

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2019

Headteacher's News

It has been an incredibly busy week in school with a wide range of enjoyable experiences for all of the children.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to our Harvest Festival this afternoon. The donations will all be greatly appreciated by the food bank and be distributed to those in need of it.

Author Visit

The children in Van Gogh and Monet thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the Children's author Tom Tinn Disbury. He read them his book and then showed them how to draw the Caveman Ogg in the story. Following that he asked them for suggestions about other mischief Ogg could get up to – You would have been amazed at the number of mischievous suggestions the children came up with!



World War Veteran Visit

The children in Hepworth were really pleased to welcome Mr James and Mr Wicks who came to talk to them about their experiences of the Second World War. The children were enthralled for two hours as they listened to the men's different experiences. Mr James flew a variety of planes, including a kitty hawk and a spitfire. He survived parachuting from a burning plane and escaped from a prisoner of war camp, eventually reaching freedom as the war ended. Mr Wicks shared his experiences of being a child during the war and what he witnessed, including his experience of air raids, evacuating London and being very close to an exploding bomb. The children were a real credit to the school and both men commented on how well the children had engaged with them during the session. Thank you to Mrs Hutton for facilitating the visit.

Football Matches

It has been a busy week for the school football team. On Monday the children played Chesham Bois and on Thursday travelled to Beaconsfield to play St Mary's. The final score was 9 - 1 to Chesham Bois but once again our children showed excellent teamwork and the determination to keep persevering. Unfortunately the match in Beaconsfield was cancelled at the last moment due to a thunderstorm but thank you to Mrs Tillyer and all the parents involved in supporting the intra-school matches.



Our own inter-house KS2 football tournament on Wednesday afternoon was enjoyed by all. Congratulations Green House for their success in winning.

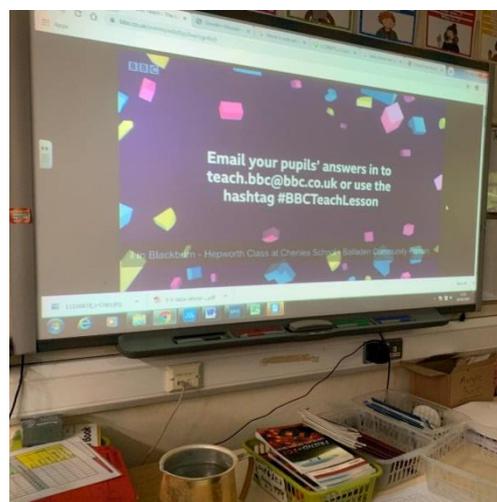
World Mental Health Day

On World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2019, Hepworth Class took part in the BBC Teach specially created live programme, in partnership with **TES**, all about **emotional wellbeing**. In the 30-minute live, interactive lesson, they explored:

- **recognising emotions;**
- **developing resilience and a growth mindset;**
- **tips for self-care.**

The lesson was hosted by Young Minds ambassador and Radio 1 Life Hacks presenter, **Katie Thistleton**, who was joined by a special guest, clinical psychologist **Dr Hazel Harrison**.

The children loved the session, where they learned mindful breathing techniques and the power of positive thinking and having a growth mindset (rather than a fixed mindset). They were learning alongside hundreds of other schools and thousands of other children – and taking part in a mindful minute along with so many others across the country. The children were also excited to see their class appear on the screen!



Safeguarding

Following my safeguarding message to you earlier in the week one of our parents suggested that the website <https://paceuk.info/training/keep-them-safe/> has useful information on it about keeping your child safe. Please do take a look.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Parents' evening appointments are now available to book through the school website. Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment. If you have forgotten your log in details please contact Mrs Burchell in the school office.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Van Gogh – 99%	Monet – 96%
Hockney – 96%	Hepworth – 97%

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh

This week the children have been working hard rehearsing their song for the Harvest assembly. We hope you all enjoyed it.

Reading and Home Learning

The children will be coming home today with a reading pack and a home learning/phonics pack. Should you require any further clarification of the tasks etc please feel free to speak to me.

Phonics: We will be revisiting the sounds **C K CK** and introducing **E U** throughout the week. We are continuing to learn how to segment and blend simple words using all sounds learnt to date:

E.g. c-a-t (cat) k-i-t (kit) g-o-d (god) p-u-t (put) s-a-d (sad) t-i-ck (tick) p-e-ck (peck) etc.

Tricky Words: i- t (it) a- t (at) i- s (is) a- n- d (and) i- n (in)

Literacy: We will be practicing writing our names and orally segmenting & blending simple words.

Maths: Introduced repeated pattern – Counting – Ordering and Recognising Numbers to 5/10/15/20
Days of the week

Topic: Our new topic is Autumn & Harvest – We will be looking at the changes in our environment and reading the text The Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert and create our own artwork based on his illustrations.

Mind Up – We will be talking about ‘mindful listening’ – Listening to sounds around us.

We will continue working on our Brain Breaks three times a day.

Key words Pre-Frontal Cortex – Amygdala – Hippocampus

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
X	X	X	X
X	X	18 th October 2019	25 th October 2019

Stay for an Autumn Walk:

My apologies there was a misunderstanding with the dates for the Autumn Walk. Please note the walk take place...

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2019 @ 9.15 – 10.45

Please note that I am on a course 14th- 15th October, should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs Powell. Mrs Muralidhar will still be in class supporting the cover teacher.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above please feel free to come and see me.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

Literacy: In literacy next week we will be focussing our reading and writing on a story about a hedgehog. The children will be doing some comprehension work and then creating their own story by thinking about different aspects of the story over the course of the week.

Maths: Both year groups will have a focus on subtraction. Year 1 will be practising counting backwards and Year 2 will be subtracting in multiples of 10. They will also be solving word problems using subtraction.

Please keep practising number bonds to 10 as the ability to recall these quickly underpins so much of mathematical learning.

Topic: In science the children will be thinking about using their sense of smell which corresponds with the Mind Up learning they will be doing on Mindful Smelling. The children will also be exploring maps and having a go at drawing their own as well as talking about the local area.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the reading workshop on Monday 14th October but realise not everyone who would like to can attend so I will arrange to run another one after half term.

Hockney

Next week in Hockney class, the children will continue learning about quick mental strategies when it comes to addition and subtraction.

In English we will start our new focus "All about me" looking at writing and later presenting autobiographical work.

In topic we will continue looking at the First World War, looking at what life was like on the home front.

In science the children will continue learning about the human body, finishing their comparative work and starting to focus on the digestive system.

Hepworth

We have a very exciting start to the week next week as we travel to Holdenby House as evacuees. This trip will give us so much rich learning that we will use to inspire writing and topic work over the next week or so. We know that the children will really benefit from taking part in this day and we can't wait to see them all dressed up!

In maths we will be working on mental strategies for addition as well as spending time going over the work we did during assessment week - looking at common misconceptions and working on these together.

In Science we will be recapping what we have already learned about the body and focussing on developing our understanding of the circulatory system further.

Our PE days are currently Wednesday and Friday, however these can change depending on other activities happening in schools and so it is imperative that PE kits remain in school at all times. Please ensure that your child has their FULL kit - which must include trainers. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and it is essential that children have the appropriate footwear in order to take part in lessons. Earrings must be removed or taped for PE lessons.

Long hair must also be tied back for school - we have been having to remind children about this in class recently.

Lastly, thank you so much to the parents who attended our information session yesterday evening. We hope that it was valuable to see the content and expectations we have for your children and we are grateful to you for giving up your time to work with us to help your child. For those of you who were unable to attend, your child will come home with handouts from the session and we will email you the information powerpoint.

Diary Dates for 2019 - 2020

Monday 14 th October	Reading Workshop for Monet parents at 9am
Thursday 17 th October	AGM Meeting in the school hall @ 7.30pm
Friday 18 th October	Secondary Transfer Test results day
Tuesday 22 nd October	Hepworth Basketball at Chalfont Community College 12.30pm-2.30pm Parents Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	PTA Halloween School Disco
Thursday 24 th October	Parents Evening 5pm-8pm
Friday 25 th October	EYFS Stay and Share - Autumn Walk 9.15am – 10.45am
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	Half Term
Wednesday 6 th November	Monet Multiskills at DCHS 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 8 th November	Flu Vaccinations for children in school
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45am
Tuesday 19 th November	Reception Winter Olympics at The Chalfonts Community College 9.30am-12pm
Thursday 28 th November	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Sunday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Fair 12pm – 3pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	EYFS Stay & Play 9am
Monday 9 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Tuesday 10 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Craft Day Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th December	Whole School visit to Watersmeet Pantomime
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 7pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 19 th December	Term Ends 1.30pm

Monday 6 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th January	Children Return to School
Friday 10 th January	Hepworth Dodgeball at DCHS 1pm-3pm
Tuesday 21 st January	Reception Dance at The Chalfonts Community College 12.30-2.30pm
Tuesday 11 th February	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 12 th February	EYFS Stay & Read 9am
Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February	Half Term
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Friday 6 th March	EYFS Spring Walk 9am
Wednesday 11 th March	Hepworth Tag Rugby at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Friday 20 th March	Mums in School Afternoon 12pm - 3.15pm
Monday 30 th March	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Tuesday 31 st March	Hockney - Tri Golf at The Misbourne
Friday 3rd April	Term Ends at 1.30pm
Monday 20th April	Children Return to School
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
Monday 18 th May-Friday 22 nd May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 25th May-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
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