

# Chenies School Newsletter

## 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Headteacher's News

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening this week and on behalf of all the teaching staff I would like to say thank you for the many appreciative comments that you shared with us. If you were unable to attend your appointment then do please ring the office to make an alternative arrangement.

The children enjoyed a visit from Mary Oswald, an RNLI volunteer on Wednesday morning. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is a fantastic charity which looks after and saves the lives of people at sea. It is run purely by volunteers 24 hours a day. The whole school learned about keeping safe near water, understanding the different signs and flags at the beach and what to do if they find themselves in difficulty in the water. The younger years also had the opportunity to dress up as lifeguards! To show our appreciation, we would like to help to raise money for this amazing charity. The children have all brought home a colouring sheet to colour/decorate. Please return this by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June with a suggested £1 donation and the winning colouring from each class will receive a prize. You can still donate and bring in £1 even if you do not take part in the colouring competition. To find out more about the RNLI, the amazing work they do and to access lots of fun educational activities visit [RNLI - Royal National Lifeboat Institution - Saving Lives at Sea](#)



### Sports Day

The weather forecast is looking promising for Tuesday so please do join us from 1.20pm to watch your children participate in their races. You are welcome to bring a picnic chair or blanket to sit on.

### Doodle Maths and English Sumer Challenge

Doodle Learning have announced that they will be running two Summer Challenges throughout July and August. I will be providing more details later in the term but for those who are interested there is a free parent webinar about it run by Doodle on 6<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm which can be booked [here](#).

**Please remember**

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day – parents welcome from 1.20pm
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Hepworth Athletics events at DCHS
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July PTA Ice Cream Friday

**Artist of the Week**

This week's artist was Joseph Herman, a Polish refugee who was chosen in recognition of Refugee Week.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher

**Aylesbury On Sea**

Have a whale of a time at this year's Aylesbury on Sea. Around 60 tonnes of sand will take over Vale Park on 3 July!

This event is entirely free to attend and promises to be as vibrant as our last event in 2019. Expect many much-loved seaside activities including Punch and Judy shows, face painting, prize bingo (with thanks to Michael Anthony Estate Agents), land train and arts and crafts. Whizz down the inflatable Helter Skelter and have fun in the sun in the Super Soaker Arena which are both new for 2022.

Get stuck into building the finest sandcastle as the Town Council will be providing buckets and spades aplenty.

You might even spot a mermaid or a crew of pirates who have made it to shore. Sweet and savoury delights can be purchased on the day too. Everyone is invited to Aylesbury on Sea in Vale Park (HP20 1DX) on Sunday 3 July from 11am-4pm.

Further details are available

<https://bit.ly/AOS2022> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/417186206499634>.

**Nature Club**

Mrs Silverstone is running a nature club in the summer holidays, more details can be found on the attached flyer.

**STARS of the week**

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| <b>Van Gogh</b> | <b>Thivaaniha</b> | <b>Aiyanna</b> |
| <b>Monet</b>    | <b>Freya</b>      | <b>Joseph</b>  |
| <b>Hockney</b>  | <b>Olivia B</b>   | <b>Elora</b>   |
| <b>Hepworth</b> | <b>Amelia V-L</b> | <b>Cassie</b>  |



**Happy Birthday**

**Gracie – 28<sup>th</sup> June**



# Class News

## Van Gogh

Hope you have had a good week! It was lovely seeing you all at parents evening and a real pleasure to share the children's achievements with you. You should all be very proud! Also a BIG THANK YOU for all your support and kind words.

### Phonics

The summer term is all about consolidating what we have learnt over the year. At this stage we expect children to be able to recognise digraphs/trigraphs when reading. Therefore we will continue to re-visit all of the Phase 3 sounds and alternative sounds daily and consolidate the position of where these sounds are likely to be found in word. For example, AY would normally be found at the end of a word and AI in the middle. In line with this we will be starting Phase 4.

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Please continue to consolidate reading and writing the Phase 2-5 tricky words.

### Reading

It is really important that you continue share books with your child. Please remember it's not just about them reading to you. It is as important that you are reading to them and sharing experiences. This term we will continue to compare and focus on Fiction and Non – Fiction books, looking at the key features for example, contents page, index page etc.

### Writing

Our topic for the next few weeks is The Seaside. We will be looking at the text Billy's Bucket by Kes Gray... What's in your bucket?

In addition to the topic writing we will continue to do the words of the day. Please remember if you are doing any writing at home, it is important the children are confidently applying their digraphs when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage 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

Next week we will be revisiting coins and introducing 50p. The children will name and describe and begin to order the coins according to value. They will move on to make small amounts and making the value of a coin using other coins.

### Topic

Our topic this term is The Seaside! We will be looking at the text Billy's Bucket by Kes Gray. We will be listening to soundscapes near the sea and explore different instruments to represent sounds near the sea or the way different creatures may move.

## **REMINDERS:**

**SPORTS DAY:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**SHOW & TELL:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Blue House

## **TRANSITION:**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – The children will be spending the afternoon with Ms Blakeley and Yr1 as a part of their transition.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Moving up afternoon! The whole school move to their year group and class for the afternoon.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022: EYFS Vision Screening

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022: Stay for Breakfast with family and friends  
Party with our Buddies

Mrs Sahotay 😊

## **Monet**

We've had another busy week in Monet Class! The children enjoyed the RNLI assembly, they learned a lot about water safety and we were really impressed with some children's prior knowledge of water safety. Some children enjoyed dressing up and acting out a real life rescue.

Next week in English/history, we will continue to find out more about Grace Darling and begin a fact file based on what we know and sequencing events to tell the story of her bravery.

In maths we will be continuing to work on telling the time. Please try to practise this as much as you can at home as this will really help children consolidate their work in school. Year 1 are working on o'clock, half past and beginning to understand quarter past and quarter to. Year 2 are also practising this as well as five minute intervals. We do not work on the 24 hour clock in KS1. We will also be doubling/halving and working on multiplication as 'sets of' in Year 1. Year 2 will be also doubling/halving and using multiplication and division to solve problems.

In science we will continue to observe our seed germination experiment, record our findings and explain what plants need to grow strong and healthy.

In RE we will be thinking about how special people in religion influence the way we behave by setting an example and we will be thinking about feelings and values.

We are looking forward to Sports Day on Tuesday 28th. Please make sure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and sunscreen applied before school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

Another busy week has come and gone in Hockney!

We have been getting stuck into our KS2 production rehearsal this week and the children have been throwing themselves into their singing as disgruntled orphans! Please do get them to share some of the songs with you.

We also enjoyed a very informative talk on water safety this week from the volunteers at the RNLI. They spoke about how to keep yourself safe when swimming in the sea and about how to identify different flags and what they all mean. The children asked some fantastic questions and everyone was tasked with mastering their 'starfish float' when swimming on Wednesday afternoon as this is the best thing to do when getting into trouble in the water. Please do ask your child to explain to you why this might be.

Next week, we are continuing our work on 'Space Explorers'. The children did a fantastic job sifting through various space mission applicants and deciding who possessed the best personal skills and relevant experience to be awarded the job, we then related this to the personal attributes of Neil Armstrong. Next week, we will focus a little more on revising some particular areas of grammar and introducing determiners before returning to biographies the week after.

In maths, we are moving on to focus on different ways of representing data. The children will be revisiting pictograms and bar charts before being introduced to line graphs. The Yr 4s have been focusing on symmetry this week before moving on to translation and angles next week.

We are very much looking forward to Sports Day next Tuesday, I know that the children are as eager as always to do their best! Please do make sure that your child has their hat and water bottle in school each day and that they are wearing sun cream when it is hot and sunny. Many children are still forgetting to bring in their water bottles daily, meaning we have to have cups of water placed precariously around the classroom and top these up regularly- a water bottle is so much easier!

Homework is as ever, on Google Classrooms. This week we are revising onomatopoeia for English and revision of time has been set for maths.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

## **Hepworth**

Before we begin our news update, we wanted to say thank you to everyone who was able to join us for Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to see you and have an opportunity to share what the children have achieved over the last year. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

We've had another warm week, which can be wearing for children and adults alike, but overall Hepworth have applied themselves well to their learning (and the production).

In Maths, Year 5 revised their knowledge of place value, and moved onto creating and interpreting information from graphs. Year 6 continued with their maths investigations, looking for potentially different outcomes and possibilities, from a fixed set of equations. Meanwhile, in Topic, the children have studied aspects of a river, from source to estuary, and features in between. We had our Sex Education lesson for year 6 on Thursday and year 5 spent some time with the Van Gogh children as preparation for becoming buddies next year. We have set up our science investigation into mould, and will be recording and consolidating our findings next week.

Outside of lessons, on Wednesday pupils had an informative talk about water safety from the RNLI. Hepworth have also spent a lot of time rehearsing!

Next Thursday, we have our athletics session at Dr Challoners - please see the separate information regarding this.

Rehearsals are going well, and the children are enjoying the process. It is noticeable, however, that those children who have learned their lines are able to focus on their acting skills, make more progress, and feel more confident in their performances. As we have passed the halfway stage until the performances, we would ask you to help your child memorise their lines and song lyrics at every opportunity. This will help them engage more fully in the acting and performance side of the production, and make the experience more enjoyable and rewarding for them.

We will be getting in touch very soon regarding the timings for the two evening performances and with some requests for outstanding items needed for our props and costumes department.

We wish you have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

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| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June     | Sports Day (parents welcome) 1.30pm  |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June    | Hepworth – Athletics @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12pm   |
| <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> | <b>Ice Cream Friday!</b>   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July     | Monet Athletics @ The Misbourne 1pm-3pm  |
| <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>Friday Fun Fitness</b>  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July     | Reserve Sports Day 1pm   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July   | KS2 Summer Production 7pm  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July    | KS2 Summer Production 7pm (2pm performance cancelled due to secondary school transition event for some children) |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July      | EYFS Stay for Breakfast 8.15am<br>End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home<br><b>Ice Cream Friday!</b>   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July      | Year 6 Leaver's BBQ 5.30pm – 8pm   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July   | Leaver's Assembly 11am<br>Whole School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm<br><b>Term Ends for Children 1.30pm</b>             |