

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2023

Headteacher's News

I was very proud of our Year 5/6 Football team when they played against Little Chalfont School on Monday. They played extremely well particularly as the pitch they were playing on was at least three times the size of our field! The end result was 10-0 to Little Chalfont but as always our children knew they had done their best and recognised that it is the taking part that counts not the winning!



Big Eco Toy & Book Swap

The children were very excited to do their bit for the planet - donating toys and books which they no longer wanted and finding themselves some "new" items, all for free! The children chose for themselves. We hope that if they brought home a bit too much, you will take it to a charity shop - something they learnt about in the Waste Week Toy Swap assembly on Tuesday. I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Walker and the Eco Warriors for organising the event, the girls in Hepworth class who helped sort, load, unload and run the toy and book swaps at break times this week, also the teaching assistants and the Year 6s who helped their buddies in Van Gogh class to choose their toys and books on Thursday.



Easter Band Opportunity

Marc, our regular drum teacher is organising an Easter Band Camp. It will take place in school from the 4th-6th April. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Teachers' Strike Action

As you may be aware the NEU have called for two days of strike action on Wednesday and Thursday next week. I am pleased to confirm that we are expecting to open as usual.

Children’s Mental Health and Well-Being

There may be any number of reasons why children might experience challenges with negative emotions and mental health. As a school we are committed to ensuring that the emotional and physical well-being of our children is a priority. We believe the conversations about healthy minds and emotions should be ongoing and part of everyday discussion; we know at any given time a child might feel anxious, worried or upset; they might be dealing with a difficult situation or bereavement. I therefore wanted to ensure parents/carers know of the services that are available, and especially that many of these can be accessed 24/7.



I recommend that you do have active and continuing conversations with your child around positive mental health and where they might go for any information, advice and support if they need it; the following are some excellent local services we want to make sure you and your child know about:

Overall, we have a supportive and open culture around mental health in our school and we also want parents, carers and students to know that this support is also available outside of school too in the wider community – so if anyone does need any extra help, it is always there whether during school hours or at evenings, weekends and in the holidays. A list of agencies offering support is available on the [parent pages of our school website](#).

Please do let me know if you have any questions about this and please contact us directly if there is anything affecting your child that you would like to alert us to and discuss with school.

I wish you all a happy weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

	Happy Birthday	
	Endre – 11th March	
	Lily B – 15th March	
	Tanish – 15th March	

STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Lily	Arthur
Monet	Hari	Georgia
Hockney	Mia	Amor
Hepworth	Sienna	Tanish

Weekly Attendance

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality of our students. Please continue to ensure that your children attend school every day and on time.

Van Gogh	96%
Monet	95%
Hockney	96%
Hepworth	94%

Class News

Van Gogh

I can't believe we are half way through the term already! Before we know it, summer term will be creeping upon us and we'll be getting ready to move the little ones on to their next stage of learning... scary!

Phonics:

We have introduced the first six digraphs in Phase 3 and the children have found these very tricky. Please continue to work with your child at home to consolidate reading words/sentences with these sounds.

Week 5 oo (look) oo (moon) ar or Tricky words: my you

Week 6 ur ow oi ear Tricky word: they all are

Reading:

It is really important that you are reading with your child or sharing a book every day. This will not only build on their vocabulary and imagination but it will also help with apply their phonics to read and write more complex sentences. Also we would appreciate if all book are in every Thursday so that we can change books that have been read and look at reading records.

Writing:

Over the next few weeks we will be encouraging the children to extend sentences by using adjectives and to start using a capital letter at the start of a sentence and a full stop at the end. It is really important you continue to encourage the children to write at home.

Maths:

This week we will continue to consolidate number TEN and 3D shapes.

Topic:

Next week we continue to talk about celebrations... Mother's Day! It is also Science week so we will be doing experiments.

Our Van Gogh Painting this month is: Chestnut Tree in Blossom

Show and Tell

Unless it is related to the topic, maths or writing, please make sure that the children in the correct house bring in something to show on Friday.

