CHEPSTOW HOUSE SCHOOL

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Chepstow News

Keeping you up to date with school life

Message from Mrs Barr

Dear Parents

This week I have had the pleasure of judging the year 3-6 science presentations. Mr Buckley has done a fantastic job of organising this wonderful event to celebrate Science Week. The discussion and knowledge that the children brought to the table was quite illuminating. Well done to everyone, it was a huge success.

Thank you to all the parents who have donated and helped organise the Dad's Convoy. It was quite an operation with many hands on deck to sort and load in preparation for the long journey ahead, at one point the playground was awash with boxes. We wish them luck as they travel on their way.

Finally, well done to the PE department on the Swimming Gala. As always it was an enjoyable but competitive event with all the children showing off their fabulous swimming skills. How apt that Portobello in their House colours of green won on St Patrick's Day.
Sadly, however, we will be saying a goodbye to Miss Brookes who is leaving to take up a job outside of teaching. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best on her next venture. Mr Mathers, who is our year 5/6 TA and a qualified PE teacher, will take over for the summer term

before Miss Norman returns after finishing her teacher training course. We will also have Mr Richardson back in the older classes to replace Mr Mathers.

With just one week of term left, we now look forward to the year 1 Easter recitals and our Friendship Fun Day.

Please remember that you can keep up to date with all the school events and activities via our website, SharePoint and social media sites: school, art, sport.

Best wishes

Angela Barr
Head

SPORTS DIARY DATES

Sport- 21st March – 25th March		
Monday	**Y6 Hockey Tournament** Venue: Linford Christie Leave School: 12:45pm Start Time: 1:30pm Pick Up from Venue: 3:30pm Arrive back at school: 4:00pm (This is for selected children only. The selected children's parents have received an email about this tournament). Linford Christie Stadium - Google Maps	
Tuesday	**Y4 Rugby vs Latymer** Venue: University of Westminster Sports Ground Leave School: 1:20pm Start Time: 2:00pm Pick Up from Venue: 3:10pm Arrive back at school: 3:45pm (Y4 Hockey players will stay in school for normal lessons)	
Wednesday	**No fixtures**	
Thursday	Morning Swimming: Y2 Afternoon Swimming: Y4 (Y6 will not swim as they have a fixture)	
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Friday	FFD	

STARS OF THE WEEK

	Class	Name	Reason
	Robin	Alexander Abillama	For your amazing knowledge of number bonds to 10, you have been an expert in the Robin class this week
	Sparrow	Dillon Cahoon	For your excellent work on number bonds to 10
	Wren	Tristan Habbig	For your super knowledge and work on number bonds to 10.
	Pelican	Platon Koziakov	For a fantastic first week in the Pelican Class.
	Puffin	Ava Tonchia	Well done Ava for writing a really creative retelling of the Three Little Pigs.
	Penguin	Grace Lunoe	For using so many wonderful adjectives in her own version of ‘The 3 Little Pigs’.

	Class	Name	Reason
	Swallow	George Eyerman	For succesfully calculating change and working so independently in Maths.
	Kingfisher	Yamila Loprete	For your super work finding fractions of numbers during our maths lessons – keep it up!
	Swift	Aria Newman	For consistently using a range of sentence openers to create engaging and exciting pieces of writing.
	Woodpecker	Yasmine Mikati	For all your creative imagination in our Alice in Wonderland writing.
	Woodlark	Giacomo Patrassi	For being a model pupil and b ringing your enthusiasm, honesty and caring nature to school every day.
	Skylark	Callan McDougall	For his descriptive narrative written from the perspective of a main character in our class book, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.

	Class	Name	Reason
	Tawny Owl	Raffael Laxton	for writing an extended story for his twisted fairytale.
	Snowy Owl	Isabella Stagno D'alcontres	For working incredibly hard to edit her writing. You showed great resilience and wrote a wonderful twisted fairy tale.
	Grey Hawk	Nicole Sartore	For determination, resilience and hard work in Maths.
	Harrier Hawk	Khush Mistry	For being an excellent role model in all aspects of school life.
	Golden Eagle	Mila Levin	For her daily hard work and determination in class
	Imperial Eagle	Clemetine Harris	For her excellent sport report showing budding journalistic skills.

