

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 16th June 2023

Headteacher's News

It has been a busy week with lots going on for the children who have been working incredibly hard, despite the heat. We were pleased to welcome The Amersham Rotary Club today who presented each of our Year 6 children with a dictionary. Hepworth class are working hard on preparing for their production of The Wizard of Oz, Hockney have completed their multiplication checks and Year 1 have completed their phonics screening checks. Van Gogh have really impressed me with their independent writing this week so it is a well done for everyone!

Staffing Arrangements for Next Year

I am pleased to be able to share with you the staffing arrangements for next year. The children will have an opportunity to spend time with their new class staff on the Transition day on the 4th July.

	Class Teacher	Learning Support Assistants
Van Gogh	Mrs Sahotay	Mrs Muralidhar
Monet	Miss Blakeley (Monday-Thursday) Mrs Homewood (Friday)	Mrs Dharmapala
Hockney	Mrs Jones (Monday-Wednesday AM) Miss Moghaddam (Wednesday PM-Friday)	Mrs Board Miss Hawkins
Hepworth	Miss Shine	Mrs Karim Mr Tooke Mrs Walker

Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the parents' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday next week. If you have not already done so please remember to log on to the school website and book your appointment. If you are unable to do so please contact the school office and they will help.



Joanna Lawson who is Theia Tavender (Reception) mum completed open water swim in the Lake District and has raised over £1000 for the school.

Congratulations to Joanne Lawson on completing the open water swim and thank you for the donation to our school.

Carnival

Thank you to everyone who attended the Chesham Carnival. I know that everyone who participated enjoyed the experience and had a memorable day. Thank you again to Mrs Silverstone, Miss Blakeley and Mrs Sahotay for their hard work in the preparation for and support on the day.



Sports Day

I have checked the weather forecast and it is looking promising for Sports Day on the 27th June. Parents will be able to arrive from 1.15pm ready for the races to begin at 1.30pm.

Buckinghamshire Family Support Service

Please see an attached flyer from the Family Support Service about a 2 day workshop for primary children during the summer holiday about well-being.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the promised sunshine.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

Local Events

Hertford Museum

Hertford Museum have launched a Wellbeing Trail designed in collaboration with the children of Hertford St Andrew Primary School.

The trail is now available to collect from the Museum's front desk and provides a starting point for children, families and carers to talk together about ways to support their mental and physical wellbeing. Our new leaflet guides visitors around a number of exhibits with links to physical health, personal care, play, and music. Children are encouraged to think about how they can incorporate some of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing into their daily lives.

Whizzfizzfest

Whizzfizzfest Artist's Workshop, have an exciting touring performance of 'By the Light of the Moon' coming to libraries across the County as part of the Whizzfizzfest programme. More information can be found [here](#).



Happy Birthday

No birthdays



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Logan	Endre
Monet	Samuel	Alexander
Hockney	Victor	Alina
Hepworth	Jonathan	Charlie

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	96%
Monet	100%
Hockney	95%
Hepworth	99%

Class News

Van Gogh

Van Gogh Class News

The weather has been amazing but a bit too warm for some of the children. We have been laying down and relaxing to meditation music after each break. Some of the children so relaxed they have been falling asleep.

Phonics:

This week we started Phase 4, we will also continue to consolidate Phase 3 sounds. The children have been working on double consonants sound that are not diagraphs sat the beginning and end of a word e.g. ST, SL. SP, TR, CL, CR, NK. The children have found these really tricky when applying them to their writing, they are often not hearing the second sound of a word e.g. STINK become SINK...CROWN becomes COWN. We will continue to work on these in school and would appreciate if you could continue to consolidate these at home.

Week 1	said, so he, she, we, me, be	blending & segmenting CVCCs
Week2	have, like, some, come, was, you	blending & segmenting CCVCs & CVCCs
Week 3	were, there, little, one they, all, ar	

Reading:

The children are making amazing progress with their reading. Please continue to share books with the children as well as hearing them read.

Writing:

The children are really getting into writing their own books, please encourage this at home. We will continue to work on our creative writing, using story starters and the children continue by using their imagination to finish off the story. We also continue 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.

Maths:

Next week we will be focusing on solving mathematical addition, subtraction, writing number sentences and re-visiting doubling/sharing.

Show and Tell

- Thursday 22nd June 2023: Blue House

REMINDERS:

- Please ensure that your child has a hat in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Have a great Father's Day, I hope you enjoy the children's gifts.

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

Next week in English we will be continuing to look at our ebook, 'No Place Like Home', recap the features of a non-fiction text and begin to research another unusual place to live. We will then begin to create our own 'screen' for the book.

In maths, Year 1 will be consolidating the days of the week, months of the year and making sure they understand which months link to each season. They will also be reading, drawing and understanding pictograms. Year 2 will be doing the same as well as reading, drawing and interpreting block graphs. We will also link this to collecting data in geography.

In science, we will be identifying and naming some common trees and in geography, we will be looking at different types of housing in our local area. During the next few weeks, we are also hoping to go on a local walk to identify features of the area surrounding our school. In PSHE, we will be thinking about how to recognise risk in everyday situations, for example road, water and medicines, which will link to this.

Year 1 will be beginning forest school on Monday afternoons so please make sure they wear clothing that will cover their legs and appropriate footwear. This can be tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers. Shirts and school ties should still be worn to school.

It has been lovely to see so many children bringing in books they are enjoying at home or have been inspired by at school. If your child would like to share what they are reading at home, they are more than welcome to bring in books to show and talk about.

Please remember a fresh water bottle every day and a sun hat.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Swimming

The children need to bring in a pair of pyjamas (not jogging bottoms or leggings) as well as their swimsuit next week to enable them to practise life-saving.

English

We started the week comparing two of our favourite countries from our topic 'Where would you like to live?'. Japan and USA got the vote! Children then extracted information from their texts and shared their findings with this class. They have now chosen their own favourite country and have started to plan an information text to share what they have learnt. Some children have focused on the food of that country, others have looked at the culture and religion, the topics are endless. We very much look forward to seeing their finished articles!

Maths

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard this week learning about shape. They have showed an excellent understanding of vertical, horizontal, parallel and perpendicular lines. The end of the week saw them looking and recognising 2-D shapes and drawing polygons.

Year 4 having been having fun with shapes this week, naming different polygons and finding lines of symmetry as well as completing a symmetrical figure. Next week we will look at 3D shapes and start our new topic of statistics.

Topic

In science this week, children were looking at the topic animals, including humans. They learned about the role the skeleton plays in giving our body its shape and how it protects vital organs such as the heart and lungs. At the end of the lesson they used their knowledge of bones and their position to create their own skeletons. Look at this great example!



Next week we will be looking at the structure and the function of the heart.

Geography- Children have enjoyed imagining themselves as Romans and looking for suitable settlements. We have looked at different sites and discussing advantages and disadvantages of each site.

Multiplication check Year 4

Children worked really hard this week practising their times tables and completing their multiplication check online. We have noticed improvements in all the children due to their hard work and perseverance.

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend

Miss Shine & Miss Moghaddam

Hepworth

Hepworth have had another busy week, with lots of rehearsal time scheduled around our lessons. We've also taken advantage of the lovely weather with break out time playing rounders and listening to our class story under the shade of the trees on the field.

Next week, the children will continue their exploration of A Midsummer Night's Dream in English, whilst in Maths they will be revising fractions, decimals and percentages and use their knowledge to solve problems.

In Topic, the children will be studying coasts in the UK, including locations and different features. In Spanish, children will focus on using their vocabulary to converse with one another, and write conversational scripts.

In addition to their regular Music lesson with Mrs Powell on Tuesday, pupils will also be practising the songs for our production, so it will be a tuneful week!

At the end of the week, Mrs Powell and Miss Shine will teach the second sex education lesson in PSHE to year 6, whilst year 5 will help Mrs Sahotay in Van Gogh. Miss Shine will also be teaching PSHE with a focus on managing time online.

On a final note, we would ask that you encourage and support your child to practise their lines for the production. The children have been asked to focus on this, instead of English homework. It is really important that they know their lines, cues and roles thoroughly, to free them up to focus on their performance.

We wish you a lovely relaxing weekend.

Mrs Jones and Miss Shine

DIARY DATES

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