

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Headteacher's News

We would like to offer our congratulations to Arlo's Nan for completing the London Marathon in the amazing time of 3 hours, 34 mins & 19 seconds. Well done to Ethan for winning the £10 Entertainer Voucher for the closest guess of 3 hours, 39 mins & 19 seconds. I am pleased to say that the staff team came a very respectable third place last Friday at the PTA quiz night. We all had a fantastic evening and it was lovely to see the parents who were there also enjoying themselves. A huge thank you to Hollie and Clare for all their hard work in arranging the evening. The event raised £250 which we will be using to the benefit of all the children in the school. Monet class enjoyed their visit to DCHS this week and participated with determination and enthusiasm in lots of team games.

### Harvest Assembly

Please join us for our Harvest Assembly on Thursday at 9am. We are using this as an opportunity to collect items for the Chiltern Foodbank. Of course all donations will be gratefully received but they have provided us with a list of items that they are particularly in need of at the moment as follows:

- Tinned Meat
- Baked Beans
- Fruit Juice
- Jelly
- Sponge Puddings
- Sardines
- Tea Bags
- Men's & Ladies Deodorants

Please bring your donation into school on Thursday morning.

### Road closures

We have been advised by Ipsum Utilities that from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October there are road closures taking place around Chenies School. Please see the attached letter explaining which roads will be affected. The first two weeks of closures (approx 10<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October) will affect those coming to us from the A404 (Amersham Road) onto Village Road. You will still be able to reach us by turning onto Claypit Lane and following the road into the middle of the village.

### Safeguarding

I have received some information from ThamesValley Police this week about County Lines exploitation and have added this to the safeguarding page of our school website. Please do take the time to read this information as it offers really helpful advice about how to spot signs that might indicate your child is at risk and information about where people can go to for help if needed.

### Well-Being and the Outdoors

[The National Trust](#) are offering a free visit for up to two adults and four children at a participating venue until 30 November 2022. As part of our emphasis on well-being we encourage children to spend time in nature so this could be a good opportunity to spend time outdoors and make a positive difference to family well-being!

**Artist of the Week**

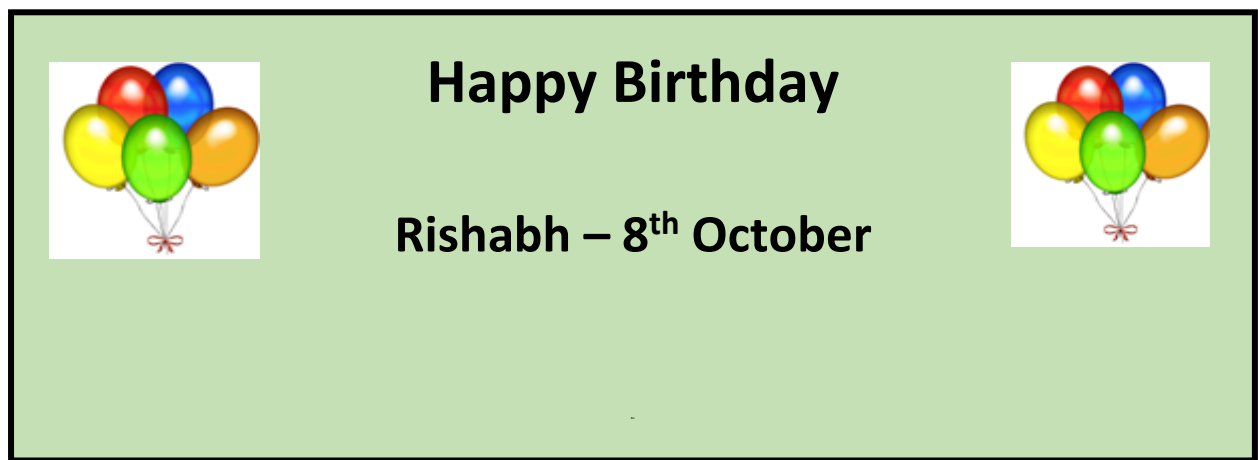
This week's artist was Rachel Jones and our sketch book theme was taking a line for a walk.

I wish you all a happy weekend.

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher

**PTA**

- Deadline to order Christmas cards is 18th October
- Book for film club and disco via Classlist now



**STARS of the week**

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| <b>Van Gogh</b> | <b>Endre</b>   | <b>Emma</b>    |
| <b>Monet</b>    | <b>Henry</b>   | <b>Gabriel</b> |
| <b>Hockney</b>  | <b>Isheeta</b> | <b>Dennis</b>  |
| <b>Hepworth</b> | <b>Evie S</b>  | <b>Sienna</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.

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| Van Gogh | 98% |
| Monet    | 91% |
| Hockney  | 95% |
| Hepworth | 95% |

## Class News

### Van Gogh

Thank you to all the parents who attended the workshops over the last few weeks. I appreciate, it might have been quite over whelming but would like to reassure you that all my notes from the workshops will be made available to you and the news letters will give you a further breakdown of subjects and topics as we go through the year. If you are not sure of anything please feel to ask. I am happy to go through things again if required.

### Phonics

Following the workshop you now have a deeper understanding of why it is important for children to be secure at Phase One Phonics in order to confidently access Phase Two. Therefore, please continue to reinforce listening to sounds in the environment, rhyme, alliteration (initial sounds), segmenting and blending and sharing books.

To date the children have learnt the following sounds **s - a - t - p - i - n - m - d**. We have been focusing on them listening to these sounds within words e.g. **r - ai - n p - a - n d - o - ll l - i - d s - a - t c - u - p p - i - g**. Please continue to do oral segmenting and blending with your child, to support their learning and applying of these sounds e.g. 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.

This week we have also introduced the tricky words... **it, is, at, in**, please reinforce these at home.

### Library Books

Please note library books are changed every Tuesday, if you wish to keep the book a little bit longer you may do.

### Maths

This week we have continued to learn about number two. The children have been learning all about 'pairs' and have been matching two items that are the same and looking in the environment for things that come in pairs e.g. pair of socks, pairs of eyes etc.

Next week we will continue with number two and will be learning about:

- Ordinal numbers... 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- We will introduce addition, talking about one cube and another cube making two cubes.

- We will look at how to read and write a number sentence  $1+1=2$  one add one equals two.
- We will introduce doubling (Two of the same thing), double one equal two
- Our shape of the week will be a semi-circle. We will model using a stem sentence and creating the shape with your finger. 'I am a Semi-Circle, I have one curved side one straight side and two corners.'
- Finally talking about how half of a circle is a semi-circle, we will introduce halving (sharing between two groups) e.g. half of two is one.

Please continue to reinforce number recognition and ordering from 1-10/15/20.

### **Topic**

This week we will continue to talk about Harvest and prepare for the Harvest Assembly. We will also introduce autumn and changes in the environment.

### **General**

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

### **Reminders:**

Parents Evening – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October @ 3.30pm and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October @ 5pm

Harvest Assembly - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October @ 9am

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 and thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay ☺

### **Monet**

Firstly, I'd like to apologise for any confusion over Google classroom. If you have not yet been able to access it, full instructions are on our school website following these links; 'Our Learning', 'Learning at home', 'How to log in on Google Classroom'. The password will be sent in a separate message to you. If you still have difficulties, please contact the office. Any material on Google Classroom will be available on Parents Evening.

On Tuesday the children had a great time at Dr Challoner's High School where they took part in lots of different athletics based activities and fun games in teams. They were all incredibly well behaved and I was very proud of their listening skills, willingness to 'have a go' and the lovely way they supported each other.

Next week during the morning, we will be assessing the children in reading, writing and maths which will leave the afternoons free for topic work and practising our poem for our assembly on Thursday. In science we will be finding out about healthy and unhealthy food and linking this to researching how our food is harvested and in RE we will be finding out about the Harvest Festival and what it means to Christians.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

# Hockney

This week children have enjoyed sharing their ideas and writing their very own mystery story in English.

In topic we have looked more closely at rocks and their properties. Hockney class enjoyed working collaboratively and recording their observations in our Science lesson.

In Religious Education we have been looking at different religions in particular Judaism and Islam.

PSHE, we have been focusing this week on resolving conflict with our friends, next week we will be discussing how to communicate with friends when using digital devices.

