

Chenies School Newsletter

1st July 2022

Headteacher's News

It was really lovely to see so many of you at Sport's Day on Tuesday. As those of you who were there saw the children all showed true sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I was reliably informed that it has been at least 7 years since Blue House won, so it was a particularly special day for them! Thank you to the PTA for providing the adult refreshments and ice-lollies. Hepworth class went on to attend an athletics festival at DCHS on Thursday and had an equally good time. Mrs Wilson was really impressed by the level of determination that the children showed in ensuring that they all pushed themselves to achieve as much as they possibly could. The children were also complimented on their manners so well done to Hepworth for being great ambassadors for our school. Our other excitement this week was provided by two huge Privet Hawk Moths –please do ask your children about them!

Music

As you know Bucks Music Trust support many of the children in our school with music lessons and have asked me to draw to your attention the BMT Summer Festival at Chiltern Open Air Museum on Sunday 3rd July. It promises to be a fabulous day out for families and you can book tickets at www.coam.org.uk/events/bmt-summer-festival
The tickets will also give you access to COAM for the day.

Transition Day Arrangements

On Tuesday, many of our year 6 children will be visiting their new secondary school for a transition visit. The rest of the children in school will spend time in the class they will be in from September. I am pleased to say that I have appointed Miss Moghaddam to replace Miss Groves in Hockney class. She will be teaching in Hockney on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from September but is looking forward to being in school to meet the children next Tuesday. The other teachers will all be staying in their current classes in September.

RNLI Competition

If your would still like to enter the RNLI colouring competition then please bring your entry (and donation if you wish) in on Monday. The School Council will be helping to judge the entries next week.

School Picnic

On the last day of term (Wednesday 19th July) we are unable to provide a school lunch. We would therefore like all of the children to bring a packed lunch to school that day and we will have a picnic on the field. All parents are very welcome to join us for the picnic and if you would like to do so please come along with your food at 12.15pm.

Please remember

- Wednesday – Pyjamas for Hockney Class swimming
- KS2 parents should request tickets for Olivia from the office via the Google Form

Artist of the Week

This week's artist was Antony Gormley, who is well known for his sculptures including 'The Angel of the North'

PTA

- Tues 5th July - PTA meeting 7:30pm Bedford Arms
- Friday 8th July - Friday Fun Fitness. Book now via Classlist.
- Get your online raffle tickets on Classlist! Draw is on 15th July and there are some great prizes!

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Srihan	Henry
Monet	Hari	Alina
Hockney	Amor	Rishabh
Hepworth	Sonia	Daniel

Class News

Van Gogh

Hope you have had a good week! We are approaching the end of term and the children (and teachers) are getting very tired.

Phonics

The summer term is all about consolidating what we have learnt over the year. At this stage we expect children to be able to recognise digraphs/trigraphs when reading. Therefore we will continue to re-visit all of the Phase 3 sounds and alternative sounds daily and consolidate the position of where these sounds are likely to be found in word. 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 Six	Learning the names of the letters... A B C D E F..
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Please continue to consolidate reading and writing the Phase 2-5 tricky words.

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

Our topic for the next few weeks is The Seaside. We will be looking at the text Billy's Bucket by Kes Gray... What's in your bucket?

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 the children will explore and compare measures: length, weight, and capacities. We will talk about and use uniform non-standard units to measure length, weight, and capacities. They will be encouraged to compare more than two lengths using inform non-standard units and different size containers to solve problems. We will also continue to consolidate coins. The children will name and describe and begin to order the coins according to value. They will move on to make small amounts and making the value of a coin using other coins.

Topic

Our topic this term is The Seaside! We are going to continue to look at the text Billy's Bucket by Kes Gray. We will be listening to soundscapes near the sea and explore different instruments to represent sounds near the sea or the way different creatures may move.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: Thursday 7th July 2022 – Green House (please note this is the last show and tell for the year)

TRANSITION:

Tuesday 5th July 2022 – Moving up afternoon! The whole school move to their year group and class for the afternoon.

