

# **Chenies School Newsletter**

## **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### **Headteacher's News**

This week has been a busy and enjoyable one with lots of different things taking place. Van Gogh and their parents enjoyed a spring walk in the local area, Monet Class relished their visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum, Some of Hockney have participated in Bikeability this morning and Hepworth have continued to tend to the trout ready for the big release next week. I would also like to thank the PTA for organising and running the school disco last night which I know many children enjoyed.

### **After School Clubs**

Attached to this newsletter is the club booking form for the summer term. Please return to school as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend.

### **Taekwondo Taster Session**

The Taekwondo coach came to lead our school assembly on Thursday and is offering a free taster session next Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 from 3.15-4.15. If any parent would like their child to take advantage of this please can you email the school office by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This is open maximum of 20 children and places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

### **Doodle Learning**

The Doodle Spring Challenge will be running from 1<sup>st</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> April. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer explaining how your child can enter. It does require parents to log in and register their child to enable them to receive a pin badge which will be sent to the school for me to present in assembly. Please do support your child and encourage them to enter.

### **School Dinners**

The summer term menus have now been uploaded to Parent Pay. Please can you ensure that you book your child's lunches for at least the first week of the summer term by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at midnight. We have to place our order with the supplier by 9.30am on Tuesday morning. If you do not book your child will need to bring in a packed lunch during the first week of the summer term.

### **Everyday First Aid**

Buckinghamshire Family learning are running a free 2.5 hour Everyday First Aid course for parents and carers of children at Primary school in Buckinghamshire. Please see the attached flyer further details.

### **Artist of the Week**

Our artist of the week was Su Blackwell chosen by Mrs Powell. Please do encourage your child to choose an artist and prepare a powerpoint for us to use in assembly.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher



### STARS of the week

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Endre</b>	<b>Logan</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Arthur</b>	<b>Electra</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Freddie</b>	<b>Samuel</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Tommy</b>	<b>Evie</b>

### 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	89%
Monet	91%
Hockney	92%
Hepworth	91%

## Class News

### Van Gogh

One more week to go! I think we are all ready for a break 😊

#### Phonics:

The children are finding the digraphs in Phase 3 tricky. Please continue to work with your child at home to consolidate reading words/sentences with these sounds. Next week is assessment week and we will be CONSILDATING all Phase 3 sounds learnt to date.

Week 5 oo (look) oo (moon) ar or Tricky words: my you

Week 6 ur ow oi ear Tricky word: they all are

#### Reading:

We will not be sending reading books home over the holidays but please continue to read and share books with your child.

#### Writing:

We are continuing to work the children extending sentences by using adjectives, starting to use a capital letter at the start of a sentence and a full stop at the end. The children also building on their tricky words and we are trying to encourage them to consistently apply these in their reading and writing. It is really important you continue to encourage the children to write at home.

#### Maths:

A combination of Easter Maths Activities consolidating learning and assessing recall and application.

#### Topic:

Next week we will continue to talk about the importance of Easter in the Christian calendar. Our key focus will be the Easter story and the start of new life. WE will also be talking about spring and comparing the seasons.

Our Van Gogh Painting this month is: Chestnut Tree in Blossom

#### Show and Tell

There will be no show and Tell next week

#### REMINDERS:

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

# Monet

We had a fantastic day at Chiltern Open Air Museum on Monday. I'm sure the children have told you all about it and shown you some of the things they made. The children in Monet wrote some lovely recounts about the trip and I have chosen Hari's (Year 2) and Electra's (Year 1) to give you more details of our super day.

Next week we will be using our English sessions to write thank you letters to Chiltern Open Air Museum.

In maths we will be focusing on fractions. Year 1 will be halving numbers starting with even numbers then moving on to halving odd numbers. They will also be finding half and quarter of amounts. Year 2 will be working towards finding  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of amounts and beginning to compare fractions.

In geography we will be looking at aerial photographs and in art we will be continuing with our drawings of people by creating a Lowry inspired scene of a children's playground. In PSHE we will be thinking about money in its different forms, talking about spending and saving and to recognise the difference between needs and wants.

