

Chenies School Newsletter

25th March 2022

Headteacher's News

What a beautiful week it has been, I think it has done us all good to see the sunshine and observe the flowers and blossom on the trees spring into life! Today has been particularly busy with the children in Van Gogh enjoying a spring walk, bikeability and French Horn for the children in Hockney class. In addition there has been much excitement over the choosing of Mother's Day gifts.

Uniform

I have noticed in the last few weeks that I am having to remind a lot of children about wearing correct school uniform and looking smart. Many children are arriving in school without ties, top buttons undone, shirts hanging out and trainers instead of shoes. Please can you remind your children about the importance of being smartly presented; it does make a big difference to work ethic. I would be grateful for your support in reminding children of our expectations in relation to uniform.

The Great British Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean is taking place from 25th March - 10 April 2022. If you would like to participate more information can be found [here](#). To add to the fun I have attached a Litter Picking Bingo sheet to this mailing and if children would like to bring in photos of them litter picking or a completed bingo sheet we will add them to our Eco board. We do have a few litter pickers in school that I am happy to loan out for 24 hours. If you would like to borrow one, please ask me. If every family in the school collects just one bag of litter, [safely](#), it would make a really positive difference to our environment as well as demonstrating to the community our ethos of Chenies being a Caring place to Learn!

Message from Bucks County Council

All of us have been following the war in Ukraine with horror and disbelief. It has been amazing to hear how our schools have acted positively through fundraising and supporting their pupils in understanding and processing such a complex and emotive situation. The Local Authority have been advised by central government that we can expect the arrival of Ukrainian refugees across the country over the next few weeks and we know that the people of Buckinghamshire will be generous in taking these families in and keeping them safe in our community.

The refugee population is overwhelmingly made up of women and children, and in order for them to feel safe and valued in this country, a school place will be a key element in their support. It is important that we all do our best to support these victims of war and welcome them into our school communities with empathy and compassion.

When we have further information on the situation for your school, we will write to you again.

Yours sincerely,
Richard Nash
Interim Corporate Director, Children's Services

Please remember

- Thursday 31st March : Sex Education and PGL Parents evening for Year 5 & 6
- Burger Bingo Friday 1st April, book your tickets through Classlist

Artist of the Week

This week's artist was L.S Lowry chosen by Miss Groves but one of my favourites too! Please do encourage your child to choose an artist or if as a parent you would like to choose one that would be equally welcome.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and that your children are especially kind and thoughtful on Sunday!

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



Happy Birthday

Caelan – 26th March

Kripa – 31st March



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Zuzanna	Srihan
Monet	Ethan	Jessica
Hockney	Archie	Rishabh
Hepworth	Evie-May	Elena

Class News

Van Gogh Class News

We have had a busy week preparing for Mothers Celebrations. The children have words hard and I hope that you will get a chance to put your feet up and enjoy their way of saying 'thank you'.

Phonics

Week 5 – 6	Consolidating and applying all sounds and tricky words learnt to date.
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Reading

We continue to focus on Non – Fiction books, we will be comparing them to Fiction books and looking at the key features for example, contents page, index page etc.

Please take note of the children's personal targets in their reading records and continue to share fiction and nonfiction books.

Writing

We will be introducing poems and will write our own poem about spring.

It is important the children are confidently applying their digraphs when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage the children to write at home, reminding 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

We will continue to recognise/order numbers, understand and apply them in different contexts and to solve problems.

This week we are introducing number 17 and 18. We will look at how the TEN block holds it place for example 17 is one TEN and seven more... 18 is one TEN and eight more. We will continue to revise number bonds of five and ten.

The children will continue to look for 3D shapes in the environment, for example a sphere has one curved face, it is round and can be rolled on the floor. A globe, ball, marble are all spheres. Other shapes we will be learning about over the next few weeks are cylinder, cube, cuboid, and cone.

We will be re-visiting doubling and halving and consolidating how it is the opposite for example, double four is eight. Half of eight is four. We will also look at how halving means to share between two.

Our snack shop continues to be a success with the children paying for their snack using 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins and starting to compare different values by identifying things that are worth more/less.

The children have also been learning to tell the time using an analogue clock, over the last few weeks we have look at the key features of a clock, clock face, hour hand and minute hand. They have learnt how to tell o'clock and over the next few weeks we will be introducing half past.

Topic

This week we will re-visit and compare the changes in the environment over the last three seasons. We will continue to look at the importance of 'new life' as we approach Easter and will start by learning about the life cycle of a chick.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: Thursday 31st March 2022 – Yellow House

SPRING WALK: Friday 1st April 2022 – We will be leaving school at around 9.20. If you could please wait on the top playground near the big gate while we complete our morning routines.

DROP OFF NEXT TERM: As a part of their transition to KS1 with effect from the Monday 25th April 2022, we would like parents to drop off at the gate and not bring their child into the cloakroom. It is important that the children are independent and start to walk to the classroom on their own as this is what they will be doing in September when they are in Monet.

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

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

We have had another busy week in Monet Class. We have finished our fantastic non-fiction chalk stream books, enjoyed numbering the pages and compiling them. We have also displayed our whole class paintings of a trout life cycle in the hall. Lots of the children have also completed their weaving, taken it off the loom and displayed it. They look beautiful!



Next Wednesday we are very excited to be going on a walk to the River Chess to release our trout. Please bring a pair of wellies to wear for the walk there and back.

In English for the next two weeks, we will be exploring poetry looking at adjectives, suffixes (ful and less) and compound words. We will have lots of fun reading, reciting and performing spring and Easter poems and writing some of our own.

In Maths, Year 1 will be using their knowledge of number bonds to bridge 10 using bead strings and ten frames and Year 2 will be quickly adding multiple single digit numbers by using number facts (doubles, bonds to 10, bridging 10). We will also be solving word problems using addition and subtraction.

As part of our science topic, we will be enjoying our trip to the River Chess to release the trout and we will also be thinking about how animals get their food and begin to make a food chain mobile.

In RE we will be thinking about The Easter Story and making Easter cards and Easter craft. In computing over the next few weeks, we will be spending time experimenting with 'scratch' to understand the need for exact instructions and to grow and shrink characters.

Homework will be on Google classroom.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Well what a busy week we have had this week in Hockney class!

It's been a little bit of a topsy-turvy week with so much going on. The Year 4s were very excited to start their cricket lessons on Monday and they all came bursting into the classroom on Friday to take part in their Bikeability training.

As we fast approach the end of term there is still much to look forward to. Next week in English, we are starting a new unit focusing on exploring poetic form and how form in different poems can add to the meaning. We shall be studying the work of Grace Nichols and James Carter comparing their poems and the different poetic devices that they use.

In maths next week we shall continue our work on adding and subtracting fractions. The Year 3s are focusing on tenths and decimal numbers and the Year 4s are focusing on finding amounts in non-unit fractions.

In science we are continuing with our study of plants. Our class experiment into different growing conditions of cress is going well and the children have been really interested to see and discuss how and why it is all growing at different rates. With the exception of the cress in the fridge - that is really not doing so well. Please ask your child about our experiment and ask them to explain to you why our cress in the fridge is doing absolutely nothing whereas all the other cress, even the one in the cupboard, is doing something. Likewise, the children's sunflowers are starting to germinate. If you haven't already found a place where you may be able to plant these sunflowers please do so-they will be coming home shortly.

In music this week we have been continuing with our study of gospel music, investigating how it has developed over time and absorbed elements of other music genres such as dance and R & B. The children have learnt to sing Bill Withers 'Lean on Me' and next week we are hoping to perform an instrumental accompaniment alongside our singing. They were also briefly introduced to Elvis Presley and his rendition of 'Amazing Grace' this week. I did ask the children to go home and discuss with an adult some of their favourite Elvis Presley songs-the children all seemed a little confused at some of his dance moves and the audience screaming when I showed them a clip of him performing! Please help to shed some light on this phenomena if you can!

Next week is a largely normal week. Please do ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day as a few were caught out on Monday by not having their kit ready for Monday's cricket. Forest school will be on Monday afternoon for the Year 3s and this will be their penultimate session.

Homework is as ever on Google Classrooms with English due next Wednesday and maths due on Thursday.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend in the sunshine (we hope) and that your child is getting plenty of rest so that we can really make the most of the time we have before breaking up for Easter.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

Another week has whizzed by, and Hepworth have had a very active week. On top of PE, the Daily Mile, cricket sessions, swimming, sports clubs and matches, Hepworth also took part in a Dodgeball tournament at The Amersham School. (It's exhausting just writing it!) Everyone really enjoyed the afternoon, and they were all enthusiastic participants, playing with skill and respect for the rules. Well done Hepworth, you were great advocates for the school.

Next week the children will continue to write their migrating animal reports in English, and their SPAG focus will be on layout devices, for example: headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets, or tables, to structure their writing. Their spelling rule will be using the suffix -ible.

In Maths, pupils will be revisiting time - building on their previous knowledge. They will also be covering position and direction where they will draw, translate and reflect polygons on a co-ordinate grid, as well as find missing co-ordinates.

In Topic, Hepworth will experience Mayan culture by listening to their music, as well as playing Ocarinas. In Spanish, the children continue to learn about seasons and the weather. They will listen to a Spanish song about the Spring and try translating the lyrics with the aid of a bilingual dictionary. In Science the children will continue their learning about inheritance and evolution by looking at specific ways in which animals are adapted to their environment. In RE we will be applying our learning across the term about religious leaders to consider what makes a good leader. In PSHE we will be continuing our learning about the world of work and the journey towards this.

An important reminder – our Sex Education and PGL information evening is on Thursday 31st March at 5pm in the hall and it is an important one to come along to.

We will begin with the sex education information so you will be able to leave after this if your child isn't attending PGL this year. Of course, you are welcome to stay if you are considering your child taking part in 2023 and would like more information.

Please note, this evening session is for parents/carers only – please make arrangements so your child does not attend with you.

Finally, please remember that the children will not be swimming on Wednesdays anymore, so they will need their normal PE kits in school. Instead, the focus will be on whole body fitness and wellbeing, following the principles of Yoga and Pilates.

We hope you have a good weekend and enjoy this spell of lovely weather.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

Diary Dates

Thursday 31 st March	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
Friday 1 st April	EYFS Spring Walk 9am PTA Burger Bingo
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	9am Year 3 parents are welcome to stay for 15 minutes and listen to their children play the French Horn 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
Friday 29th April	PTA Tuck Shop
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th May	Monet Athletics @ The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 5th May	PTA Meeting
Friday 6th May	PTA Tuck Shop
Thursday 12 th May	Hockney – Cricket @ The Chalfont Community College 12.30pm – 2pm
Friday 13th May	Friday Fitness Fun
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
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
Thursday 23rd June	PTA Meeting
Friday 24th June	Ice Cream Friday!
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
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!
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm