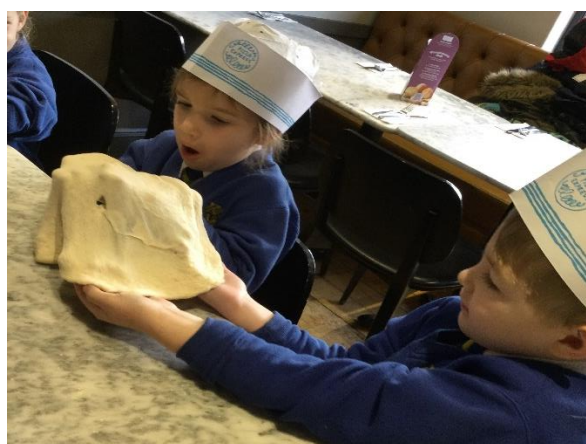


# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 3rd March 2023

### Headteacher's News

It was Van Gogh's turn to enjoy a trip this week to the Pizza express restaurant in Beaconsfield. They certainly had fun making the Pizzas and were the envy of many when they returned to school to eat them for lunch! The highlight of this week was of course World Book Day. It was lovely to see all the children demonstrating their enthusiasm for dressing up as book characters and reading. The children enjoyed orienteering, creating freeze frames and writing their own books in the morning. In the afternoon they thoroughly enjoyed a musical theatre performance of *The Wind in the Willows*. I would like to thank the PTA for paying for the performance.



### World Book Day Tokens

Please remember that the World Book Day tokens given out before half term can be exchanged for one of the World Book Day books or put towards a book of higher value. You have until the 26<sup>th</sup> March to redeem the tokens.

### Buckinghamshire Skills Show

Buckinghamshire County Council have asked me to share information with you about an event on the 8<sup>th</sup> March for people who are looking for career inspiration or a change of career. Further details can be found on the document attached to this mailing.

### Artist of the Week

Our artist of the week was Georges Braque chosen by Mia and Amelia.

### PTA

#### Mother's Day Surprise


Your child will bring home a Mother's Day surprise on Friday 17th March. A donation of £2 per child is requested. You can either pay this on Class list or send your child into school with the cash. Thanks for your support.

#### Spring Disco

The Spring Disco is on Thursday 23rd March and now bookable via Class list. KS1: 5:30-6:30pm, KS2: 6:30-7:30pm. Younger siblings are welcome to attend the KS1 disco but must be accompanied by an adult and must be paid for. Year 1 and Reception must also be accompanied. Cost is £5.50 per child.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell  
Head teacher

	<h2>Happy Birthday</h2> <p>Arthur W 3<sup>rd</sup> March Dhruv – 5<sup>th</sup> March Lola – 7<sup>th</sup> March Srihan – 7<sup>th</sup> March</p>	
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### STARS of the week

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Emma</b>	<b>Theia</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Alexander</b>	<b>Barnaby</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Feddie</b>	<b>Archie</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Lily</b>	<b>Amelia V-L</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	96%
Monet	97%
Hockney	93%
Hepworth	95%

## Class News

### Van Gogh

What an eventful week it has been! The children had a great time at Pizza Express. I hope you enjoyed what was left of it when they got home. Thank you for supporting World Book Day, the children looked amazing. They enjoyed the activities and came back buzzing after the Wind and the Willows Theatre production.

**Phonics:** We have continued to consolidate digraphs ch, sh, th and ng. This week we are going to continue learning our vowel digraphs. The children are finding these tricky, so it is important that you are working with them to reinforce these at home as well. Week 4/5 ai ee igh oa with then that this them.

**Reading:** Apologies if books have not been changed this week, this is mainly due to World Book Day activities and Mrs Murli being off ill. If books do not get changed on Friday, please continue to share books at home with your child. Remember it is not just about them reading to you!

**Writing:** This term we will be working on writing instructions in different contexts. Please spend some time at home following or writing instructions that they could share with their peers. We will also 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 important you continue to encourage the children to write at home.

**Maths:** Next week we will be consolidating our learning to number TEN and introducing 3D shapes (sphere). Please continue to work on the Maths targets a copy of which will be in their breading records.

**Topic:** The children have really enjoyed learning about food from different countries. The stir fry went down really well, and the pizza was a real treat. Next week we continue to talk about this but will also be introducing another very special celebration... Mother's Day!

