

Chenies School Newsletter

11th February 2022

Headteacher's News

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and we have talked about the importance of Growing Together Emotionally. Please encourage your child to talk about something they would like to develop more and think about what they can do to achieve it. Think about things such as developing: more confidence, the ability to ask for help, becoming better at celebrating the success of others or being more empathetic. Developing emotionally is essential for our wellbeing and will enable our children create good foundations for a happy adulthood. If you would like more information there are a wealth of resources available for parents on the [children's mental health website](#).

The children in Hepworth class enjoyed a Mayan workshop day on Tuesday, which we are grateful to the PTA for funding. There is now a wonderful display of clay pots in the library which I hope you will look at during the workshare evening. On Wednesday we enjoyed an assembly presented by Catherine from the Iver Environmental Centre about pollination and the important part it has to play in ensuring we have food to eat – including chocolate! It is a pleasure while writing this to be listening to some children having their piano lesson, the pianos have been tuned this week, resulting in an even more wonderful sound than usual!

Parking

Please can I remind all parents that they should be parking a short distance away from the school and walking to collect your children at the end of the day. There is plenty of space in The Bedford Arms car park. Parents should not be parking in the turning circle, on grass verges or on yellow lines.

PTA

Please remember to vote for Dress the Head for World Book Day via Classlist. Attached is a reminder of the 3 costumes that you can vote for. Although World Book day is officially on Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating it on Friday 4th March due to Monet being out at a sports event on the Thursday.

Workshare Evening

You are invited to come in to school and look at your child's work with them between 3.30pm and 5pm next Thursday. If you were unable to attend the Doodle Maths workshops this week and would like to know some more about Doodlelearning Mrs Whittingham will be available in the library and will be happy to discuss with you how it works.

Half-Term Activities

At Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury, they are running lots of creative craft activities as well as Sit and Play – a sculptural exhibition and play experience. More details can be found on the flyer attached.

Doodle Learning

It became apparent at the Doodle Workshops that the children in Monet Class did not have full access to the Doodle English programmes. We believe this issue has now been resolved and all children should now have full access.

Artist of the Week

This week's artist was [Georges Seurat](#) chosen by Mrs Dharpala.

Please remember!

- Thursday 17th February – Workshare Evening
- Friday 18th February – Break the School Uniform Rules day
- To book your child's lunch before **Monday 14th February** for the first week back after half-term

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell

STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Dhruv	Megan
Monet	Arthur	Rocky
Hockney	Dennis	Oliver
Hepworth	Kripa	Fawn

Class News

Van Gogh

It has been an exciting week, we opened up our Chinese Restaurant and have been using our observational skills to create some fantastic artwork.

Phonics

As the children grow in confidence we will consolidate and assess their learning this week.

Please continue to consolidate all Phase 2/3 sounds and tricky words learnt to date.			
Week 6	igh (fly high)	ie (apple pie)	i-e (nice smile)
Week 7	oa (goat in a boat)	ow (blow the snow)	o-e (phone home)

Reading: Over the next two weeks we will be learning that reading a story is not always about sitting with a book. We will be retelling stories by acting and dancing. Please to continue read and share books with your child daily.

Writing

We encourage the children to write across all areas of learning. This week our focus will be writing instructions. The children will be cooking a Vegetable Stir Fry following a recipe with visual cues which they will then use to write their own instructions.

Please continue to encourage them to use their rhymes when writing at home, remember they will use their phonic knowledge to spell words and should be praised for having a go. Remember writing does not always mean sitting at a desk, they can write lists, make tickets, label things etc.

Maths

This week we will continue to consolidate our numbers to TEN and start to identify odd and even numbers. We will be learning the importance of accuracy when measuring ingredients. The children will also be introduced to 3D shapes, starting with the cylinder, and learning about the properties 'I am a cylinder. I have one curved face, two curved edges and two circle flat faces'. The children will be looking for cylinders in their environment. We will also revisit repeating patterns.

Topic

Our topic this term is: Chinese New Year - Food from Around the World

The children have enjoyed looking and learning about different fruits and vegetables. They have created some great artwork and will continue to build on their observational skills next week.

This week we will be cooking a Vegetable Stir Fry. The children will get an opportunity to taste the food once they have prepared and cooked it.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: The next one is on Thursday 17th February 2022 – Red House

WORKSHARE AFTERNOON: Thursday 17th February 2022 at 3.30

An opportunity for you to come in and have a look at the children's books and work on display. I am on a course until 4.00 but will be in the class after that.

HALF TERM: Friday 18th February 2022

Thank you for your ongoing support! Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

The children in Monet have had another busy week writing and editing their own stories, practising telling the time, painting their coil pots and planning a materials experiment in science.

Next week is our assessment week where we will be assessing the children in maths, reading and writing. This is nothing for the children to worry about. They will complete some activity booklets based on what we have been learning so far to identify any gaps that need to be addressed.

We will also be carrying out our science experiment to find out the best and worst materials for an umbrella and we will be painting our textured clay tiles that we made this week.

In PSHE we will be thinking about people's strengths (in and out of school) and thinking about which strengths are needed for different jobs. This links in with our zoom session arranged for next week with artist and architect, Stephen Watkins. Please look at his website and encourage your child to think of a question they might like to ask him. [Art by Stephen Watkins- Contemporary City Skyline- Inspired Art \(sjwatkins.com\)](http://www.sjwatkins.com)

Home work will be on Google classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney



As promised, we have included some of the photographs from our fantastic Anglo-Saxon day last Thursday.

We all had such a wonderful day learning about and dressing up as the different kings of the time. We learnt about life as a Viking invader, packing our longboat with all the things we might need to carry out a successful raid and what it was like for everyday Saxons. The real highlight though was the afternoon when we learnt about specific battles between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings and armed with swords, spears and shields (foam ones) attacked one another! Even Mrs Whittingham and I ended up in battle!

The children had such a memorable day so please ask them about the different things they got up to!

On a rather different note, next week will be our assessment week. This is nothing to worry about, just an opportunity for us to capture where the children are with their learning so that we can think carefully about where we need to go next as we approach the summer term. Please help your child to be ready for their assessments by ensuring that they eat a good breakfast before coming to school and get plenty of rest. We are all a little tired after such a long and busy term so please make sure that they are able to do their best.

Our assessments are usually finished by Wednesday afternoon and our afternoon sessions of forest school and PE remain unchanged. It is only really the mornings where things will be a little different. On Thursday and Friday however, we will look forward to doing something a little bit different and away from our usual timetable of English and maths. Instead, we will look to finish up some bits and pieces from this term such as building our Anglo-Saxon settlement and I have promised the children a computing day to really build upon and show off their skills on Scratch.

On Thursday of next week we will have a work share evening from 3.30pm until 5pm. Please do come along if you can.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

It's been a busy week in Hepworth, and the children continue to work hard. In English, they've been creating their own graphic novel, whilst in Maths they have continued studying fractions and decimals. Again, they were praised for their efforts in swimming, but the big highlight was Tuesday's Maya workshop. Led by Penny, an historian and member of Time Team, the children became archaeologists and discovered more about Maya life through artefacts left behind. They also made some lovely clay pots in the Maya tradition and Penny was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm, effort and creativity. Keep up the good work Hepworth!

Assessment Week

As next week is Assessment week the children will be slightly off timetable in the mornings, although afternoons will largely be the same, including swimming. Please remind children that these assessments are not something to worry about. They are intended to develop pupils' testing experience and identify any areas that they may need more help with. The only preparation they need to do for these assessments is to have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast to keep them well sustained for the morning.

Most of the week leading up to half term the children will be doing their assessments in reading, SPAG and writing, however if time allows, the children will finalise their own graphic novel drafts and in maths will focus on times tables to speed up their calculations as well as practice fraction/decimal work.

Other Subjects

In Topic, we will delve deeper into the nature of Maya farming and its influence on daily life such as diet, daily life, work and trade. In Science we will see how our oxidation experiments are going – whether rust has formed and under what conditions. In PSHE we will continue to link our online safety work to link with our mental health.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

Diary Dates

Thursday 17 th February	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Friday 18th February	Break the Rules Day
Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February	Half Term
Thursday 3 rd March	Monet – Fitness Fun @ Chalfont Community College. 9.30am – 11am
Friday 4th March	World Book Day PTA Tuck Shop
Thursday 10th March	PTA Meeting
Friday 11th March	PTA Film Club
Friday 18th March	PTA Cake Sale PTA Quiz Night
Tuesday 22 nd March	Hepworth Dodgeball Event @ The Amersham School 1.30pm – 3pm
Friday 25 th March	Bikeability – Hockney Mother’s Day Event
Friday 1 st April	EYFS Spring Walk 9am PTA Easter Disco
Monday 4 th April	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Wednesday 6 th April	Hockney – Tri Golf @ The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 7th April	PTA Own Clothes day (return for a bring a bottle or chocolate)
Friday 8th April	Easter Egg Hunt Term Ends at 1.30pm
Monday 25th April	Children Return to School
Thursday 28 th April	Hepworth – Rounders @ The Chalfonts Community College 12.30pm – 2pm
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th May	Monet Athletics @ The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 5 th May	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
Thursday 12 th May	Hockney – Cricket @ The Chalfont Community College 12.30pm – 2pm
Monday 16 th May	EYFS Stay & Get Physical 9am
Thursday 19 th May	Hockney – Tennis @ Dr Challoner’s High School 9.30am- 11.30am Work Share Evening 3.30pm - 5pm
Monday 23 rd May - Friday 27 th May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Inset Day
Monday 13 th June	Class photos
Tuesday 28 th June	Hepworth – Games @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12.30pm
Thursday 30 th June	Hepworth – Athletics @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12pm
Tuesday 12 th July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 14 th July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm & 7pm
Friday 15 th July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 8.15am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm