

CHENIES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th October

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Class	Title	Details
All		
Sprites		
Phoenix		
Pegasus		
Griffin	Ley Hill Football match (football team only)	Return by Friday 14 th Ocotber

Please check the website if you have not received any of the above.

Highlights of the Week

- On Monday, pupils throughout the school enjoyed a range of Maths challenges to improve problem solving skills.
- The children received their £1 coins from the school council for 'grow a pound' and shared ideas in Mrs Gobby's assembly about how to take part in this Chenies enterprise challenge.
- Pegasus class represented the school at the basketball tournament against other local schools. Mrs Tillyer was extremely proud of the class and their achievements. See below for the match report
- The netball team played their 2nd set of matches against other local schools. See below for the match report.
- Teachers met with the Co-Headteachers to set individual aspirational targets for each child for the year.
- Donna Skinner, from Bucks Learning Trust (BLT), worked with the teachers to further improve their maths plans and look at other ways we can develop the teaching of maths with two year groups in one class.
- Pippa Brand-Benee, from BLT, provided the teachers with CPD training to develop their subject leadership skills

Changes to the PE timetable and Gym & Netball club

Ignite are no longer able to provide us with coaches to support our PE lessons and run after school clubs. Until half-term, First Touch will be providing us with PE lesson support on Mondays and Tuesdays. This means the new PE days for each class are as follows:

Griffin: Tuesday and Thursday

Pegaus: Monday (and Tuesday swimming)

Phienix: Monday and Tuesday

Sprite: No change











Please ensure your child has a clean PE kit for these new days.

Mrs Gobby is covering gym club until half-term. After half-term we are unable to provide this after school club; we apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Mrs Ince and Mrs Hoar have very kindly stepped up and are running netball club for us until half term. We are not in a position to say as yet if this will be able to continue; we will inform you next week.

Attendance Well done to Sprite for achieving the best attendance last week.			Target = 96% ₺
Sprite: 98.6% 🕯	Phoenix: 97.6% 🕯	Pegasus: 95% 👎	Griffin: 97.6%
Stars of the Week	Y1: Luc Boehmer	Y3: Amber Schulein	Y5: Megan Moulster
YR: Frankie Schulein	Y2: Charlotte Flood	Y4: Luke Payne	Y6: Kirsty Simpson

Maths Whizzer

Emily Coleman

Silver Star certificate

Kaita Abiodum

Star Learners

Luc Boehmer – for a fantastic pen drawing of a bear

Jacob Boulter – for collaborative working on a maths problem

George Clack – for writing an acrostic poem about harvest with wow words

Yasmine Cole – for taking her time when drawing a detailed picture of a bear

Adam Coleman – for collaborative working on a maths problem

Tiana Cozens – for describing and drawing the journey of an apple from seed to the shop

Rhys Griffiths – for taking his time when drawing a bear

Oliver Harris – for collaborative working on a maths problem

Laycie Henderson – for a fantastic pen drawing of a bear

Carmen Lehrman-Shahabaldine – for making a 2-step repeating pattern

Jonathan Parsey – for collaborative working on a maths problem

Luke Payne – for collaborative working on a maths problem

Anna Powell – for independent use of phonics and correct application of full stops

Niketh Putta – for a fantastic pen drawing of a bear

Arthur Ray – for a fantastic pen drawing of a bear

Ablie Rogers - for taking his time when drawing a detailed picture of a bear

Frankie Shulein – for coming to school each day happy and ready to learn

Carrie Simpson – for a fantastic pen drawing of a bear

Alex Szulc – for collaborative working on a maths problem

Jessica Teruggi - for describing and drawing the journey of an apple from seed to the shop

Amelia Van Loosen – for independently writing a sentence

Bucks Learning Trust

All schools in Bucks have the opportunity to buy services from the Bucks Learning Trust in order to support teaching and learning and continue to raise standards. Most schools choose to buy this service. Chenies are fortunate to have access to a range of specialist teachers and advisers to support us on our road to continual improvement.

Toilet Refurbishment

A number of parents have raised concerns about the toilet refurbishment happening while the children are on site. The bulk of the 'messy' work will be done during the half-term and at the weekends. The building company have completed a great deal of work in schools previously and are fully briefed of appropriate procedures and processes. Please be assured the works going on during the school day, will be sectioned off and children will not be put in harm's way. As a school we always put the safety and wellbeing of the children first and foremost.

Seeking ways of improving safety outside the school gates

We are aware of parental concerns regarding safety outside the school gates each morning. We celebrated last week when the zig-zag lines were re-painted. Our next campaign is to improve the position of the barrier. Mrs Burnett has made contact with Transport for Bucks to discuss the possibility of moving the barrier back towards the roadside to widen the path and to have it extended along the front of the school. We will keep you posted of any developments.

Morning club

We currently don't have enough children to run the morning club on Mondays and Fridays but there are 2 children on each day who would like to attend. If there are others families who want to or are considering putting their child into morning club on these days, please let us know asap. We really want this morning club to be successful and rely on parental support for it!

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is next Wednesday at 10.30am. The children have been learning about the significance of harvest in their lessons and have performances to present to parents and carers. We are collecting non-perishable goods for the local food bank so please donate generously. Mrs Palfreman will be selling tea, coffee and scones after the assembly to parents and carers – proceeds will also be going towards this charity.

Netball report

On the 5th October the Yr 5 and Yr 6 netball team (Olivia Ince, Scarlett Prunty, Kirsty Simpson, Phillipa Wakeman, Izzy Esposito, Wenessa Arari) played at Chiltern Hills Academy in Chesham to play the second round of the tournament.

Our first game was played with Elangani School. They were very good and so were we, but unfortunately they took the lead by three points (the score was 5-0). In our second game we played Ley Hill School and we really thought we could do it. We were passing to each other and our defending was great but as Pip went for a goal the other team hit the ball away and we didn't score. The final score was 2-2.

Finally, we really were ready and we were going to be brilliant in our last game we all thought in our heads, but then we saw all the other teams walking out of the gate. We were so confused as we had only played two matches but it really was time to go. We had so much fun and we can't wait until next week.

By Olivia Ince

Basketball report

On Wednesday 5th October Year 3 and 4 played at a basket festival at Dr Challoner's High School. The event began with warm up activities and then we were ready to play with the other schools. We were divided into teams. We won some matches and lost others. One of our teams finished 2nd overall and the other came 5th. The basketball was good fun and we all improved at the game during the morning.

By Chloe Hutton and Sophie Nunn

Dates for next week:

Friday 14th October:

Tuesday 11th October: Year 6 survey with the school nurse

Wednesday 12th October: Harvest Festival School Hall 10.30am – all parents & carers

welcome

PTA AGM School Hall 7.45pm PTA Disco School hall from 6pm

Yours sincerely

Hannah Burnett & Kay Gobby Co-Headteachers

Check out our website for additional photos of the things we have been up to.

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The selection process for the Headteacher continues and the selection day will take place later next week. This is a rigorous, day long process including interviews and various exercises. The nature of recruitment in schools, with the understandable emphasis on safeguarding, means that no final decision or offer can be made on the day as various checks need to be made and references taken. Where possible we have already commenced the processes to help expedite any decision. We are pleased to say that we have several very strong candidates have been shortlisted from those who applied.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Stansbury, Chairman of the Governing Body:

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