

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2023

Headteacher's News

As you know we are in the process of joining the Oxford Diocese Buckinghamshire Schools Trust Academy (ODBST). When we spoke to parents at the beginning of the year about this we indicated that we were hopeful that we would be joining the trust at the beginning of this term. As with so many things however the legal processes which needed to be followed have moved rather slowly and therefore this has not happened. I have heard this week that a date of 1st October 2023 has now been agreed with Buckinghamshire Council and the DFE for the conversion and this is what is now being worked towards. There is still legal work to be done regarding the Land Transfer but hopefully this will be straightforward and not cause any delay to the October date.

Chesham Carnival

I hope that many of you will join us for the Chesham Carnival on Saturday 10th June. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with more information on but I would like to draw to your attention to the request that the PTA are looking for a car with tow-bar and driver that they can attach the trailer to. If you can help please let me, or a member of the PTA know.

Strike Action

As you may be aware the NEU is planning a further day of strike action on Tuesday 2nd May. I can confirm that I am not expecting there to be any changes to our usual operating arrangements on that day.

Artist of the Week

This week's artist was Piet Mondrian. His work stimulated a wonderfully engaging conversation in assembly on Monday, as to whether straight lines could be called art. Do have a look at some of his work with your children and engage them in conversation about whether they like the pictures or not and can they explain their reasoning.

Perform Drama

We have received information from Perform Drama about a free trial session locally that your child could enjoy. This same company provides our after school club on a Monday.

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend and if the weather forecasters are right some sunshine too!

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



Happy Birthday
No birthdays
this week



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Leo	Theia
Monet	Georgia	Gabriel
Hockney	Rohan	Amelia
Hepworth	Gracie	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	98%
Monet	96%
Hockney	88%
Hepworth	97%

Class News

Van Gogh

Van Gogh Class News

This week the children have been very excited watching the caterpillars grow. We have been learning about the Life Cycle of a Butterfly and the children were introduced to the author of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle.

Phonics:

We are approaching the end of Phase 3 and the children have found the digraphs/trigraphs in Phase 3 tricky. Please continue to work with your child at home to consolidate reading words/sentences with these sounds. It is also important that they are confidently applying these sounds in their writing.

Week 7	This week we will be consolidating sounds and tricky words learnt to date.
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Reading:

Please continue to share books with the children as well as hearing them read. This week we have been learning 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:

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. It is also important that the children are consistently applying the Phase 3 sounds and tricky words in their writing. Please continue to encourage the children to write at home.

Maths:

The children have really enjoyed learning to count in TENS. We have had fun learning about measuring. The children have used non-standard measures to measure objects around the classroom. Next week we will explore measure further by comparing weights and size of objects.

Topic:

The children have been very excited learning all about Eric Carle. We were inspired by a clip of Eric Carle doing his illustrations and next week will be creating our own artwork using the techniques he uses.

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

Show and Tell - Thursday 4th May 2023: Green 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

Monet Class has had a great week writing some super stories in English, working hard in maths on comparing numbers and informal assessments to identify gaps in learning. Next week we have slightly less planned than usual due to the Bank Holiday and our very exciting Coronation Day next Friday.

In English we will be introducing a new picture book and using this to explore imagery, characters and descriptions of a setting.

In maths Year 2 will be adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and revising the best method to subtract. Year 1 will be focusing on subtraction and counting up to find a difference.

In science we will be continuing with our 'signs of spring' theme and will begin to collect data to compare though May and June. We will be looking at weather, temperature, rainfall and trees/plants.

Please remember to bring in reading books on Tuesday to be changed and a water bottle for the classroom. Please also make sure that all items of clothing are clearly named (and your child has brought their own clothing home) as some children's belongings have gone missing.

Have a lovely long weekend,
Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Maths

Year 3 have been fantastic with their money this week! They have looked at pounds and pence and converting between the two, they have also worked on adding and subtracting money. To develop their reasoning skills, all children have additional extension questions to extend their understanding further.

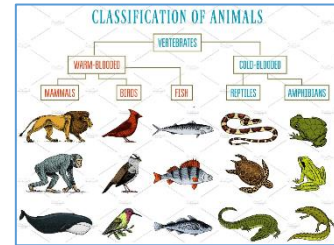
Year 4 have finished their work on decimals which has been a little bit tricky at times! They have started looking at money focusing on writing money as decimals and converting between pounds and pence.

English

The children have continued to enjoy reading Christophe's story. They have successfully drawn inferences from the text and used this information to explore the main characters of the story. Children have also taken great care with their writing; they imagined they were Christophe (the main character in the book) and wrote a letter to a fellow survivor telling him all about his experiences in Rwanda and England.

Topic

In Science, we have looked deeper into the classification of living things. This week children looked at the characteristics of mammals, birds, amphibians, fish and reptiles. In our next lesson will look at how environments can change and how these changes can pose dangers to living things.



In our computing sessions, we will be developing our word processing skills using Microsoft word. This week we learnt how to insert tables and adding rows and columns.

In PSHE, we will be looking at ways to keep physically healthy and will be focussing on the importance of sleep on our physical health.

RE – We will be looking more closely at features of places of worship and discussing similarities and differences.

Important Reminder

Please encourage your child to practice their times table daily. The Multiplication check will take place in June for year 4 children and will determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you and your family a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

Hepworth

We've had a lovely week in Hepworth, and the children have worked hard. In particular, their enthusiasm for writing reviews of the Museum of Fun (both positive and negative) was lovely, and produced some really engaging writing.

With the Bank Holiday and Coronation celebrations, next week will probably fly by but we still have lots of learning to squeeze in! In English next week, the children will be focussing on comprehension exercises using skills such as skim and scan, inference, and looking at the structures and meanings of texts beyond just the words. The Spelling focus will be words ending in 'ant' and 'ancy' and SPaG will focus on root words.

In Maths, Hepworth will continue looking at statistics, presenting and interpreting information, including algebra for Year 6. They will also practice using co-ordinates when looking at position, reflection and translation in geometry.

We will be starting our new Topic, Coasts, by looking at the Water Cycle. Whilst in Computing, we will continue learning about how to create a website, in particular understanding copyright. And finally, in PE this week we hope to give the children time to relax with a yoga and fitness class.

We wish you a lovely long weekend.

Mrs Jones, Mrs Walker and Miss Shine

DIARY DATES

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
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 29th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Inset Day
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