Monday 11th July 2022: EYFS Vision Screening

Friday 15th July 2022: Stay for Breakfast with family and friends
Party with our Buddies

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

The children in Monet Class have had another busy week with the highlight being Sports Day. I was really impressed with how well they all supported each other and we had lots of fun. We also had a lovely afternoon on Thursday when Reception children spent the afternoon with Year 1 in Monet Classroom.

Next week is another busy week! On Tuesday afternoon we look forward to transition day where all the children will all be spending the afternoon in their new classes and on Thursday 7th July Monet will be taking part in Athletics at The Misbourne School.

In English next week, we will be focusing on using commas in lists and continuing to find out about Grace Darling by writing a diary entry and reading Gracie the Lighthouse Cat by Ruth Brown.

In Maths Year 1 will be adding and subtracting single digit numbers from 2 digit numbers, finding totals and subtracting by finding the difference. Year 2 will be finding totals, finding change and solving two-step word problems.

In science we will be describing what happens to plants when they don't get all the things they need and observing our class bean seeds.

Thank you to all the children who have brought back their colourings for the RNLI fundraiser. We have had some really generous donations and have enjoyed counting how much we have raised each morning. Please return your colouring and donation by next Monday so they can be judged.

It has been great to see so many interesting 'show and tell' items brought in over the last few weeks. I am very happy for children to bring things in to show, especially if they are related to the work we are doing in class.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Another busy week has come and gone in Hockney class! We have been continuing to work hard on our singing for the KS2 production and this is coming along nicely!

The lyrics and music are now on Google Classrooms if you would like to rehearse at home.

We also really enjoyed our Sports Day on Tuesday and it was fantastic to see the children being so supportive of each other and cheering one another on. We really have a great sense of sportsmanship in Hockney class!

Next week, we are continuing to work on our non-fiction unit surrounding the life of Neil Armstrong. We are focusing on a biography of his life and learning all about how his early life influenced his career as an astronaut. In maths next week we are beginning to look at angles and be able to identify them according to their different properties. We will make comparisons between angles and be able to classify them. We will also begin to learn how to draw them. We shall then move on to focus on identifying and classifying triangles and quadrilaterals. In our topic lesson we will move on to focus on naming and identifying on a map some of the different capital cities of Europe. We will make comparisons between these cities and think carefully about some of their key features and what makes them so unique.

Next week is 'Water Safety Week' and as such the children have been asked to bring a pair of pyjamas or top and bottoms to swim in during our lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Please do make sure that you remember to bring these with you as we have spoken about before, it is very important that you are able to swim and more importantly float, when dressed in clothes other than swimwear.

Please do remember to bring a hat and water bottle to school also and wear sunscreen when appropriate. We may be spending a little more time outside around our production rehearsal and lessons.

Homework is as ever, on Google Classrooms.

We hope you have a very enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week. Hockney class has been suffering from cough and colds this week so we do hope you feel better by next week!

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

This week has been especially active for Hepworth, yet the children have continued to rise to all challenges, showing what they are capable of whatever the task ahead of them.

In the classroom, Maths involved pupils working on money problems, from calculating transactions to calculating budgets. In addition to looking at the mathematical aspect, children also considered the everyday practicalities of dealing with money, budgets and bills. It was pleasing that they talked about the subject with curiosity and maturity.

In our Rivers Topic, children studied the formation of rivers and the children are continuing to see the results of our mould investigation in science.

Outside the classroom, Hepworth have been extremely busy. Everyone put their all in on Sports Day, and the House Captains (helped by Year 6 Assistants) really contributed to the smooth running of a fun day. On Thursday, the children were back in their PE kits for an Athletics Event at Dr Challoner's

School where they did a brilliant job in all the running races and field events. Some of the children showed real perseverance when the races were tough which we were so proud to see.

In between all of this, Hepworth has been rehearsing at every opportunity! The production is really coming together, particularly as more children have learnt their lines and can focus on their performances overall. It's been great seeing the children develop their theatre skills, growing in confidence at the same time. We'd like to thank you for your help in supporting the children to practise their roles, as well as offers of costumes, props etc. Any further offers would be gratefully received - please see our letter with our requests for some last few items for costumes.

We wish everyone an enjoyable and restful weekend.
Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

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