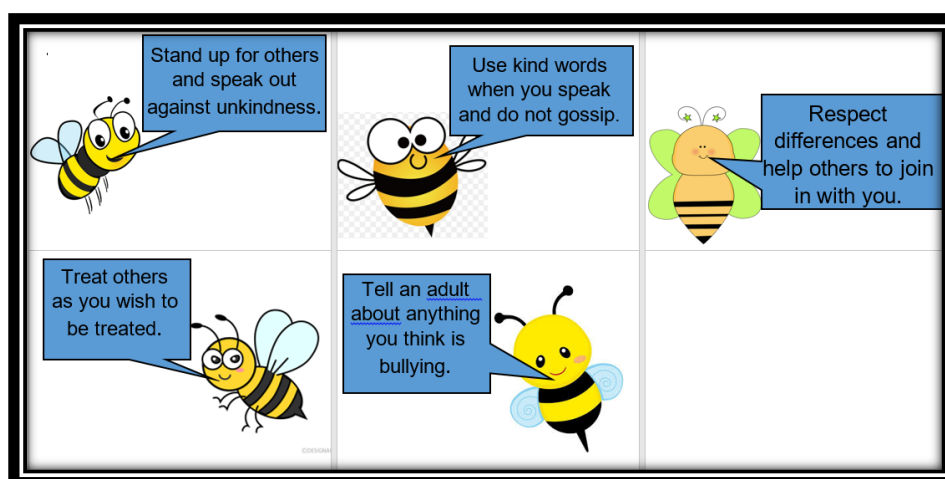


# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Headteacher's News

The children really enjoyed the anti-bullying drama workshop last Wednesday and I hope that they came home and had a conversation with you about it. The visiting leader of the workshop was extremely complimentary about all of the children and how well they had engaged in the discussions. Of course although anti-bullying was a particular focus this week it is something that we do pay attention to throughout the year. This year's theme was reach out and we have reminded the children of the importance of 'reaching out to others (peers, staff, parents) if they feel they are experiencing bullying and also to reach out to others if they notice someone in school looking upset. Our regular conversations with children remind them of the need to be kind to one another and sensitive to how unkind or thoughtless words or actions can make others feel. Please do ask your child if they can tell you the five key messages of our "Bee a Buddy not a Bully" slogan. If they are unable to then please do discuss them at home and reinforce their importance.



This week the children in Hockney class visited Amersham School to play Benchball and Hepworth Class visited the Ashmolean museum. Both classes were a credit to the school and really enjoyed themselves.

### OBDST

Thank you to all those parents who attend the community consultation meeting last night with the OBDST. I have added the presentation along with further information about the OBDST to the [school website](#). There is also a consultation response form available for your use. If you do have any comments or questions we are very happy to receive them by email to the school office. They will be collated and our responses shared with the Friday newsletter at the end of the consultation period.

### Mrs Whittingham

Mrs Whittingham will be starting her maternity leave on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December and so her last day with us this year will be Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. I am pleased to say that Miss Moghaddam has agreed to cover Mrs Whittingham's absence and will work full-time until the end of term. Miss Shine came to visit on Wednesday and met with the class and she will teach Hockney Class on Mondays and Tuesdays from January.

### **School Uniform**

I have had to speak to a number of children this week about the need to take pride in their appearance and wearing their uniform smartly. Please can you ensure your child arrives at school each day wearing the correct school uniform, including a tie. Children should also have a waterproof coat because we expect them to be able to play out in all weathers. In particular if your child has a forest school session please make sure they have suitable warm outdoor clothing that will keep them dry in the rain.

### **Raring2go**

Please find a link to the Raring2go! Watford Winter magazine. It's packed full of information around Christmas including pantos, visiting Santa, grottos, light trails as well as lots of activities, clubs, camps and classes to keep the kids entertained throughout the festive period.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/watford/winter2022/>

### **Artist of the Week**

Last week's artist was Norman Adam and chosen by Evie S. The sketch book theme was trees. This week's artist was Edward Hopper chosen by Anika and the Sketch book theme was The World Cup and Football.

### **Message from the PTA**

- Christmas Fair is a week today straight after school. Please sign up to your class rota to help man stalls at the fair. Please also pass hamper items to your class rep next week. We kindly request everyone to muck in and make this a hugely successful and profitable event for the school - thank you!
- Friday 2nd - non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate and/or bottle donation for the tombolas. Please bring these in with you on Friday morning.
- There are some amazing prizes and only 1 week left to get your raffle tickets on Classlist and share the link with your family and friends to help us sell as many tickets as possible: <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/raffle/view/904011748>
- Jazzy jars - still available to collect from us at school to decorate and fill in time for the Xmas fair next week!
- We know we ask a lot of people at this time of year so as a thank you, we will be raffling a Christmas tree, kindly donated by Christmas Tree Farm. Every child will get a ticket and this will be drawn in school on Monday. Good luck!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell



# Happy Birthday



Mia D – 29<sup>th</sup> November

## STARS of the week

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Emma</b>	<b>Alfred</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Thivaaniha</b>	<b>Beatrix</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Alina</b>	<b>Sienna M</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	
	<b>Renee</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	85%
Hockney	90%
Hepworth	99%

# Class News

## Van Gogh

Hope you have all had a good week!

