

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

Headteacher's News

This week's highlight was definitely the performance of Electric Umbrella on Thursday. Electric umbrella is a charity that creates interactive experiences with learning disabled people. Their message was simple "There's No Such Thing as Normal" and they encouraged us all to "Sing like no one's listening, dance like no one's watching, give like no one's counting and laugh like no one's judging." Please talk to your children about the importance of us all being different and that it is something to celebrate. I hope you will have a look at the [Electric Umbrella website](#) and listen to some of the songs – I am sure they will make you smile.



The Turning Circle

Please can I politely remind you that the turning circle is designed to be used to drive around and drop your children off. Parents should not be parking in it and leaving their cars. There have been a number of incidents this week where there has been much tooting and hooting as the road has become blocked and other road users are unable to continue their journeys. An increasing number of people are also parking on the bend opposite the school again, I am genuinely concerned that this selfish behaviour is going to cause an accident. Please park at a distance (remember there is plenty of space in The Bedford Arms car park) and walk to collect your child.

The King's Coronation Competition

Chorleywood Parish Council are running a colouring competition to celebrate the King's Coronation. All children will be bringing home the colouring sheet and entry rules today. Entries will need to be emailed or handed in to the Chorleywood Parish Office by Monday 17th April 2023.

Mothering Sunday

I hope that the mums amongst you enjoy your Mothering Sunday surprise and that your children make an extra special effort to look after you on Sunday! Thank you to the PTA for organising the surprise.

Artist of the Week

Our artist of the week was Samuel Morse chosen by Mrs Powell as part of National Science Week.

I wish all of you a happy weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



Happy Birthday

Aiyanna – 21st March



STARS of the week

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| Van Gogh | Charles | Theia |
| Monet | Omar | Thivaaniha |
| Hockney | Dennis | Isheeta |
| Hepworth | Sonia | William |

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.

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| Van Gogh | 85% |
| Monet | 98% |
| Hockney | 94% |
| Hepworth | 95% |

Class News

Van Gogh

We have had a busy week getting ready for Mothering Sunday.

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 we will be introducing week 6 but also will be consolidating previous digraphs.

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

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

Reading:

It is really important that you are reading with your child or sharing a book every day. This will not only build on their vocabulary and imagination but it will also help with apply their phonics to read and write more complex sentences. Also we would appreciate if all book are in every Thursday so that we can change books that have been read and look at reading records.

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:

This week we will continue to consolidate number TEN and 3D shapes.

Topic:

Next week we will start 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.

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

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.

Thursday 23rd March 2023 – BLUE HOUSE

REMINDERS:

Monday 20th March 2023 @ 9.15: Stay for a Spring Walk

Have a great Mother's Day hope you all enjoy the treats from the children and have a relaxing day.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

The children in Monet are very excited about their trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum on Monday. Please drop your child off at the museum from 9.30 - 9.45 with a packed lunch that can be disposed of, a named water bottle and appropriate shoes and coat for walking in and the weather. Children to be collected from the museum between 2.45 and 3pm.

In English for the rest of the week we will be focusing on writing a recount of our trip and writing clear instructions.

In maths Year 1 will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and creating arrays for multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Year 2 will be writing multiplication sentences to describe arrays, understanding that multiplication can be done in any order, understanding that multiplication is the inverse of division. Moving on to division with remainders.

In science we will be continuing to observe and record our seeds experiment and in geography we will be finding out more about the continent Europe and learning about some key features.

Have a lovely Mother's Day weekend.

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Maths

Hockney class are growing in confidence with their understanding of maths. This week, Year 3 have been looking at mass and capacity. They have been using scales to read measurements and have been measuring in grams and kilograms. Year 4 have continued to work hard with fractions; they have now added fractions and mixed numbers and are starting to look at subtracting them.

English

Hockney class have continued to embrace poetry this week exploring rap as a different form of poetry. They have been acting out poems in rap style using clapping, tapping and stomping to emphasise rhythm and rhyme. Recently children have been working in groups comparing fairy-tale stories with rap versions; they are starting to plan their own rap version of a chosen fairy tale.

Topic

This week in Art, Year 4 put their drawing skills to the test with their Tudor portraits. They used tracing skills to start their portrait outline and pencils to add detail and colour.

Next week in Geography, we will be developing our geographical skills. We will be using Atlases to locate key places in Buckinghamshire.

In PSHE, we will be continuing our discussions about money and keeping track of our spending. This week we also discussed the *Electric Umbrella* performance and how important it is to make everyone feel special and welcome regardless of their unique needs.

Have a lovely and restful break

Miss Shine & Miss Moghaddam

Hepworth

Another week has passed by quickly, but the children are still working hard in all subjects as well as diligently carrying out their responsibilities around the school.

In English this week, we are continuing with narrative poetry. Pupils will be reading a poem by Michael Rosen, Top Board, which also focuses on childhood memories. Later in the week our SPAG lesson we will be focussing on layout devices. Our spellings will look at the suffix – 'ible'.

In Maths, we are looking at the area of shapes that aren't rectilinear, as well as volume. Towards the end of the week we will be calculating angles and looking at angle sums for shapes.

Our Science this week continues testing the properties of different materials such as wood, metal and chalk. Whilst in Computing, children will carry on sequencing their stories, as well as adding audio, in their animations.

Music for the week is based on a song 'Heal the Earth', which the children are enjoying and follows the theme of how music connects us to the environment.

Meanwhile, we will continue to learn about whole body fitness in PE.

In Topic we will continue with our work on mountains, whilst in DT we will be moving on to the next stage of our structures project. In PSHE we will be doing our final lesson on money and how to be a critical consumer.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

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| 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 |
| 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 |