revising number bonds to 10, working on finding pairs of numbers that total 20, solving additions by showing an aware of pattern, e.g. $7 + 2 = 9$ so $17 + 2 = 19$ and $27 + 2 = 29$

Year 2 will be using place value and number facts to solve problems and solving missing number problems in addition and subtraction.

In Science we will begin to think about how we can carry out an experiment, 'Does grass seed need soil to grow?' We will also be planting our own seeds. Please bring in any unwanted socks for this (any size, paired or odd but please no holes in the toe).

In geography we will be finding out about the key characteristics of the seven continents. In PSHE we will be thinking about how our community can help everybody to feel included and understand that we are all equal while recognising similarities and differences to others.

Please remember to read with your child every day in order for your child to make the best progress and to promote a love of reading. This does not have to be a book from school every day. Please also remember to bring in a water bottle for the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

It has been a fantastic first week back for Hockney class! They started their week catching up with each other about their half term holiday and then got straight back to learning.

Maths

Children have continued to show a good understanding of length and perimeter this week. We have been working on taking more time with our working out and checking our work again to spot and correct silly mistakes.

English

Children have worked hard planning their Explanation Text and will be writing a final piece of their writing next week where they will be able to give you information about "*Who killed Tutankhamen?*"

Topic

In, PSHE, we have started our topic on money and we have had a lovely discussion where children have talked about what they know about money and why it is important. Next week, we will learn about budgeting. We will be planning a party on a budget.

In Geography, we have been learning about counties in England. Children have used an atlas to locate the neighbouring counties.

In RE, we will be discussing the difference between a symbol and a sign. We will discuss how symbols can express deep ideas and beliefs.

In Science this week, Year 4 children were learning about sound and vibrations. To demonstrate their understanding, they made musical harmonicas! Were you lucky enough to hear their sounds at home?



In DT, children started to work on their Tudor clothing design. They created some beautiful collages and started to make observations on the similarities and differences of their items.

Please continue to encourage daily reading and help your children with their spellings. Can you also check they know their login details for google classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

Hepworth

We have had another busy and wonderful week at Chenies - with the highlight being our brilliant trip to Batchworth Lock. The children were impeccably behaved, and remembered their manners. There was so much to learn about and the day gave the children lots of new experiences. Special thank you to all the adults who helped us - Mrs Walker, Mrs Karim and Mrs Green. Mrs Wilson highly recommends doing a narrow boat holiday if you ever have the opportunity - she did it with her family a few years ago and will be doing it again this year!

Next week in maths our focus will be on scaling, ratio and proportion at the beginning of the week and then 3D shape work on Friday. In English we will be reading more about Ultimate Explorers in preparation for writing our own Explorers' Handbook, whilst in SPAG we will be using colons, semi-colons and commas when writing lists. Our spelling rule will be the prefixes 'in' and 'irr'.

In Science, now that we have seen levers, pulleys and gears in action, we will be making our own devices that capitalise on this simple yet transformative technology. Please remind the children that they may need to bring in their own materials, such as plastic cups/spoons for catapults, or string, 500 ml or 1 litre plastic bottles. They will need them on Monday as Science is back in its usual slot.

In Computing, children will be adding more to their haunted house animation by learning show/hide coding to make sprites appear from nowhere! Meanwhile, in Art children will be using the various mark making mediums that they have learned to make their final Mountain pictures.

Our RE lesson questions whether people have a responsibility to care for the world and our PSHE lesson will focus on understanding more about prejudice and discrimination. World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday where we will have lots of exciting activities taking place.

We would also like to say a special thank-you to Mrs Silverstone for her support with our trout and for doing our session this week with us as well as to Mrs Sahotay and Mrs Powell who came in to feed the trout during the half term holidays. We will be releasing the trout at the end of this term before we break up for Easter.

We wish you a happy weekend - perhaps you might take a walk along the canal and visit Batchworth lock with your child so that they can show you how it works!

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 28 th February	Van Gogh trip to Pizza Express, Beaconsfield
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Monday 6 th March	School Football Match vs Little Chalfont School
Monday 20 th March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk Monet Class – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Thursday 23rd March	PTA School Disco
Friday 24 th March	Hockney – Bikeability Level 1
Monday 27 th March	Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 30 th March	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
Friday 31st March	Term Ends 1.30pm
Monday 17th April	Children return to School
Friday 21 st April	Monet – Games @ DCHS
Friday 5 th May	Hockney Tri Golf – Chiltern Hills Academy (tbc)
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 th May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 nd May - Friday 26 th May	PGL Residential
Wednesday 24 th May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
Monday 12 th June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 st June	Parent's Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School
Thursday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 th July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 th July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
Friday 21st July	11am Leaver's Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic 1.30pm Term Ends