

Chenies School Newsletter

13th May 2022

Headteacher's News

All of the children have worked exceptionally hard this week and demonstrated a positive approach to their assessments. We have emphasised to all of them that the assessments focus on a very small part of what they are able to do. All of our children have so many strengths which are at least equal and usually more important than the narrow focus of reading, writing and maths and these should be celebrated. An extra congratulations to Hockney Class who demonstrated just that by being the winners of the most games at the Year 4 Cricket festival that they participated in at Chalfont Community College.

Jubilee Day

We are very much looking forward to our Jubilee day next Friday. The weather forecast is looking reasonable so I am still hopeful parents will be able to join us from 1.30pm. In the event that we do have to move inside we will send a text message to parents by 12.30pm. We have explained to the children that we would like them to come to school dressed for a special occasion such as a wedding. We really feel that this will add to the sense of occasion.

Allergic Reactions

As many of you already know an ambulance was called to school on Wednesday after two children ate part of a poisonous plant. I am pleased to say that both children are now fine. All children were reminded in assembly on Wednesday that they should not eat anything unless it has been given to them by an adult.

As with any incident such as this there are always valuable lessons to be learned. The ambulance crew praised us for our speedy reaction in administering anti-histamine medication. As this is an over the counter medication Mrs Burchell will be sending out a google form next week to request your permission for us to administer it to your child in the case of an emergency. As we all know allergic reactions can happen at any time and prior consent would mean we could administer it as quickly as possible. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you to ensure all emergency contact phone numbers are kept up to date.

Rickmansworth Canal Festival

The festival has not run for two years, due to Covid, but will be running again this year. The Canal festival will be on the 21/22nd May and if you would like to find out more about the programme please click [here](#).

Change to Lunch on Friday 27th May

We have been informed that our caterers will only be supplying a sandwich lunch on the last day of half term. If you have already booked a hot lunch and do not want your child to have a sandwich lunch please can you cancel your booking on parent pay and send your child in with a packed lunch. If you are content with this change there is no need to amend your booking.

Artist of the Week

This week's artist is Salvador Dali and was chosen by Jonathan.

Please remember

- Monday 16th May -EYFS Stay and Play
- Thursday 19th May –Workshare Evening (3.30pm - 5pm) and PTA Carnival Workshop
- Friday 20th May – Jubilee Day

Have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

Message from the PTA

1. The PTA committee have a vacancy and are looking for someone to take over the voucher scheme. If you're interested, please email pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

2. The carnival workshop will take place on Thursday 19th May after school where the children will make their own masks with the help of their adult/s. The session coincides with when parents will be onsite for the workshare evening. If you are not able to stay, please drop by the hall so you can take materials home with you to complete your mask in your own time. Thank you!



Happy Birthday
Archie Z – 15th May
Aakanksha – 16th May
Aris – 19th May



Van Gogh	Arlo	Megan
Monet	Arthur	Sonny
Hockney	Polina	Ewan
Hepworth	Vihaan	All of year 6

Class News

Van Gogh

It's been a busy week! The children enjoyed spending time with Yr1 and it was nice to see them starting to make build relationships and make new friends.

Phonics

We will continue to re-visiting all of the Phase 3 sounds and alternative sounds daily and consolidating the position of where these sounds are found in words most of the time. For example, AY would normally be found at the end of a word and AI in the middle. In line with this we will be starting Phase 4.

Week 4	<p>New Sounds: ciuos tious</p> <p>Phase 4: Tricky words... <i>were, there, little, they, all, are</i> and <i>one</i></p> <p>We will be learning about writing two syllable words e.g. lunch – box lunchbox desk – top desktop</p> <p>Wind – mill windmill</p>
Week 5	Consolidating all learning to date.

Reading

It is really important that you continue share books with your child. Please remember it's not just about them reading to you. It is as important that you are reading to them and sharing experiences. This term we will continue to compare and focus on Fiction and Non – Fiction books, looking at the key features for example, contents page, index page etc.

Writing

This week we learnt different ways of re-telling the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar story using our own words and imagination e.g. stepping it out, acting it, drawing etc. This will help children to recall and write their own version of the story.

In addition to the topic writing we will continue to do the words of the day. Please remember if you are doing any writing at home, it is important the children are confidently applying their digraphs when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage them to use their whooshes in and out to form cursive letters, use finger spaces, a capital letter at the start of their sentence and a full stop at the end. Remember writing does not always mean sitting at a desk, they can write lists, recipes, make tickets, label things etc, it's all about then having a go.

Maths

Next week we will be consolidating doubling and halving using objects. We will also continue with addition/subtraction and counting on and back from the biggest number. We will also continue to consolidate recognition and ordering numbers to 20, subitise and understand the composition of numbers to ten. It is important that they are able to transfer these skills to solve problems. Also please continue to consolidate the names and properties of 3D shapes in the environment.

Topic

Our topic next term is Mini Beasts and the author we will be focusing on is Eric Carle. This we started to read the story and acting it out. The children have done some amazing painting based on the illustrations. Over the next few weeks we will continue to think about writing the story and looking closely at how Eric Carle created his illustrations.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: Thursday 17th May 2022 – Blue House

STAY AND GET PHYSICAL: Monday 16th May 2022 @ 9.15am

Please remember to dress appropriately, you will need to be trainers and comfortable clothing.

STAY, PLAY AND READ: Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 1.30pm

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

I was very proud of how well Year 2 worked on their SATs booklets this week. They were sensible, focused and followed all instructions brilliantly. Well done to them all.

