

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 12th May 2023

Headteacher's News

All of the children have worked exceptionally hard this week and the children in Year 2 and 6 have also demonstrated a positive approach to their statutory assessments. We have emphasised to all of them that the assessments focus on a very small part of what they are able to do. All of our children have so many strengths which are at least equal and usually more important than the narrow focus of reading, writing and maths and these should be celebrated.

Headteacher Recruitment

The application deadline has now passed and I am pleased to tell you that interviews will be taking place on Wednesday 17th May.

Workshare Evening

Please remember that we are holding a workshare evening on Thursday 18th May from 3.30pm -5.00pm. This is a lovely opportunity to talk with your children about their learning over the last term.

Chesham Carnival

So far, we have had a really disappointing response to families signing up for the Chesham Carnival on Saturday 10th June. It is really important for our school to be represented at local community events and our participation also raises a significant amount of money for the school. Last year we won first place for the Lorry section and it would be wonderful if this year we were able to win first place for the walking section. We do need your support though so please sign up your child/children to join in on the Classlist page.

Coronation

I hope you all enjoyed the Coronation celebrations last weekend. Thank you to the PTA for ensuring Chenies School was represented at Little Chalfont village green as all member associations were asked to create a hanging crown for the coronation. Here is a picture of ours which the children helped to make.

Chess Valley Discovery Day

The Chess Valley Discovery Day is taking place on Saturday 27th May. A poster is attached with more information. This is a fun local family event and who knows you may spot some of the trout that Chenies children have released into the river!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and please remember to come to school on Monday next week!

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher





Happy Birthday

Lily D

Archie



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Arthur	Lily
Monet	Arlo	Jessica
Hockney	Amor	Ethan C
Hepworth	Eva	Anika

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	98%
Monet	94%
Hockney	96%
Hepworth	95%

Class News

Van Gogh

It has been a quite a full on week with Year 6 SATs but the children have been great in adapting and settling into a different routine.

Phonics:

We are continuing to make our way through Phase 3 and the children have started to learn about spelling rules on top of consolidating the digraphs/trigraphs. It is really important that you are working with your child at home especially with applying sounds in their reading/writing. Up to half term we will continue to work on and consolidate this learning.

Week 9	Consolidating Phase 3 sounds Reading words ending in 's and es	Tricky words: all
Week 10	Consolidating Phase 3 sounds Reading words we don't say as they	Tricky words: are

Reading:

The children are really enjoying sharing non-fiction texts. We have had some great discussions and learning taking place with staff and amongst themselves. So please continue to share books with the children as well as hearing them read. Will be continue to learn about the key features of Non-Fiction text e.g. Contents Page, Glossary, and Index Page etc. The children have really enjoyed learning key facts about different things e.g. sharks, plants, occupations etc.

Writing:

This week there was a change in plan and our writing was based around pieces of art or photographs from an online resource Pobble 365. This is a great way for the children to use their imagination to discuss, share and write an imaginative piece of work. This enables them to extend sentences by using adjectives, start to use a capital letter at the start of a sentence, a full stop at the end and consistently apply the Phase 3 sounds and tricky words in their writing. Please continue to encourage the children to write at home.

Maths:

We will continue explore measure further by comparing weights and size of objects and consolidate 'time' as a form of measure e.g. how long does it take to run across the playground. In addition, we will be looking at subtraction and addition using a number line.

Topic:

This week we got a bit excited about the Coronation and the children created some amazing artwork of King Charles III based on the illustrations by Eric Carle. Next week the children will use the same techniques to produce collages of animals. We will also start to talk about keeping healthy; our key focus will be looking after our teeth.

Our Van Gogh Painting this month is: Café Terrace at Night

Show and Tell - Thursday 18th May 2023: Blue House

REMINDERS:

- As the weather is changing, please ensure that the children have hats in school.
- Stay and Get Physical: Wednesday 24th May 2023 @ 9.15

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay 🌸

Monet

The Year 2 SATs have all gone smoothly this week and I'm very proud of the way the children stayed calm and relaxed while trying their best. We've also had lots of creativity and practical afternoon sessions this week. The children in Year 1 have enjoyed spending a few sessions in Van Gogh class while also getting to know the Reception children a little better.

Next week in English, we will be editing and rewriting our poems based on our class text, 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. We will also be continuing to look at poetry focusing on humorous poems, alliteration, repetition and rhyme.

In maths we will begin to tell and write the time on digital and analogue clocks to the nearest 5 minutes in Year 2 and Year 1 will be telling the time to the nearest half hour, moving on to quarter of an hour. We will also be using mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement, including quarter, half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anti-clockwise). Please practise telling the difference between right and left at home.

In science, we will continue to collect data about the weather and begin to compare it with the weather information we collected during the autumn and winter.

In history, we will work on creating fact files about Beatrix Potter, thinking about her contribution to the world and linking this to important values. In PSHE we will be identifying and describing different feelings and talking about how we can manage big feelings focusing on bereavement and loss.

Please remember to send your child to school with a cardigan/jumper and coat as the weather is so unpredictable and it can get quite chilly in the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

English

This week children have been focusing on writing their stories based on a memorable or key event in their life. Children have really enjoyed sharing their stories with one another. They have been encouraged to use interesting story openers to engage the reader and using interesting adjectives to describe their feeling. Next week we will begin our new topic in English, which is non-fiction and all about the best place to live in the world.

Maths

Year 3 are still working their way through our unit on time. We have looked at digital clocks and made comparisons between these and analogue clocks. Next week we will be moving onto years, months and days and hours, minutes and seconds. Please use any opportunities you can to help your children practice telling the time at home.

Year 4 have completed their unit on money. They have also started on time, looking at years, months and days and hours, minutes and seconds.

Science will be back to normal next week following the last two bank holidays. Children will continue learning about living things and habitats with a focus on how environments can change and pose dangers to living things.

Topic

In History this week, we have learnt about *Boudicca* who fought the Romans and is known for being a strong leader. If you ever go to London, they will be able to spot the statue of Boudicca on her war chariot. Next week, we will focus on the Romanisation of Britain and its impact.

In PSHE, we will be discussing the effect of our diet on our health and looking at which foods are healthier and why. Children will also look at some of the snacks they eat and the amount of sugar in them.

In RE, as always we have all enjoyed discussing places of worship and listening to different points of view. This week we will be discussing the question *"How important is it for people to have somewhere to go to be on their own? Why"*



Important Reminder

On Monday afternoon, children will be taking part in an athletics event at Amersham School. Please ensure they come to school in their PE kit. We will be leaving Chenies by coach at 1pm; children will need to be collected from Amersham School at 3pm.

Homework & Spelling

Maths Homework is on doodle maths. Their English homework will be a writing task. Hockney class will have a spelling test every Friday.

Enjoy the weekend

Miss Shine & Miss Moghaddam

Hepworth

We have been very impressed with the way Hepworth have risen to the challenge of assessments this week. The children have taken the tests in their stride, worked hard, and shown maturity in their approach to the week. We would also like to thank parents and carers for your support and reassurance during a potentially worrying time. This week has not just been about sitting exams however. We have also given the children plenty of time to relax, or let off steam, with more physical and creative learning. In particular, after the last test on Friday, we revealed this year's summer production, which has given them lots to think about over the weekend. We suspect you will hear lots more about it over the coming weeks! Next week, Hepworth will be looking at *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in English, which is a topic they were keen to explore. In Maths, we start revising, consolidating and reinforcing the previous year's learning. The children will also look at our new Topic, Coasts, which includes studying the Water Cycle. With this in mind, if you have any empty 2 litre plastic bottles we would be grateful if you could send it in on Monday, as we hope to create our own small-scale water cycle. In Computing, the children will continue making their websites. So far, we have been very impressed with their ideas. Website themes have varied from Football, to Space, to Colours in History. It is great watching them develop and express their passions. The artistic theme carries on with a block of Art lessons. The children will try monoprinting – creating designs with ink – based on our topic of water and coasts. We're sure the children will enjoy expressing themselves during their arts based lessons and activities. We hope they also enjoy the auditions next Thursday. We look forward to watching their performances, and are sure they will do themselves proud. As ever, we wish you a happy weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Monday 17th April	Children return to School
Friday 21 st April	Monet – Games @ DCHS
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 th May	Whole School Coronation Celebrations
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Monday 15 th May	Hockney 1.30-3.00 pm Athletics The Amersham School
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
Friday 26th May	PTA Non-Uniform day
Monday 29th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Inset Day
Thursday 8 th June	Artist Visit – KS2 only
Friday 9 th June	School Class Photos
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