

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday May 17th 2019 Spring Term – Week 4

Headteacher's News

This week has been an exceptionally busy one with a number of visitors to school and our Year 6 children completing the national Statutory Assessment Tasks (SATs). I would like to use this opportunity to say how proud I have been of all the children's attitudes towards learning and their behaviour this week.

Outdoor Learning Area



We are all delighted that our outdoor learning shelter has now been completed and I am sure you will agree that it looks fantastic. I have already seen children making good use of it during playtimes to read, write, sew and just sit and chat. Pegasus class came out with me on Tuesday afternoon to listen to the next chapter of their class story book and then created some natural pictures to represent what they thought a mystery picture may be of in the story. Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the PTAs fundraising activities which has meant it has been possible to fund the shelter.

Rickmansworth Rotary Club

We would like to thank Mr Rawlinson and Mrs Martin from the Rickmansworth Rotary Club for coming to school and presenting all the Year 6 children with a Dictionary for Life. Research has shown that children who acquire a substantial vocabulary are often able to think more deeply, express themselves better, and learn new things more quickly. I hope the children will enjoy using the dictionaries not just for spelling but for reading and finding out the meaning of words that they have not previously encountered.



On Thursday Mr Davet came to visit Phoenix class to talk to them about bee- keeping. The children found out about the important part that bees have to play in making honey and helping flowers grow. They also enjoyed tasting honey!

Air Ambulance



Mr Try from Northwick Park Rotary club who can be seen pictured with our eco warriors came to collect 3 full bags of milk bottle tops which can be recycled to make wellington boots, children's toys and plastic boxes. The money which is raised by selling the bottle tops will be donated to the London Air Ambulance Charity. It took just over 4 months to collect the 3 bags so Mrs Walker and I have challenged the children to see if they can collect another three bags full, by the end of term – just 10 weeks away. Please do help by collecting tops from work as well as home and send them in to school.



Some of the children who played their recorders for us in assembly.

The School Office

Thank you for your cooperation this week in letting us know about changes of people collecting your child before 1.30pm either by or telephone or email. As we shall still be without an office administrator next week please can you continue to do so. I would also be grateful if you could continue to ensure that if your child is absent for any reason you email or telephone the school before 9.30am.

Suzanne Powell

News from the PTA

Just a reminder that we hope to see lots of you at the Duck Race which is taking place at Restore Hope, Latimer tomorrow from 2-5pm.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Sprites	Rebecca Crouch	Ethan Barnes	Sprites Class
Phoenix	Gracie Thompson	Hattie Brown	Isobel Gallagher
Pegasus	Rosie Wakeman	Albie Phelps	Pegasus Class
Griffin	Oliver Alexander Advaith Bhagavathula Dawid Biziuk Jayesh Board Jordan Butcher Adam Coleman Michael Crouch Oliver Harris	James Hill Sophie Koumi Sophie Nunn Jonathan Parsey Lillie Payne Luke Payne Isabella Rolnick Alex Szulc	Year 5

PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 87%	Phoenix – 83%
Pegasus – 90%	Griffin – 100%

Whole school attendance this week:

98.6%

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Sprites:

Sprites Class News

We're up in the air!

With Griffin and a few of the staff being at PGL there have been a few changes to the timetable. Even though we will continue to work on the things below. We have also planned to do some cooking with Pegasus and have invited them to come on a walk with us.

Phonics: We will be learning and consolidating sounds in Phase 2 and Phase 3. The children will be encouraged to use their knowledge and understanding of phonics to segment/blend to read and write across all areas of learning.

- **ck - h - b - l - ll - f - ff**
- **j - v - w - x - y - z**
- **qu - ch - sh - th - ng**
- **ai - ee - igh - oa - oo**
- **ar - or - ur - ow - oi**
- **ear - air - er**

The Super hero and Princess tricky words are in the back of the reading records. Please continue to reinforce these.

Literacy: We will be continuing to learn about stringing a sentence together ***e.g. the dog is white.*** They count the number of words (four) and write one word at a time, saying each word out aloud to help them hear the sounds. We will also be talking about nouns – verbs – adjectives. The children are encouraged to use sound mats to identify sounds and write key words independently.

