

Chenies School Newsletter

21st May 2021

Headteacher's News

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone who booked a parent's evening. I know the staff have enjoyed the opportunity to talk to you about your child's progress and were very grateful for the positive feedback that you shared with them. If you were not able to make an appointment for last week please contact the school office and an alternative time can be arranged.

National Book Tokens

National Book Tokens are running a prize draw to win £5000 of National Book Tokens for a school library and if your entry is picked the individual entrant will also win £100. The competition is free to enter [here](#). Please do forward the link to friends and family as well.

Plant Sale

Next Friday after school we are planning to hold a plant sale. We have grown some additional tomato plants as well as some herbs, which we will be putting out on a table in the turning circle for parents to buy next Friday, after school. If you would like to make a donation for some plants, we will accept it gratefully and put the money towards buying a new wheelbarrow and/or apple tree.



Happy Birthday

Freya – 21st May

Adrian – 22nd May

Luca – 25th May

Vihaan – 27th May



ECO NEWS – Message from The Eco Warriors

It's back! The Great British Spring Clean

Keep Britain Tidy is encouraging thousands of litter heroes in schools and organisations across the country to clear litter from our streets, parks and beaches. The Great British Spring Clean runs from **28 May - 13 June 2021**, so half term is the perfect time to go out and do some litter picking and show some love for our outdoor spaces! Search [keepbritaintidy.org](https://www.keepbritaintidy.org) to find advice, information and events near you.

or #MillionMileMission #Litterheroes

Make it more fun by buying a litter pick stick (Wilkinsons or on-line).

The Chenies Eco Warriors will be talking to the children in their class next week about the benefits of doing a litter pick and about keeping safe.

Please send in a photo of your litter pick (or email your photo to the office), draw a picture or write about what you did. It will be displayed on the school Eco board and there will even be a few prizes!
Eco Warriors

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell

STARS OF THE WEEK

Van Gogh	Arthur L	Ottilie
Monet	Arthur W	Rocky
Hockney	Gracie	Luca
Hepworth	Elena	Akram

Message from the Schools of Chesham Carnival

As you know the Chesham Carnival is a little bit different this year. You will hopefully have already received some details about a poster drawing activity. We are delighted to announce a first for the Schools of Chesham Carnival, a 'virtual' walking challenge. As we are unable to hold our annual Carnival in its usual format, we wanted to bring you something different, in which everyone can still get involved and support us in our all new Colours of Carnival!

Running through until Saturday 12th June - which would have been this year's Carnival day - we invite you to take on a sponsored walking challenge! We would love to encourage as many of our families as possible to participate. It is also a great way to explore more of our local area, which a lot of people have already been doing during periods of lockdown.

It's free to enter, though children can raise funds via a sponsorship form. There are 6 suggested walking routes, including one around Chenies. All details can be found on the Chenies [website](#) under the parent zone.

Class News

Van Gogh

Parents Evening: Thank you to all parents for your kind words and support.

Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Karim for coming to Van Gogh to talk about EID and buying party bags for the children. Also a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Alzoubi for buying EID treats for the children and baking a carrot cake for the staff which went down very well.

Phonics: The children are working very hard on their phonics as we continue to re-visit and consolidate the Phase 3 and Phase 5 sounds and focus on applying these sounds to reading and writing. Please continue to work with your child on the sounds and tricky words.

Reading: The children will be coming home with their reading books on Monday and should be returned on Friday. It is really important that you continue to read and share books everyday with the children.

Math: We are looking at applying everything we have learnt about number, space, shape to solve problems. For example using our addition to add different amounts of money and place to work out how many 10p we need for 40p.

We will continue to look at symmetrical patterns and designing our own prayer mats.

Topic: Our beans are doing really well, and we have been measuring them every week and recording our findings on a bar chart.

The children will continue to monitor them this week and bring them home for you to plant in the garden.

We are going to continue learning about Eid and how it is an important event in the Islam calendar. We will also be talking about similarities and differences with Hinduism and Christianity celebrations.

Role Play: is currently a Doctors Surgery and the children have been enjoying playing the roles of nurses, doctors, patients, and admin. They have treated sick babies with high temperatures, broken arms and have even had to do home visits. We will keep you updated on how our patients are recovering!

SHOW & TELL DATES:

Yellow House	28 th May 2021
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Reminder: Please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day.

I know with the current situation things are different, but please if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

Next week Monet Class will be producing an information leaflet all about Beatrix Potter. We will be finding out how she made a difference by preserving lots of the countryside in the Lake District and linking this to how we can look after our environment and the wider world to look after our planet.

In Maths we will be focusing on quarter, half and whole (clockwise and anticlockwise) turns. It would be really helpful if the children could practise their left and right over the weekend to aid this. We will also be making our own graphs and interpreting data from them.

In Science, we will be concentrating on our bean experiment and trying to answer the question, 'Do seeds need light to grow?' We have had some interesting results so far. Hopefully the children are continuing to look after their bean plants at home and I look forward to hearing about their progress!

In PSHE we will be concentrating on describing and sharing feelings, learning about ways to manage big feelings and talking about how and when we can ask for help to manage our feelings. We have also been talking about kindness and how important it is that we think before we speak and act (especially at playtimes).

Home learning will be on Google classroom this week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

On Tuesday the class will be taking part in a cricket and tennis festival, please can they come to school in their PE kits. Thank you.

This week in English we will be focusing our writing based around our topic and science work, with the focus of using a wider variety of grammatical features.

In Math we are going to start looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

We will continue looking at living things and habitats in Science, carrying out a local wildlife survey in the school.

In topic we will continue looking at the Romans. They will continue at looking at the lives of Roman soldiers and Boudicca's rebellion

Homework has been set for Maths and English, which can be accessed using their Google Classroom login. Where possible, please encourage them to type up their English homework, as it will allow them to practice what they have been learning about word processing and formatting in their Computing lessons. Additionally, building up typing skills is always useful.

As part of the topic of looking at the Ancient Romans, the children have recapped their knowledge on forces and have started a small project on making mini-catapults. I hope to dive further into this with the children, with the aim of working as a class on building a bigger "person" sized catapult that could launch water balloons. If anyone can help by providing some materials, I would be very appreciative. Things such as scrap gutter piping for the framework, and something like the inner rubber tube of a bicycle wheel. Many thanks in advance.

Hepworth

This half term has gone by so quickly and we have been so pleased with so many of the children over the past few weeks for their hard work and efforts.

Next half term is going to be incredibly busy and very exciting so we are looking forward to that after the break.

In English next week the children will be working on finishing and editing their stories. Then in our grammar lesson we will be establishing key differences between formal and informal texts. Our spelling words are words beginning with sus- and al-.

For maths, we will begin the week with a focus on statistics before finishing the week with consolidation of our work on co-ordinates, translation and reflection.

In Science we will be completing our unit by looking at the overall changes in humans as they go through their life cycle and presenting this information in a written format. Our PSHE includes looking further at money as part of our living in the wider world unit. In PE we will hopefully be doing our orienteering session to complete our outdoor adventurous activity unit of work and our RE lesson sees us looking at the Navratri Festival and finding out more about how and why this is celebrated. Our topic work will continue a geographical focus with looking at compass points and map symbols and keys. In art the children will complete their printing work using inks. If they can bring an art shirt in for this it would be useful.

We also obviously be singing our Matilda songs at every opportunity!

On Thursday afternoon, the children will have an opportunity to audition for a role in our end of year production. They all have an audition script to use and have an opportunity to sing as part of this process if they choose.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for the term ahead!

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

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

Autumn Term 2021

Inset Day	Wednesday 1 st September
Inset Day	Thursday 2 nd September
Term Starts	Friday 3 rd September
Half Term	25 th – 29 th October
Inset Day	Monday 1 st November
Term Ends	Friday 17 th December @1.30pm

Spring Term 2022

Inset Day	Tuesday 4 th January
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 th January
Half Term	21 st – 25 th February
Term Ends	Friday 8 th April @ 1.30pm

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts	Monday 25 th April
Half Terms	30 th May – 3 rd June
Inset Day	Monday 6 th June
Term Ends	Thursday 21 st July @ 1.30pm