

Chenies School Newsletter

Thursday 27th February 2020

Headteacher's News

Netball Match

On Tuesday our Year 5 and 6 netball team participated in the first of a 4-week Netball League tournament at Chiltern Hills Academy, Chesham. On a bitterly cold afternoon, amongst a mixture of wind, rain, sleet and the occasional bright spell, they had their first opportunity to play competitively against other schools.



Three games were played against different teams from Our Lady's Catholic Primary School. In the first match Chenies won 2 - 0, we lost 1 - 0 in the second game, coming back with 1 - 0 in the final match. All three goals were scored by Beatriz Feital, who demonstrated determination and perseverance - when realising the goals were much higher (as we were at a secondary school) she focused and proved she would overcome the difference.

In all three games the girls worked fantastically well as a team, developing the sporting values we talk about in training. Their captain was Chloe Hutton and Vice-Captain was Rosie Pluck; both girls encouraged and supported their team throughout the matches.

Players - keep up the great team spirit and energy for next Tuesday and remember coats and gloves for when you are not playing! Thank you to Mrs Tillyer for arranging and taking them to the match.

Monet Class

Mrs Windsor will be leaving us at the end of this term. As you know she returned to us from maternity leave in October but has decided that taking a career break will enable her to spend more time with her little boy and make the most of his early years, which as we all know go very quickly! We are obviously sorry that Mrs Windsor will be leaving us but I am grateful to Ms Chohan who has agreed to work full time during the summer term to ensure consistency for our children.

World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day and we would like children to come dressed up as a book character. They will spend the day in their house groups completing activities based on the book Willy's Stories by Antony Browne.

CoronaVirus

We are following Public Health England Advice and reminding all of the children that basic hygiene is important and that they should be using tissues when sneezing and washing their hands with soap and water. Please reinforce this message at home. Current advice from Public Health England can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Pineapple

One of the children in our school is allergic to pineapple and even coming into contact with residue left on a table causes him to be unwell. We would therefore be grateful if you could avoid putting pineapple into lunch boxes, please.

Mind UP

Our Mind Up Consultant will be spending another day in school on **Tuesday 28th April** and at **9.00am** will be repeating the parent workshop that she did at the beginning of this term

You will hear about the knowledge and strategies being taught at school, including knowing more about our brains, being mindful and having a positive, optimistic mindset.

We will also cover activities that you might like to try at home. They can easily be integrated into home life to benefit the whole family. Those who attended last time found the session valuable and I do hope some more of you will be able to join us on this occasion.

Decorating

During half term our staffroom, Hockney class and Hepworth class were all redecorated and are now looking much brighter. We are now looking forward to starting weekly gardening sessions and brightening up the outdoor areas as well!

Eco Warriors

The Eco-Warriors have asked me to inform you that we are now able to collect toothpaste tubes for recycling. They do not need to be washed out and children can bring them in and place them in the collecting box in the library.

Trout

The children in Monet class are responsible for looking after the trout which we now have in the school fish tank. Later in the term they will be able to release them into the river. Yesterday, they enjoyed an outdoor lesson with Ceri, from the River Chess Association who is supporting us with the project.



PTA Quiz Night

I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA quiz night on Saturday but for those of you unable to make it I hope you have a good weekend.

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh Class News

Hope you all had a restful half term. The children have come keen and ready to learn. We've had a busy week, cooking pancakes, writing instructions, having GP visit our Doctors Surgery and starting to learn about the importance of LENT in the Christian calendar.

Reading

The children will be coming home with their reading books on Monday. We have invested in some new books that will also support the children learning their phonics and tricky words. As a fresh start I have included a list of phonic sets within phase 2/3, tricky words and a note for each child with a personal target. The target will be reviewed every couple of weeks depending on how the children progress with their phonics.

Library books this term will be changed every Friday. Please note that your child will not be able to bring another book home until they have returned ones borrowed previously.

Maths: Counting: We will be continuing to look at addition and subtraction using apparatus

Shape: We will be learning about sequencing events/instructions.

Money: In our snack shop we are encouraging the children to pay for their snack using different coins.

Days of the week

Topic: People Who Help Us

REMINDER: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
3 rd April	x	x	x
6 th March	13 th March	20 th March	27 th March

Upcoming Events

World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2020 – Children can dress up as a favourite character.

Stay & Play Spring Walk Friday 13th March 2020 (9.15am – 10.30am)

Mum's in School Day Friday 20th March 2020 (Afternoon)

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet Class News

Next week in literacy we will be starting a non-fiction unit learning about unusual places people live around the world. We'll be looking at features of non-fiction texts.

In maths we will be learning about measuring capacities of containers and recording our findings using block graphs and pictograms.

In science we will continue to look at animal food chains and learn about omnivores, carnivores and herbivores.

Our topic focus will be history and learning about the features of castles and Victorian homes and comparing homes today with homes from the past and we will be relating our art work to castles by looking at famous castle and landscape paintings.

And of course it will be world book day on Thursday so we are looking forward to a day spent with our houses doing fun book related activities.

Hockney Class News

I hope everyone has had a lovely half term break.

The English the children will continue looking at the Shang Dynasty of ancient China, learning how to find and record facts, as well as looking at using nouns and pronouns.

In maths we will continue looking at decimals and their relation to fractions.

In Science the children will be learning about plants and what they need in order to grow.

In PSHE, as part of their MindUp lessons, the children will look at mindful movement.

In ICT they will be learning to create pieces of digital art.

Hepworth Class News

English

We have started to explore the book 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz. This story is marking its 20th Anniversary since publication and is the first in a series of twelve books all featuring the character Alex Rider on his spy adventures. Next week we will continue to focus on the story by exploring spy missions and describing the settings they take place in. There will be a grammar focus of adverbs, adjectives, similes and metaphors.

Maths

For the first part of the week we will focus on measures. We will be revising units of measurement for length, weight and capacity and work on converting measurements from one to another. This is an area of maths that can feature in everyday life and therefore a good opportunity to discuss maths in the home, for example using ml or litres in cooking, measuring a length in mm, cm or m. Year 6 will also look at converting metric to imperial measures. We will also look more at shape following on from this week and this will include work on the properties of quadrilaterals and parts of circles.

Other areas of learning

We will begin our science topic of properties and changes of materials by exploring soluble materials. Singing will also feature highly in our week as we step up our preparations for the InConcert Musical festival. In RE we will be comparing different places of worship within Christianity.

We will be enjoying taking part in the World Book Day activities that we have planned on Thursday and we look forward to seeing some brilliant costumes. We are also hoping to see Hepworth class taking on the responsibility of helping to guide and support the younger children in the sessions as it is a great opportunity for them to show this caring side and to build their skills doing this.

Homework

This week the children have an arithmetic paper and part of a reading comprehension paper to complete. 30 minutes for each piece is enough time to spend on them. The children know that if they are unsure of a question they should leave it and move to the next to show what they can do. There are no areas of the maths paper that they have not been taught this year, so this way of practising and revisiting their prior learning whilst in class we are not working on calculations in the same way.

Diary Dates for 2019 – 2020 *new dates in green*

Saturday 29th February	PTA Quiz Night
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Wednesday 11th March	Sport Relief 2020 Hepworth Tag Rugby at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Friday 13 th March	EYFS Spring Walk 9am
Friday 20 th March	Mums in School Afternoon 12pm - 3.15pm
Monday 23rd March	Dogs Trust in school
Tuesday 24th March	Hepworth – Rehearsal for Music Festival – 9am @ Elangeni School
Wednesday 25 th March	Hockney – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Monday 30 th March	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Tuesday 31 st March	Hepworth – Inconcert Music Festival
Thursday 2 April	PTA School Disco 6pm - 7pm R & KS1 / 7pm - 8pm KS2
Friday 3rd April	PTA Film Club 1.30 – 3.15pm Term Ends at 1.30pm
Monday 20th April	Children Return to School
Saturday 25th April	PTA Grown Up Disco
Wednesday 29 th April	Monet - Athletics at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 30 th April	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening
Tuesday 5 th May	Hockney – Cricket at Chiltern Hills Academy
Friday 8th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 12 th May	Hockney –Swimming Gala 9am-11am
Thursday 14th May	Hockney – Science Museum Trip
Saturday 16th May	PTA Duck Race
Monday 18 th May-Friday 22 nd May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd June	EYFS Stay & Get Physical
Wednesday 3 rd June	Monet Games day at The Misbourne 9.30am-2.30pm
Thursday 11 th June	Work Share Evening 3.30-5pm Y5 Parents Secondary Transfer Information Evening 6pm
Saturday 13th June	PTA Chesham Carnival
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day 1pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 9 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Friday 10 th July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 9am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Friday 17 th July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm

FYI - Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July – Inset Days

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term 2020

Inset Day	Tuesday 1 st September
Inset Day	Wednesday 2 nd September
Terms Starts	Thursday 3 rd September
Half Term	26 th – 30 th October
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd November
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December

Spring Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 4 th January
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	15 th – 19 th February
Term Ends	Thursday 1 st April @ 1.30pm

Summer Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 19 th April
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April
Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 st July @ 1.30pm