Next week children will be having assessments throughout the week. Below is the timetable

|   |   | Hockney Assessment week Timetable – Autumn 2022 wch 10.10.22 |                            |                    |               |                |   |                       |                                |
|---|---|--|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
|   |   | 8.50 – 9.30  | 9.30 – 10.30               | 10.30 – 10.45      | 10.45 – 11.00 | 11.00-12.15    | Lesson 4 & 5<br>1.15-2.15                     | Lesson 5<br>2.15-3.00 |                                |
| M | Handwriting / Next Steps / Morning Work | Maths Paper<br>Arithmetic & Paper 1                          |                            | Class Assembly     | Break         | Maths Paper 2  | Topic<br>Art mixing and making natural paints |                       | Story                          |
| T |   | Reading Paper  |                            | Class Assembly     |               | Reading Paper  | P.E-coaching session                          | Spanish               | Story                          |
| W |   | SPaG Paper   |                            | Cancelled assembly |               | Spelling paper | PE/Music practise singing Harvest song        |                       | Story                          |
| T |   | Harvest assembly   |                            | Class Assembly     |               | SPaG lesson    | Science                                       |                       | Story                          |
| F |   | Register/used Reading/ID only & 10 min                       | 13 French horn<br>14 maths |                    |               |                | SPaG  | Cultural afternoon    | Celebration Assembly<br>2.50pm |

Hockney class have been preparing for our Harvest assembly next week, children can practice the song at home:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhebvq0O4GY&list=RDbhebvq0O4GY&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhebvq0O4GY&list=RDbhebvq0O4GY&start_radio=1)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Moghaddam

## Hepworth

This coming week is Assessment Week, so all children will be tested on their English, Reading and Maths. We don't want the children to worry about this though, as it is a tool for us teachers to explore the childrens' strengths, as well as where they need extra help. This means that pupils will have fewer English and Maths lessons than usual, but they will still be building on their knowledge and skills in these subjects.

In English children will read more Greek Myths, developing their understanding of themes and language through inference and role play, with a view to writing their own myth. Our spelling rule will be the prefixes dis and auto.

In Maths the children will start the week practising mental strategies for addition and subtraction, then continue with multiplying numbers, including decimals, by 10, 100 and 1000.

On Monday afternoon, Year 5 will add new formulae to their Spreadsheets, followed by making Spanish sentences to describe weather and seasons in connection with notable dates such as their birthday, Christmas etc. (At the same time, Year 6 will in Forest School.) In PE, children will develop their group dance relating to the planets, which feeds into our Science Space theme. And in Science itself students will build on their understanding of Earth's movement in the Solar System, to understand time zones.

Our Stargazers Topic about Ancient Greece will focus on the olympics – how they formed, how they worked and differences to today.

In RE we will look at how where Hindus might go on pilgrimage and in PSHE children will learn what consent means and how to seek and give/not give permission in different situations. Our music lessons continue with work on Livin' on a Prayer.

Finally, we are holding Parents' Evenings after school on Wednesday and Thursday, and we look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime, we hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

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| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October                                     | Parents Evening 3.45pm - 6pm   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October                                      | Harvest assembly 9am<br>Parents Evening 5pm - 8pm  |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                  | <b>PTA Film Club</b><br>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<br><b>PTA Tuck Shop</b>   |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | Rovings Bookshop<br>Van Gogh Sports Event at Dr Challoner's High School - Winter Olympics 9.30-12pm<br>Workshare Evening |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>                                 | Remembrance Assembly 10.45am<br><b>PTA Doughnuts</b>   |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November                                       | Anti-Bullying Week   |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | Anti Bullying Drama Workshops  |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>                                 | Children in Need Day<br><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><br>Hepworth -The Amersham School Dodgeball 1.30 – 3pm                                  |
| <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>                                  | <b>PTA Non uniform day</b><br><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<br><b>PTA Carols on the green</b>   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                                     | KS2 Carol Concert 2pm<br>KS2 Carol Concert 6pm   |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>                                 | Christmas Craft Day<br><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>  |
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| <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<br>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  |
| 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>   |

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| Thursday 4th 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 – 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<br>Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm                      |
| <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>                        | 11am Leaver's Assembly<br>12pm Whole School Picnic<br><b>1.30pm Term Ends</b> |