Thursday 16 th March 2023 – RED HOUSE

REMINDERS:

- You should have received a copy of targets your child could be working on. Please remember these need to be fun and not a chore, so keep it simple and practical.
 - I will be sending home a list of tricky words with words highlighted your child should be sight reading and applying in their writing. Please continue to consolidate these.
 - Mrs Homewood will be covering Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th as I am out on a course.
 - Monday 20th March 2023 @ 9.15: Stay for a Spring Walk
- Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

In English next week we will be focusing on nouns, revising adjectives and planning and writing a senses poem. Thank you to those children who brought in their favourite poems to share with the class.

In maths Year 1 will be practising to count in 2s, recognising odd and even numbers, finding doubles up to 12 and halving numbers up to 24. Year 2 will be revising counting in 2s, moving on to recognising multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and solving multiplications using the 2, 5 10 and 3 times tables.

In science we will continue to observe our grass seeds and record what we see. We will then use our knowledge to plant some seeds individually.

In geography we will be continuing to find out more about the different continents and create a poster to represent a chosen continent.

In PSHE we will be continuing to find out about the internet and recognise that some content is factual and some is for entertainment, understanding that not all content may be true. Internet safety will also be discussed throughout.

Please remember to read with your child every day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Maths

Year 3 and Year 4 having been working hard this week understanding fractions. Year 3 have been counting fractions and equivalent fractions on a number line; they have enjoyed it so much we have given them extra work! Year 4 have been pushing their brains to the limit with converting improper fractions and mixed numbers. They haven't asked for any extra work yet, but there is some available!

English

We have thoroughly enjoyed poetry this week! They have looked at a kenning poem and identified how rhyme, alliterations and personifications are used. They have now started their own kenning using riddles and rhymes to keep us all guessing.

Topic

This week in science, Year 4 had their final lesson on sound. They investigated sound proofing materials and put these to the test with their very own sets of ear defenders! Next week Year 4 will be starting Art with a look at Tudor portraits.

In Design Technology, children begun designing their Tudor clothing piece. We saw all sorts of materials being used to add colour and interest to their designs; they will be working on this until the Easter Break.

Next week in Geography, we will be focussing on our local area and use our geographical skills to search for physical and human features in Buckinghamshire

In PSHE, they have discussed why it is important to keep track of money and have looked at an example of a bank statement. They have calculated income and regular outgoings to help budget. Next week they will look at different ways of paying for things and which is more appropriate.

Have a lovely and restful break

Miss Shine & Miss Moghaddam

Hepworth

This term seems to be flying by! This week has been relatively 'normal' in Hepworth class, with lots of hard work and good learning taking place across the curriculum.

Next week, in English we will be moving onto narrative poetry under the heading of Tell Me a Story. We will be exploring a poem By St Thomas Water by Charles Causley, which recalls a childhood memory.

In our SPAG lesson we will be focussing on cohesion. Our spellings will be words beginning with sus- and al-.

In Maths, we will be looking at the area and perimeter of squares, rectangles and composite shapes, and year 6 will also focus on the area of triangles and finding the volume. We will also look at circles - learning how to use a protractor to draw these and understanding more about their properties including relationships between their radius, circumference and diameter.

Science this week continues looking at the properties of materials, this time testing them for solubility, hardness, transparency, conductivity and response to magnets. Whilst in computing children will work on sequencing the stories in their animations.

Having finished their mountain compositions in Art, we will now be returning to Music and how it connects us to the environment. In RE we will be considering some 'big' questions - How important is human life? Is human life more important than all other life?

In DT, we will be taking the next steps of our work on shelters by planning and designing our shelters, including drawing diagrams and creating flowcharts and equipment lists.

In PSHE, we will be doing our first of a couple of sessions about money and the role this plays in our lives. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and hope you manage to stay dry in this weather! As ever, please do see us on the playground after school or make an appointment if you have any questions.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Monday 20 th March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk Monet Class – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Thursday 23rd March	PTA School Disco
Friday 24 th March	Hockney – Bikeability Level 1
Monday 27 th March	Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 30 th March	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
Friday 31st March	Term Ends 1.30pm
Monday 17th April	Children return to School
Friday 21 st April	Monet – Games @ DCHS
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 th May	Whole School Coronation Celebrations
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 th May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 nd May - Friday 26 th May	PGL Residential
Wednesday 24 th May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
Monday 29th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June	Half Term
Monday 12 th June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 st June	Parent's Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School
Thursday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 th July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 th July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
Friday 21st July	11am Leaver's Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic 1.30pm Term Ends