Maths: We will be continuing with different types of measure using a variety of equipment. The key word this week will be 'non-standard measures' the children will be finding ways of measuring. We will also continue with our 'snack shop' where the children will pretend to pay for their milk, fruit and water.

Topic: Growing – We continue to talk about keeping healthy with the focus this being on how we grow.

Dates:

Half Term – Friday 24th May 2019

Stay and Get Physical – 11th June 2019

Dad's in school afternoon – Friday 14th June 2019

Sports Day – Tuesday 9th July 2019

Stay for Breakfast Friday 19th July 2019

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
14 th June 2019	21 st June 2019	24 th May 2019	5 th July 2019
12 th July 2019	-	28 th June 2019	

Thank you
Mrs Sahotay

Phoenix

In Phoenix class next week we will carry on learning about Bees. The children have really enjoyed the activities this week and I am sorry for the stickiness on Thursday. We will develop some of our ideas and use our literacy sessions to create information texts.

In Maths we will be looking at number sentences and choosing different ways to solve them. We are also looking at 2d and 3d shapes.

Pegasus

Mr Furcovici will be attending the PGL residential with Year 5 and 6 and therefore Pegasus will be taught by Mrs Powell on Monday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Sahotay on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Next week in maths and English the children will be completing their termly assessments. On Tuesday Pegasus will be going to the swimming gala to compete with other schools. In topic the children will be going outside to complete a survey of creatures and their habitats and continuing their weather investigations.

Griffin

Next week, children from Griffin class will be going to Osmington Bay in Dorset for their week at PGL. As you can imagine there is a lot of excitement about this – especially now that Year 6 in particular can relax after all their hard work during SATs week this week. We hope the weather will be kind to us and we know that this will be a wonderful week with lots of new memories being made, skills being learned and friendships developing even more.

For those children remaining in school, there is an action-packed week planned. We will be looking forward to hearing from the staff in school about how they have risen to the challenge of developing their organisation, independence and leadership skills. These children need to come to Griffin class, as usual, on Monday morning.

Both of us have been exceptionally proud of the hard work, dedication and effort that the year 6 children have put in this week. They have all worked their hardest and completed a lot of challenging questions whilst against a time limit and this is something to be commended. We couldn't have asked for more from the children. The outcomes will be reported with your child's end of year report in July.

We have also been very proud of Year 5 this week - they have been very supportive to their Year 6 classmates and have worked well, with flexibility on different tasks, each day. Thank you Year 5!

With auditions having been held today, next week also marks the start of learning lines for our production. Your child will bring home a script today, which must be taken care of. We are very grateful to the PTA for helping with the funding for this and we look forward to hearing how much your children have learned by the time they come back after half term!

We have not set homework or spellings this week, but do keep reading for pleasure and recording this in the reading record! We hope that lots of you enjoy a quieter week (if you are without your children at home) while we enjoy a much less quiet week at PGL!

Important Dates (Dates added or changed this week are in blue)

Saturday 18 th May	PTA Duck Race Restore Hope Latimer
Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip PGL
Tuesday 21 st May	Pegasus DCHS Swimming Gala
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 6 Cyber Talk
Tuesday 4 th June	PTA Meeting 7.30pm Bedford Arms
Saturday 8 th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 10 th June	Author Workshop – Whole School
Tuesday 11 th June	Griffin / Pegasus – Prime VR Workshop
Tuesday 11th June	Stay and Get Physical for Reception Parents
Wednesday 12 th June	Secondary Transfer Information evening for Year 5 parents
Wednesday 12 th June	Phoenix Gymnastics at Dr Challoner's High School
Thursday 13th June	Jump Rope for British Heart Foundation Day
Friday 14 th June	Dads in school afternoon
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 4 children start their weekly visits to Woodville Riding Stables
Tuesday 2 nd July	Transition (Moving-up) day
Thursday 4 th July	Griffin Games at Dr Challoner's High School
Sunday July 7 th	Summer Fair 2pm-5pm
Tuesday 9 th July	1.30pm Sports Day
Friday 12 th July	School reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 11 th July	1.30pm Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 17 th July	Summer Production : 2pm –pre-school children welcome 7pm – No pre –school children allowed
Friday 19th July	Stay and Have Breakfast for Reception Parents
Wednesday 24th July	Term Ends at 1.30pm