



# CHEPSTOW HOUSE NEWS

## Dates to remember!

**Thurs 2 Feb**

**Swans Assembly**

Parents welcome from  
8.30am for coffee &  
croissants

**Fri 3 Feb**

Reception classes visit to  
National Gallery

**Thurs 9 Feb**

**Puffins Assembly**

Parents welcome from  
8.30am for coffee &  
croissants

**Reception Classes**

Dress up for **PRINCE &  
PRINCESS DAY**

**10 - 17 Feb**

**HALF TERM**

**Wed 22 Feb**

Year 1 visit to  
Gunnersbury Park

**Thurs 23 Feb**

Year 2 visit to Florence  
Nightingale Museum

**Tues 28 Feb**

**Olympic Theme  
Assembly with  
Mr Bourbonnais**

**Thurs 1 Mar**

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

Children to dress up in  
their favourite book  
characters

**Wed 7 Mar**

Year 1 Meeting with  
Mr Baker & Mr  
Keighley-Elstob

**Thurs 8 Mar**

Reception classes visit to  
the London Aquarium

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## From the Head

Dear Parents

Thank you for the support of those parents who attended our first Annual General meeting of the Friends of Chepstow House. I look forward to a successful union and thank Mrs Magne for volunteering as the first Chairperson, Mrs Higgins as Secretary and Mrs McDonald as Treasurer. They are all busily working together with the Class Reps to help support the school and parents through organising future social and charity events.

Over the last few weeks, our boys and girls in Year 2 have been sitting assessments and visiting the schools that they hope to move on to at the end of the year. In addition to this, all the girls enjoyed a morning at Pembridge Hall and the boys were put through their paces at Wetherby Prep. The feedback so far from all the schools visited has been very positive. Well done to all the children for performing to the best of their ability and a big thank you to all the Staff who have worked tirelessly to prepare them.

A Barr

Headmistress

## A Wee Taster Fae Burns!

Year 2 have been busy learning about life on a Scottish island



therefore it only seemed fitting that they should have their own Burn's day celebrations. Mrs McBarr was greeted in the morning by lads and lasses adorned in a range of colourful tartan. They came into school to find out their classes had changed to the McSparrows and the McRobins. Throughout the day the children got to make yummy Scottish shortbread, design their own tartan, learn some Scottish poetry and take part in a Wellington boot tossing challenge. As well as haggis tasting the children got to sample other Scottish delicacies such as Tunnocks Tea Cakes and Irn Bru. A good day was had by all. Miss McAcheson and Miss McRitchie



## Olympic Assembly

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January Chepstow House were treated to a special Olympic assembly by Abdul Buhari. Abdul was very interesting, explaining the rules of competition for discus throwing and allowing us to critique his performances after watching his throws on video. We also saw videos of his training regime – balancing on 4 medicine balls looked most challenging, as did lifting over 200kg of weights – that's a lot of teachers he could lift in one go! The children asked interesting questions and learnt a lot, from what kind of breakfast a champion needs to eat to the size of clothes he wears. The Olympic values of determination and excellence were clearly evident. The lucky Year 2's also received coaching tips for their 'Wellington boot throwing' competition. A big thank you to Abdul for his time.



## Dates to remember!

**Fri 9 Mar**

**Pelicans Assembly**

*Parents welcome from  
8.30am for coffee &  
croissants*

**Wed 14 Mar**

**Thurs 15 Mar**

Parents' Evenings

**Thurs 15 Mar**

**Sparrows Assembly**

*Parents welcome from  
8.30am for coffee &  
croissants*

**Wed 21 Mar**

Gym Club Competition  
3.45pm—5.00pm

**Thurs 22 Mar**

**Robins Assembly**

*Parents welcome from  
8.30am for coffee &  
croissants*

**Fri 23 Mar**

Last day for clubs &  
Year 2 swimming

**Tues 27 Mar**

Year 1 Spring Term  
Production

**Thurs 29 Mar**

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

## Spaceman Bob 'Skyped' into the Year 1 classroom

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, the Pelicans and Puffins had a very special Skype call from Mrs Walker and Miss Prentice's friend called Bob. The previous week the children had written a letter to Bob, asking him a few questions about who he was and what he likes to do. They were thrilled when he replied to them with a letter and his own book called "Man on the Moon" (By Simon Bartram), which answered most of their questions.

Bob's very important job is to clean the Moon every day. He flies up in his rocket every morning, entertains the space tourists with his amazing gymnastics and then cleans the Moon of their litter before flying back to his home in London.

Luckily for Year One, Bob managed to find time in his busy schedule to speak to them all via Skype and Miss Warner was the technical expert who connected Chepstow House to Bob in Space. The children asked him lots more interesting questions which his book had not answered and we found out that he supports Chelsea Football Team, he likes drinking hot chocolate and that he has never seen any aliens....although we are not sure that we believe him about the last answer!

Year One hope to be in touch with Bob very soon and Miss Prentice and Mrs Walker might just pop off to the moon in Half Term to see if they can find any aliens.....watch this space for any sightings! Mrs Walker



## Reception News . . . . .

Having looked at Ancient Egypt, the Swan class used their imagination and improvisation (toilet paper!) to mummify Oscar and Douglas. Both boys survived their bandaging!



As the Swallow class has been learning about what a question is and exploring the 'ng' sound. They decided to write to King Kong to ask him all sorts of questions.

They were then very surprised to have a strong knock on the door from King Kong himself! Fortunately, he was very friendly and only enjoys eating bananas!