Our Van Gogh Painting this month is: Horse 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 9th March 2023 – GREEN HOUSE

**REMINDERS:** Monday 20th March 2023 @ 9.15: Stay for a Spring Walk

Mrs Sahotay ☺

## **Monet**

We have had a great week in Monet Class starting our poetry theme in English, beginning our seed experiment in science and enjoying a fun-packed day on Thursday. It was fantastic to see so many original costumes and props for World Book Day.

Next week in English we will continue with our poetry topic by looking at vocabulary and poetic language, writing our own poems, rehearsing them and finally performing them or reading aloud. Please take time to read some poems over the weekend. I'm very happy for the children to bring in a favourite poem to share with me if they'd like to.

In maths we will be focusing on subtraction. Year 1 will be finding a difference by using practical apparatus and subtracting single digit numbers from 2-digit numbers. Year 2 will be subtracting 2-digit amounts of money by counting up and using partitioning to subtract.

In science we will continue to observe our grass seed that we planted last week, record any changes and try to begin to answer the question, 'Does grass seed need soil to grow?' In geography we will continue to look at the key features of different continents and in art we will be making observational sketches of each other playing in the playground. This will link to the Lowry painting, 'Children's Playground' that we looked at last week. In PSHE we will be finding out about the different ways that the internet can be accessed, to recognise the purpose of the internet in everyday life and to understand how to keep safe when using the internet.

Please bring in any old socks for craft use. Odd ones are fine but no holes in the toes please. Please try to read every day and remember a water bottle to use in the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

### **Maths**

Year 3 and Year 4 having been working hard this week understanding fractions. Next week, Year 3 will be counting fractions on a number line, learning about equivalent fractions as well as representing them using a bar model.

Year 4 will also be learning about equivalent fractions as well as converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. They will also be adding fractions.

### **English**

Hockney class have worked hard on their final version of their explanation text this week and have really enjoyed learning about Tutankhamen. Next week we will be starting our new topic in English, which is Poetry. Children will be listening, discussing different poems, and comparing them.

## **Topic**

This week in science, Year 4 continued to learn about sound. They carried out a fun investigation making string telephones. They were all successful and there were some excellent observations along the way.

In Geography, we will be learning about Physical and Human features in Geography.

In PSHE, we will be learning ways of keeping track of our money. We will discuss why it is important to do this.

Next week in Design Technology, children will continue with the design of their miniature Tudor clothing piece. They will be looking at different materials and accessories that could complement their design. If you have any used items at home that you no longer need please could you donate them to Hockney class, e.g. lace, cotton, velvet, beads, sequins, denim, feathers etc.

Have a lovely and restful break

Miss Shine & Miss Moghaddam

## **Hepworth**

This week, in addition to their usual lessons, Hepworth have enjoyed lots of culture, starting with Art compositions using their chosen medium, as well as enjoying the World Book Day activities.

Next week, in English we will be writing our own information text aimed at giving a young explorer advice for an expedition to the Amazon. Whilst in SPAG we will be looking at how hyphens can help avoid ambiguity. Our spelling rule will be words beginning 'pro'.

In Maths we will start with looking at units of measurement and how to convert them, including metric and imperial systems. Then later in the week they will continue the focus on shape, largely quadrilaterals.

In Science, we are moving on from forces to exploring the properties of different materials such as hardness, solubility, conductivity and their response to magnets. In PE, pupils continue with whole body fitness and what exercises we can do to help different parts of our bodies. Also, please ensure children have their PE kits in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, thank you. In Computing, children will add more features to their haunted house animation. Meanwhile, in Art children will finish their Mountain pictures. In topic we will be looking at mountain travel and the history of this. Our RE lesson sees us discussing the questions 'If you were to create a new world, what would it look like? What would you leave out and why?' and our PSHE lesson will focus on understanding more about prejudice, discrimination and stereotypes.

Finally, a note to say that netball club is cancelled next week because of the football.

We wish you a happy weekend!

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	School Football Match vs Little Chalfont School
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk Monet Class – Chiltern Open Air Museum
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>PTA School Disco</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Hockney – Bikeability Level 1
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>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Monet – Games @ DCHS
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Coronation Celebrations
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III</b>
Tuesday 9 <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
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
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School
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>