We will also be enjoying Easter crafts, poems and making Easter cards! Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Blakeley

On Monday we went to Chiltern Open Air Museum. First we made bricks. It was very fun. We had to grab a handful of clay and fill the inside of the mould. After we filled the mould up, we had to bash the brick on every side. After that the brick came out. It was shaped exactly like a brick! The man was named Gordon. Gordon showed us how to build a wall and Gordon expected us to make 1000 bricks! The next activity was rag rugs. We used prodders to push the pieces of rag into some hessian. After that we lined up for lunch in our World War 1 hut. Next we made a thaumatrope. We had to colour in where the lady told us to. We even got to play with the wooden toys! After, we walked to the entrance and met our mums and dads and went home. What a fun day I had!

Hari, Year 2

On Monday I went to Chiltern Open Air Museum. The first activity was making bricks. I firstly got some clay and then I put the clay into the mould. We needed to put the clay in the corners. When it was finished Gordon who was the brick maker flattened it with a scraper. Then we bashed the brick. We had to wash our hands. Then we made rag rugs. We used prodders to make them. Then we had lunch in a hut. Lunch was yummy. Then I made a thaumatrope. We got to play with the toys then it was home time. What a great day!

Electra, Year 1



## **Hockney**

### **Maths**

This week Year 4 started their new topic of Decimals. They have learnt to represent lengths as fractions and decimals, and using a place value chart they have been dividing a 1-digit number by 10. Year 3 are continuing their learning on capacity and volumes.

### **English**

Hockney class have worked hard this week to write their very own rap poem based on a fairy tale. They have explored the different poetic devices and have added these to their poem. In our grammar lesson this week, we will be revisiting possessive and plural apostrophes.

### **Topic**

In geography, children enjoyed doing a scavenger hunt using their atlases. Next week, they will be learning how to use four and six figure references to locate places on a map.

In Religious Education, children have designed a glass painted window using Christian symbols. Next week, they will be looking closely at different forms of Islamic Art. They will also be identifying geometrical patterns and creating their own.

Hockney class have enjoyed their PSHE lessons and have discussed different types of credit. This week they will be looking at examples of expenditures and deciding whether we should be using a credit or debit card.

### **Reminders**

#### **Homework**

Please encourage your children to complete their weekly homework set, this greatly supports their learning in class. If there are any questions, please do let us know.

#### **Daily reading**

Children are encouraged to read every day for at least ten minutes.

#### **Multiplication**

Year 4 children will be assessed on their multiplication in the summer term. In school they are practicing every week, please also take a few minutes to support them at home. They can practice using this website:

Multiplication Tables Check - 2023 - [Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, Ramadhan Mubarak to families who will be fasting this.

Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

## Hepworth

We can't believe it's the last week of the spring term next week!

It feels like a very quick term, but one we have certainly enjoyed and as ever, the children have worked so hard.

Next week, year six will be doing their last round of practice assessments. We use these to help identify gaps, allow familiarisation with the question types and the testing process and to give the children the opportunity to show off their progress. As always, there is no need to do anything extra for these at home - but a good night's sleep and a sustaining breakfast are always a good idea.

While year six do their assessments, year five will be doing some consolidation work covering various areas of maths in their maths lessons as well as some comprehension practice and written work.

The children will have their PE lessons as usual and will also be spending a few good chunks of time over the week finishing their DT work where they are planning, building, testing and evaluating their structures. We will also finish our RE unit of work on creation and our topic work on mountains.

It is my (Mrs Wilson's) last day on Friday (31st) and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the children for being so wonderful this year (and last year too for the year six children). I am sad to be leaving mid-year, but I will be keeping in touch and I hope to be able to visit before the children finish in the summer to hear about what they've been up to and to wish them luck for next year. Thank-you also to all the parents who have been so supportive over this academic year too. I wish you all a wonderful Easter break and I hope you have enjoyable, sunshine-filled days.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Term Ends 1.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to School</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Monet – Games @ DCHS
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Coronation Celebrations
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Residential
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Parent's Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	11am Leaver's Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic <b>1.30pm Term Ends</b>