### Phonics

Please continue to reinforce orally segmenting and blending cvc words. It is important that the children are hearing the sounds at the beginning, middle and end of a word. For example, please pass be the b-a-g... can you put on your c-oa-t... it is time to go to b-e-d. Then ask them to tell you what sound they hear in words e.g. jam j-a-m, dog d-o-g etc. It is also important for the children to have a go at writing cvc words.

### Sounds learnt to date

s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d	g	o	c	k	ck	e	u	h	b	f	ff
l	ll	ss	z	zz														

This week the children have learnt the digraphs ff, ll, ss and zz. They have been taught the general rule about applying these is we would normally find them at the end of a word e.g. h-u-ff b-i-ll f-i-  
zz h-i-ss

### Tricky Words learnt to date

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### Maths

This week we will be introducing Number Five. We will look at the formation of five and match/compare quantities. The children will continue to reinforce counting accurately using one-to-one correspondence and being able to subitise numbers to 5. We will introduce the coin 5p in our snack shop.

### Topic

This week we will continue to talk about night and day and focus on the text 'Peace at Last by Jill Murphy'

### Reminders

- Reading Books will be changed every Thursday. **In order for us to change the books it is important you write in the reading record every time you read with your child. If there is not a note in the reading record we will assume you have not read and therefore not change the books.**
- Library books are changed on a Tuesday.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

## Monet

Rehearsals in Monet Class are well under way for the Christmas production and the children are improving every day with their fantastic singing and speaking. Please help your child to practise their lines by saying them loudly and slowly. We will also be working on this in English next week, alongside the use of exclamation marks.

In maths Year 1 will be looking at coins and knowing how much each coin is worth, adding coins to 10/20p, finding coins to pay for small amounts and finding change from 10p. Year 2

will be identifying coins to £1, finding different ways to make amounts, finding totals and change. Please look at coins at home to help your child become familiar with them as we all use less coins when shopping nowadays.

In science we will continue to collect, record and compare our weather data and in geography we will be using an Atlas to find places in the UK and linking this to St Andrew's Day by identifying Scotland on a map. In PSHE we will be thinking about things we have in common with others, moving on to thinking about our differences.

Next week I will be sending home the tricky words that we have been looking at in my phonics group. Please go over these with your child if they are still unfamiliar with them. Well done to all those who found the answer to the riddle. There will be another sent home this week so write the answer in your reading diaries for a star point. Please try to read every day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

Well done to all the children who took part in the Benchball tournament on Monday. We are very proud of Hockney class as they did their absolute best. Year 4s came third, which is an amazing achievement. Year 3s played extremely well against the other year 4 classes and have done us proud with their determination and team spirit.

In maths next week, we are going to carry on with multiplication and division. Year 3 will work on 4 and 8 times tables and their division facts. Year 4 will start consolidating their work. We are going to be focusing on problem solving and the questions we found tricky in our assessments.

In English, the children have worked extremely hard trying to record a school tour. They have done their research and have worked as a team to film a tour of the school using Ipads. Next week, we are going to focus on discussing poems in the form of riddles and discussing the structure and meaning of a poem with a puzzle.

As part of our history lesson, we are going to be finding out how people lived in the Iron Age. We will be learning about how towards the end of the Iron Age, there were lots of influences from the continent. By this time, the ancient Romans had travelled to Britain and they recorded what the people were like.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Moghaddam and Mrs Whittingham

## **Hepworth**

We had the most brilliant day at the Ashmolean on Thursday - including being praised by staff for how good the children's questioning was, the answers that the children gave and their knowledge and understanding of the ways of the Ancient Greek world. Their behaviour was excellent, their manners were great and they worked hard. We are so proud of all of them!

Next week in English the children will continue studying Ted Hughes' poetry about nature, looking for meaning and poetic language. In SPAG later in the week we will be covering brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis. Our spelling rule will be learning about the suffix 'tion'

In Maths, children will look at more complex multiplication equations and the different methods they can use, including revision of short multiplication and moving on to long multiplication. It is, as ever, essential that children are practicing their tables to help them with this!

In our Science topic, Light, we will find out more about colour and why we can see different colours. In PE, we will conclude our Greek-inspired group dance. In RE we will look at why a Christian might go on a pilgrimage to Bethlehem. We will also be spending time practicing our carols too. In PSHE we will learn more about

how people have the right to choose whom they marry or whether to get married, that to force anyone into marriage is illegal and how and where to report forced marriage or ask for help if they are worried. We will begin our DT work, considering designs for a moving vehicle. Monday afternoon will see Year 5 in Forest School again, so, Year 6 will be building on spreadsheets using different formulae in computing, as well as refreshing their knowledge of numbers and dates in Spanish, to allow them to build sentences regarding the weather and seasons.

We hope you have a relaxing weekend,

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Wreath Making Workshop</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Non uniform day</b> <b>PTA Christmas Fair</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
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 DCHS Mega Fest Rugby
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Workshare Evening
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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
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>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Monet Games at Dr Challoner’s High School
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
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>