



Message from the Governing Body

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have increased the number of key worker children significantly and have opened new bubbles to support this. We will soon be at maximum capacity – whilst following government guidelines. To secure a place, a letter you're your employer to confirm keyworker status is needed.

If your child is in any way off colour or feeling sick, then please err on the side of caution and do not send your child to school. This is the responsible course of action, given the current situation and potential dangers to children and adults. Thank you to those parents and carers who have swiftly come to take children home, where children have felt ill.

If you are a parent or carer, and for whatever particular reason or circumstances, you find yourself struggling or short of food – please contact me in school. This will be in the strictest of confidence. We have been glad to have been able to help families. We will always try to help or advise. Recently we have been offered food parcels that we would like to share with families who need them, regardless of the free school meal entitlement.

Where a high temperature, loss of taste or smell or a new continuous cough are present, **PLEASE BOOK A TEST**. This is to protect us all. Tests are being turned round in 24/48 hours.

Dear children and school families,

Governors were able to enjoy an informal virtual meeting last week, to hear from Mrs Grainger about Chadsmead's COVID-19 arrangements and how well the school re opening has been going. Well done and thank you to all staff and children for making such a positive environment for each other despite all the restrictions.

Clearly, school cannot accommodate everyone, and for those of us with children still at home, Chadsmead is endeavouring to continue to provide as much support and resources as possible to help families do what they can at home. Everyone appreciates home schooling has its ups and downs. We are all having good and bad days aren't we?! We are all in this most unusual situation together and it really is a time for us all to be the best person we can be and to try and learn and grow from its challenges but also prioritise each other's well-being, finding routines that work best for our families.

Governors will be having another virtual meet with Mrs Grainger in July when we hope to know more about plans for September and what arrangements for schooling will be, plus whether normal governance will resume. As you appreciate, CAT are governing the school at present in line with Government guidelines.

Hoping you are all keeping safe and well and thank you for your support to school and to each other.

Best wishes
Iona Chisholm - Chair of LGB

Early Years

What a fantastic week Early Years have had! We have been so busy learning all about how to look after the environment by putting rubbish in the bin. We read the story 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' and made our own posters about plastic pollution on beaches. We have also made our own hand printed fish and labelled it's features. We have been learning all about animals and their young. We learnt about the different names of young animals and together matched them. In ICT, we used a new programme on the iPad called 'Scribbaloo'. The children painted their own picture of a farm animal. During the week we have completed lots of different challenges such as doubling and halving numbers, labelling and writing sentences about sea creatures and have even started to write our own stories.

Years 1 & 2

Apple Bubble are extremely settled in their 'Bubble' now and have a fantastic routine that they enjoy. The children work very hard, although Miss Tullett and Mrs Bishop make sure they have plenty of fun too!

They have been enjoying a story called 'Sayeeda, the Pirate Princess'. The children read and retold the story, identified unfamiliar vocabulary, discussed the dialogue and answered some comprehension questions. They listened to a Pirate song (some of them even enjoyed a little dance) and then invented their own rhyming verses to add to it.

In maths, they have continued to learn counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. They all needed number lines and 100 squares to begin with, but now they are beginning to recall the multiples mentally - the children are becoming so confident at their times tables and are close to knowing them off by heart.

Years 1, 2 & 3

It has been really exciting to start our new bubble this week! School is a bit different and we have talked a lot about the changes that have been made and how they keep us safe. We read a story called 'Everybody Worries' and we have been checking in on each other's feelings throughout the day. We have been learning about families and how they are all different and have drawn some lovely pictures of our own family to add to our 'Wall of Happiness!'

Year 4, 5 & 6

A new Y4/5/6 bubble started this week with Mr Stevens. We started small in number but this increased as the week went on. Apprehensive faces initially were soon replaced by smiles and laughter. Firstly, we thought very carefully about our Class Charter, working out what we should and shouldn't do within school. We have enjoyed the start of 'Street Child' our class text; begun some persuasive writing related to spies and gadgets and focused on simplifying and comparing fractions in maths. We have also looked at vocabulary related to our new them called 'Revolution' which looks at life in Victorian times as well as doing PE with Mr Squire.

We look forward to next week and our group size growing further.

Year 6

Year 6 Maple bubble have had another fantastic week. We've been working on our wallpaper prints in the style of William Morris. Although it was a long process, we have enjoyed this activity very much. During maths, we have been simplifying and comparing fractions. In writing we have been thinking of persuasive adverts for our own essential items - what an imaginative bunch we are! We have also been enjoying learning how to play advert jingles on the glockenspiels - this week is Cadbury's Flake.

Key Worker Children

This week we have been extremely busy writing adverts to visit an alien planet called Zargon 10. The children have also been learning about prepositions in our grammar session. One child wrote.... The light brown pirate ship is quickly sailing upon the dark blue sea. The children learnt to draw a Gregosaurus using guidance from Rob Biddulph, who is a children's book illustrator. For PE, we did wacky balance races. The children enjoyed listening to the Duchess of Cambridge, who hosted an assembly online about kindness. The children are often giggling in our class as we read our book called The Astounding Broccoli Boy by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Mrs Grainger commented on the excellent behaviour moving out to play this week.