Next week will be Arts Week and we will be starting our 'Take One Picture' project led by The National Gallery, linking our learning across the curriculum to a focus painting as a starting point.

In English we will be focusing on poetry, exploring ambitious verbs through movement and sound effects and using drama to tell part of a story by creating 'freeze frames'.

In Maths we will be telling the time and describing and comparing 3D shapes and their properties.

In Science we will be revisiting food chains and relating this to seagulls.

In Geography we will be looking at a map of the UK, identifying some seaside destinations and comparing what we found out about our grandparents' seaside trips. If you haven't yet done this, please try to interview a grandparent over the weekend about their experiences of the seaside when they were young (to bring in on Monday). Also try to bring in a small photograph of you at the seaside/other similar outing or upload it onto Google classroom.

In PSHE we will be thinking about who to tell or what to do when faced with a difficult situation in school. We will also be working on recognising feelings in ourselves and others and understanding that feelings can affect how people behave.

Please remember reading books every Tuesday and bring a water bottle to school each day to keep in the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Well, what another busy week we have had in Hockney class! The children have worked their socks off this week trying so hard to achieve their very best with their assessments. We are really proud of them and their fantastic attitude.

Next week in Hockney class we have so much to look forward to. Next week is a sort-of arts week, where we shall be focusing our study based on a given painting, as chosen by the National Gallery. We shall be studying this painting in great detail and have planned lots of art-based work to help us better understand and appreciate this painting. We also have swimming to look forward to on Wednesday afternoon so please do remember to bring your kit in. On Thursday, we look forward to attending another sports tournament. This time the tournament will be on Thursday morning and will focus on tennis whereas last week's focused on cricket. We will be back in time for lunch so the children do not have to bring a packed lunch to school, unlike last week. However, please do remember to send your child to school with a fleece or waterproof. It is an outside event and there is very little we can do if your child gets cold. Likewise, please make sure they have a water bottle with them. Hair must be tied back and any jewellery removed.

On Friday it is of course our Chenies' Jubilee Celebration Day! As this falls on a Friday we have arranged for the Year 3s French horn lesson to move to Wednesday morning, likewise for the individual lessons in case your child is worried they may miss out. On Friday we have

so many lovely things planned, details of which you will find on your child's personal invitation. We are asking that the children all dress really smartly (like the clothes you might wear to a wedding) as we are not going to be doing anything 'messy' that day and so their clothes should (!) remain nice and neat. Please do encourage your child to think about the clothes they might like to wear. This doesn't mean that anyone need go out and buy anything new. All the children wear a shirt to school and so they can wear their school shirt if they are worried that they might not have anything smart enough-a few children have already asked us about this.

It promises to be a really lovely day and I know that all the teachers are already looking forward to it!

Have a lovely and restful weekend after such a busy week!

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

This week has been rather dominated by the year 6 SATS, but the children have dealt with it all in their stride, and we are very proud of how well they've got on with it all. Their hard work and efforts have paid off as we saw a huge number of brilliant answers as we walked around, with the children really showing they had taken on board all the teaching both of curriculum content and the exam techniques.

To bring a lighter note to other lessons, pupils have been focussing on a Design and Technology aspect to their topic for the term, Rivers. They were asked to design their own vessels which could travel on water, without the aid of wind, as well as carry as much weight as possible.

The children really threw themselves into the task from start to finish, and we'd like to say thank you for sending materials into school that they could use to build their vessels. Some of the children came up with some innovative designs, and we all enjoyed putting them to the test for evaluation. The children then used this information to think about what went well and what could be worked on to improve the performance of their original designs.

Finally, after completing SATS, Hepworth were given details of our Summer Production, 'Olivia!' and scripts to use for auditions. We would ask that you encourage your child to think about what size part they wish to play in the production, be it acting, singing, dancing or all three, so they can be clear in what they want to do and give of their best in the auditions **next Thursday**.

In addition to the production auditions next week, Hepworth (and the whole school) will be taking part in a national art project, run by the National Gallery, called Take One Picture. Children will be shown a painting from the gallery to act as a stimulus, and they will produce a creative piece based on what the painting means to them. We are looking forward to listening to their ideas and helping them in the creative process. They will continue to learn about café society in Spanish and perform gymnastics in PE. Our Jubilee celebration will be a fantastic day on Friday - we can't wait to see the children in all their finery for the day!

We hope you have a good weekend and enjoy the forecasted warmer weather.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Monday 16 th May	EYFS Stay & Get Physical 9am
Thursday 19 th May	Hockney – Tennis @ Dr Challoner’s High School 9.30am-11.30am PTA - Carnival Workshop Workshare Evening 3.30pm – 5pm
Monday 23 rd May - Friday 27 th May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Friday 27th May	PTA Smarties Challenge
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 7th June	The Great Jubilee Bake Off
Saturday 11th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 13 th June	Class photos
Friday 17th June	Father’s Day Event
Wednesday 22 nd June	Parent’s Evening – 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 23 rd June	Parent’s Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm PTA Meeting
Friday 24th June	Ice Cream Friday!
Tuesday 28 th June	Sports Day (parents welcome)
Thursday 30 th June	Hepworth – Athletics @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12pm
Friday 1st July	Ice Cream Friday!
Friday 8th July	Friday Fun Fitness
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 Ice Cream Friday!
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 Leaver’s BBQ 5.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm