

# Chenies School Newsletter

## 23rd September 2022

### Headteacher's News

This week has gone particularly fast but we have managed to fit a lot in with three parent workshops, Hockney's trip to Celtic Harmony & a school council meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend the workshops we have now put the presentations on the school website for you to look at and of course we are always happy to answer any questions you may have

### eSchools

In order to make bookings for parents evenings you will need to be able to log on to the school website. For children who have joined us this term your child will be bringing home a letter today with details about setting this up. Please could other parents check they can still access the login page of the website and if not contact Mrs Burchell in the school office.

### PTA

All of the children in our school have benefitted tremendously from the funds raised by the PTA over the years and it is my hope that they will continue to do so in the coming years. This will not happen however without your support so please do support PTA events either by helping or attending them. The quiz night coming up is always good fun and the staff would like some competition so please make your booking for next Friday and help to raise funds for playtime and sports equipment, curriculum workshops, computer equipment and star point prizes! If you feel you have some time to contribute to the committee that would also be very much appreciated.

### Doodle Learning Class Competition

I have entered Monet, Hockney and Hepworth classes in the Doodle Back-to-School Competition. To take part we are encouraging every pupil registered for Doodle Learning to be working in the green zone (achieving their target number of stars) for 14 consecutive days from the 23rd of September until the 6th of October.

After the 6th of October, Doodle Learning will count up the percentage of children in each class who were in the green zone during the competition. The class with the highest % of pupils in the green zone will win a bundle of goodies worth £50.

Please can you encourage your child to take part and contribute to their class's team effort.

Good luck, and happy Doodling!

### Please remember

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Individual school photos
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Reading & Doodle Maths Workshop for Hockney parents at 2.15pm
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September - EYFS Maths Parent Workshop 9am
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – PTA Quiz night

### Artist of the Week


Our artist of the week was [His Majesty King Charles III](#)

I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend and a happy Rosh Hashana to those of you who will be celebrating on Sunday.

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher

**PTA**


- On Monday the children will bring home an envelope to guess the marathon time which Arlo’s Nan is running on Sunday 2nd October. Please return the envelope by Friday and enclose £1 to be in with a chance of winning £10 entertainer voucher for the closest guess!
- Quiz night tickets still on sale. Get yours now on Classlist for next Friday!
- Laura Silverstone will be taking on the Co-Secretary role with immediate effect. We welcome and thank her for stepping up. We still have a Co-Chair position up for grabs! Email: [pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk) to find out more. We cannot continue to run without volunteers.



## Happy Birthday

**Georgia – 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Jonathan F – 25<sup>th</sup> September**



**STARS of the week**

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Logan</b>	<b>Arthur</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Philippa</b>	<b>Freya</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	<b>Anisha</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Oliver</b>	<b>Evie-May</b>

## 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	98%
Monet	92%
Hockney	95%
Hepworth	96%

## Class News

### Van Gogh

Another great week but you can see that the children are feeling the effects of being at school fulltime. They have enjoyed school meals and have been very brave trying different foods. It's been especially nice to see them out at lunch times playing with their buddies.

### Phonics

This week we have been talking about rhyming words, two words that sound the same. The children have found this tricky, so we will continue to reinforce this next week and would appreciate if you could do this at home as well.

Some ideas... Rhyming Bingo (Matching words that rhyme) – Share story books with rhyme e.g. Oi Frog! – Make up silly rhymes with names e.g. Dean – Bean OR objects in the environment e.g. Cars – Mars

Next week we will continue to revise Phase One, which covers segmenting and blending, rhyme, listening to instrumental sounds and initial sounds in words. We will also be starting Phase 2 and introducing sounds S A T P I

### Maths

Throughout the week we will be chanting numbers to 10/20 and starting to count back from 10. We will continue looking at Number One and introduce Number Two towards the end of the week when we will look at what TWO means and start to talk about things that come in pairs. The children will also be introduced to the Van Gogh Snack Shop where they will use their knowledge of ONE (1p) to buy their snack. Please continue to reinforce number recognition and ordering from 1-10/15/20.

### Topic

Next week we will continue to learn all about us, talk about our families and look at similarities and differences. We will also be taking a close look at ourselves e.g. colour of eyes, hair, skin tones etc. and painting our portraits.

### General

Please support your child to practice getting undressed and dressed independently, including doing up zips and buttons.

### Reminders:

- School Photos – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

- **Workshops** - Please note that these dates may change but we will try to give you enough notice if one is cancelled as I appreciate you may have booked time off work

EYFS Maths – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am

EYFS Phonics – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October @ 9am

**Please ensure the children have:**

- A water bottle in school every day.
- PE Bag (to be left in school)

We have started to go for our woodland walks and as the weather changes would appreciate if all the children have a raincoat and wellies in school.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Sahotay ☺

## **Monet**

Next week in Monet class we will be continuing to find out about Monet and beginning to plan and create fact files and information leaflets all about his life in English/topic. We will be focusing on capital letters for names and the beginning of sentences, finger spaces and correct punctuation.

The children have made some fantastic lifecycle collages in art/science this week and next week we will be beginning our DT, focusing on designing and planning our own edible miniature garden. This will link in with our theme of food and Harvest.



In maths Year 1 will be consolidating number bonds to 10, beginning to understand the relationship between addition and subtraction and solving missing number problems. Year 2 will be securely knowing number pairs for all numbers up to and including 20. They will also be understanding that addition and subtraction are inverse operations and using this to check their calculations.

Please look at the poems that your child may have brought home. These are carefully linked to the sounds that we have learned in phonics during the week so practising these is very important. Your child could use the poems to highlight the words that incorporate the focus sounds or even make a neat list of some of the words. You do not need to return them but please revisit them and read together regularly.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## Hockney

This week's highlight has been our trip to Celtic Harmony. Children received an insight into how Iron Age people lived. They had a go at grinding grain to make flour and bread as well as making their own artefacts with clay, which they will share with you today. It was a fantastic day out with lots of learning about the Prehistory era and the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.



## Maths

Year 3 children will be learning to compare and order numbers as well as counting in 50s and applying number bonds to solve problems.

Year 4 children will be focusing on comparing, ordering and rounding numbers up to 1000. They will also be learning about Roman Numerals.

## English

Hockney class will be looking at a story structure; the build-up and ending to a story and explore how problems in stories are resolved. We will also be looking at features of mystery books.

Doodlemaths is a valuable resource that the school has invested in. Please support your child at home to access it. It will greatly improve their mental arithmetic as well as other areas in maths. We are going to be handing out star points every Monday in our class to those children who are accessing Doodle maths at home.

We will endeavour to change reading books every day. We are asking children as they come into the classroom in the morning to change their books if they have read them (we will check the comments section to see if the parent has written a comment saying that the book has been finished).

We hope you enjoy your weekend.

Miss Moghaddam and Mrs Whittingham

## Hepworth

The children are still working brilliantly and behaving so well in class. We are very impressed with how mature and hardworking they are.

In English next week the children will continue writing a non-chronological report on how to survive a volcano eruption, based on the e-book Mission: Save Pompeii, whilst in SPAG we will focus on relative clauses and the suffixes 'cial' and 'tial'.

In Maths, students will start the week re-enforcing their understanding of place value in larger numbers, rounding them up or down to the nearest 10, 100 and so on. We will then look at prime numbers and square numbers.

In Science our focus is learning about how planets move within our solar system and how Scientists have discovered this historically. (So far they have shown great enthusiasm for this topic which is delightful to see.) Our topic work continues with comparing modern day Greece and ancient Greek maps and ordering events. Whilst Year 6 attend Forest School on Monday afternoon, Year 5 will learn more about Spreadsheets in Computing, and continue looking at the seasons and weather in Spanish. In Music we will start our unit based around the song 'Livin on a Prayer'. In RE we will be finding out more about Siddhartha Gautama and how he became Buddha. PE continues with bridge work.

A huge thanks to all the parents who attended our curriculum evening on Thursday - we appreciate your support. A copy of the powerpoint will be on the Parent Workshops area under Parent Zone on the school website for those of you unable to attend. Please do have a read.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual school photos Reading & Doodle Maths workshop for Hockney parents at 2.15pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	EYFS Maths Parent Workshop 9am
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>PTA Quiz Night</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Monet Sports Event at Dr Challoner's High School 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Phonics & Reading Parent Workshop 9am
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>PTA Tuckshop</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.45pm - 6pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest assembly 9am Parents Evening 5pm - 8pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>PTA Film Club</b> Secondary transfer test results published
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	9am EYFS Stay and Share - Autumn Walk
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>PTA Halloween Disco</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>PTA Tuck Shop</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for children in school
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>PTA AGM</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	EYFS Stay and read <b>PTA Tuck Shop</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Rovings Bookshop Van Gogh Sports Event at Dr Challoner's High School - Winter Olympics 9.30-12pm Workshare Evening
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Assembly 10.45am <b>PTA Doughnuts</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying Drama Workshops
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need Day <b>PTA Pyjama Night Film Club</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Hockney Bench Ball - The Amersham School 1.30pm - 3pm
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>PTA World Cup themed cake sale</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Wreath Making Workshop</b> Hepworth -The Amersham School Dodgeball 1.30 – 3pm
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Non uniform day</b> <b>PTA Christmas fayre</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am <b>PTA Carols on the green</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Craft Day <b>PTA Christmas Film Day</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Term Ends 1.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children Return to School
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Van Gogh Sports Event Movement to Music at The Amersham School 9.45 -11.45am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Monet 9.30-11.30am DCHS Multiskills
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Hepworth 1.30-3pm The Amersham School Handball
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Hockney 9.30-11.30am Dr Challoner's High School Mega Fest Rugby
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Workshare Evening

<b>Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Term Ends 1.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to School</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Monet Games DCHS
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Hockney Tri Golf – Chiltern Hills Academy (tbc)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Residential – Green Park
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Parent's Evening 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day 1.30pm -3.15pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	11am Leaver's Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic <b>1.30pm Term Ends</b>