

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Headteacher's News

I hope that you all had a relaxing half term and enjoyed the sun. This week the children have certainly appreciated our wonderful setting and the opportunity to take full advantage of the field and woodland areas during break times. As the weather forecast is suggesting that the hot and sunny weather will continue please can you protect your child by applying sun-cream at the start of the day and ensuring they bring a **named** sun hat into school, along with their water bottle.

### Carnival

Thank you to all those families who have signed up to take part in the Chesham Carnival, if you are not participating in the walking float I know that those who are would love to see you and give a wave as they go past. We will be receiving a percentage of all funds raised at the carnival so do please support it.

### Staffing

I would like to welcome our new Learning Support Assistant, Mr Cooke to our school who is going to be working in Hockney class for the rest of this term.

### Residential Trip

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Shine, Mrs Walker and Mrs Jones for the significant amount of their own time they gave up the week before half term to enable the children in Hepworth to experience such an enjoyable residential trip at Green Park. The children were a credit to us. I would like to acknowledge how impressed I was with their determination to do their best and the way they supported and encouraged one another to attempt things which were just beyond their comfort zone.



## Art Workshop

Yesterday Hockney and Hepworth class enjoyed a WhizzFizzFest Artist Workshop visit with Harsha Basu. The children read, wrote poetry and created some artwork for the WhizzFizzFest on the theme of friendship. The work will be on display at one of the Whizzfizz events in July.



## Best Kept Village Competition

Chenies has entered the Best Kept Village Competition so please can you all contribute by making sure you do not drop any litter and if you see some please pick it up and throw away! Judging takes place between now and the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

## UmbrellaFest

**Electric Umbrella** are hosting **Umbrellafest this Sunday (11th June) at Cassiobury Park, Watford**. It's an afternoon of music and joy **(1-6pm)** and is totally **free to attend!**

No ticket required, just turn up when you want and stay for as long as you like! More information about exactly where the event is, parking etc can be found on the attached a flyer too. Electric Umbrella

## Village Day Fun Run on Saturday 17 June

This is the opening event in the Village Day celebrations. The Fun Run takes place in Westwood Park, and is a relaxed, non-competitive event, with emphasis on fun. Runners can choose to run 1, 3 or 5 laps of the park (which is a little under 1k per lap), and all who complete at least 1 lap will receive a medal. Entry fee is £5, with all proceeds going to local charitable causes. For participating families of 3 or more, 1 child goes free.

Have a lovely weekend!

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher

# Happy Birthday



11<sup>th</sup> Freddie

14<sup>th</sup> Joseph

15<sup>th</sup> Isheeta



## STARS of the week

|                 |                |                |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Van Gogh</b> | <b>Emma</b>    | <b>Freddie</b> |
| <b>Monet</b>    | <b>Oliver</b>  | <b>Aiyanna</b> |
| <b>Hockney</b>  | <b>Joseph</b>  | <b>Archie</b>  |
| <b>Hepworth</b> | <b>Rishabh</b> | <b>George</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.

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| Van Gogh | 95% |
| Monet    | 96% |
| Hockney  | 86% |
| Hepworth | 87% |



## Class News

### Van Gogh

I hope you had a lovely holiday and a well-deserved break. The summer term is an exciting time of year, with transition being our main focus. Over the year the children have developed a range of skills that will enable them to confidently move forward to the next class.

#### Phonics:

This week we started Phase 4, we will also continue to consolidate Phase 3 sounds.

|        |                                  |                                     |
|--------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Week 1 | said, so he, she, we, me, be     | blending & segmenting CVCCs         |
| Week 2 | have, like, some, come, was, you | blending & segmenting CCVCs & CVCCs |

#### Reading:

Please continue to share books with the children as well as hearing them read.

#### Writing:

Next week we are continuing 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:

We are going to continue exploring measure and our key focus will be capacity. The children will be looking comparing the size of containers and comparing how much liquid etc. they would hold.

#### Show and Tell

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023: XXX House

#### REMINDERS:

Please ensure that your child has a hat in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

## **Monet**

We've had a great week back to school taking full advantage of the weather by doing some practical capacity measuring in maths and continuing to record our weather data and look for changes in .

Next week we will be introducing an ebook 'There's no place Like Home' and discussing different environments and places to live. We will also be using question marks and identifying the features of a non-fiction text.

In maths we will be doubling and halving numbers and using our knowledge of place value to help us do this (either mentally or with apparatus). Year 1 will be making the link between multiplication and repeated addition and using multiplication sentences to describe a practical problem. Year 2 will be recognising that multiplication is the inverse of division, solving word problems and finding remainders.

In science we will continue to collect weather data for June, carry out our seasonal walk to recognise signs of spring/summer and identify and name some common garden plants. Please encourage your child to look in their garden or park to try to identify some. We will link our seasonal walk to geography where we will be observing our local area and describing where things are on a map. In art we will begin to make a print of an observational nature drawing and in PSHE we will be thinking about change as we grow up, talking about opportunities and responsibilities. We will link this to preparing for a new class as part of their transition.

Please remember to bring a water bottle for the classroom for children to access throughout the day.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

### **English**

In English, we have been looking more closely at the different countries around the world. This has included retrieving information from a text and using our skim and scanning skills to look for specific information. Next week we will compare countries and discuss differences and similarities. We will begin to write our non-fiction report about a chosen country.

### **Maths**

Year 3 have started learning about shape in Maths. So far they have covered turns and angles and right angles. They have also compared these angles looking for similarities and differences. Next week Year 3 will be measuring and drawing angles, looking at horizontal and vertical angles and parallel and perpendicular angles.

Year 4 have also started learning about shape. They have identified angles as turns, identified angles in shapes and compared and ordered angles. Next week Year 4 will be looking at triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons.

## Topic

In Design Technology children started (and in some cases completed) their final mosaic tile. I was really impressed with the patience they all showed as the cutting and sticking of their tiles was a lengthy process! There were so many beautiful designs amongst the class, some of them had such intricate detail it was amazing to see what they had created.



Geography- We have been looking at settlements and identifying the important features of a settlement need.

## Multiplication check Year 4

Children have been practising their times table ready for their test next week. Please encourage children to practice their times table every evening in preparation for their test in June.

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend

Miss Shine & Miss Moghaddam

## Hepworth

This week has been slightly shorter for the children with an Inset Day on Monday, however they have packed in lots of learning and hard work during the rest of the week. We've had a particularly creative time as, in addition to our production rehearsals, the children had an Art workshop on Thursday. It was based on the book 'The Paper Dolls' by Julia Donaldson and involved writing a story or poem, then creating a paper doll, on the theme of friendship.

Next week, as with most weeks from now on, Hepworth will spend much of their time rehearsing The Wizard of Oz. We have been really impressed with their efforts so far, but would ask that you encourage and assist your child in learning their lines at home. This will help them develop their acting skills, rather than focusing on reading the script. In between rehearsals, children will continue their work on A Midsummer Night's Dream in English, including re-writing a scene in modern day English.

In Maths, they will be consolidating their knowledge of rounding numbers, as well as carrying out investigations and problem solving using these skills.

Topic this term continues looking at Coasts, and children will be recreating the Water Cycle to show evaporation, condensation and precipitation in action.

After focusing on Computing and Art during the previous half term, we will be returning to Music and Spanish, and pupils will be refreshing their memories of how to introduce, and talk about, themselves.

At the end of the week, Mrs Powell and Miss Shine will be start the PSHE lessons on Sex Education. The children will also continue learning about what religious beliefs tell us about how we live our lives in RE.

Finally, please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times as sometimes we use games as a 'break-out' from rehearsals, to relax and re-focus the children.

We wish you all a happy and relaxing weekend in the sunny weather.

Mrs Jones and Miss Shine

## DIARY DATES

|                                    |   |
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| 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   |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July    | EYFS Stay for breakfast<br>Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm                      |
| <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> | 11am Leaver's Assembly<br>12pm Whole School Picnic<br><b>1.30pm Term Ends</b> |