SPECIALIST AWARDS

Class	Name	Reason
Sport	Louise (Swallows)	For scoring a goal on her debut hockey match playing up with the Y3s.
Art	Anastasia (Imperial Eagles)	For your excellent focus, fantastic painting skills and beautiful mask design – well done!
French	Dominic (Harrier Hawk)	For your remarkable efforts to speak French during lessons using classroom vocabulary.
Music	Stella (Harrier Hawk)	For good listening and participating in music and for using a good technique when playing the ukulele.
Science	Sofia (Grey Hawks)	For making a great impact in just a short time in the Science lab.

BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

Respectful Badge	Name of Child
Reception	
Robin	Rhea
Sparrow	Lucien
Wren	George
Year 1	
Pelican	Platon
Penguin	Anna
Puffin	Vesper
Year 2	

Kingfisher	Charley
Swallow	Krish
Swift	Lucas
Woodpecker	Camilla
Year 3	
Skylark	Nour
Woodlark	Arianna
Year 4	
Snowy Owl	
Tawny Owl	Tommy
Year 5	
Grey Hawk	Sienna
Harrier Hawk	Ella
Year 6	
Golden Eagle	Max
Imperial Eagle	Gabi

NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Year 4 Roman Mosaics

Here are some of Year 4's finished mosaic artworks! They have spent the term designing and carefully securing the tiles onto their mosaic boards before sealing them using grout. Once the grout has been polished off the surface of the mosaic the design was revealed, and they look superb.

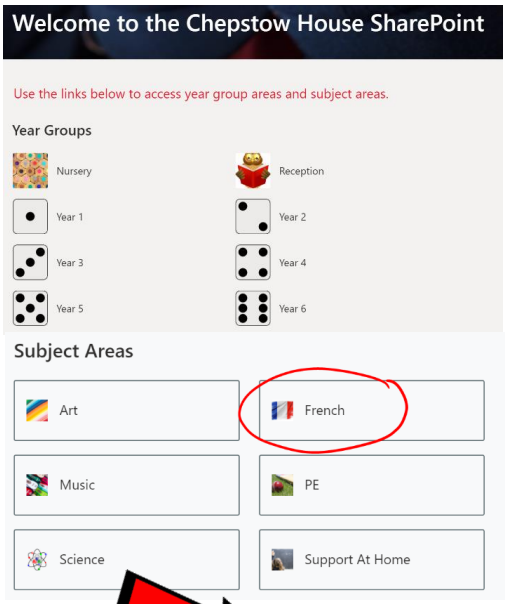
Check out the Year 4 SharePoint page to see all the finished photos of their mosaic artworks.

KS2 ART CLUB

KS2 Art Club has also been having lots of fun creating paintings in the style of abstract expressionist artist Jackson Pollock. We then took it in turns at becoming abstract expressionists and got flicking and not only was it amazingly fun (and messy) but the results are pretty spectacular.

Keep a look out for the artwork which is hanging somewhere in the school!

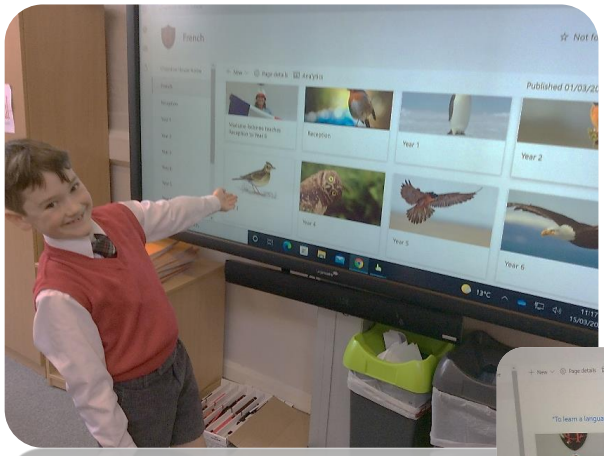
NEWS FROM FRENCH DEPARTMENT

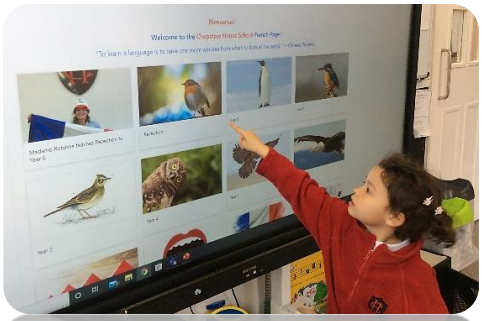


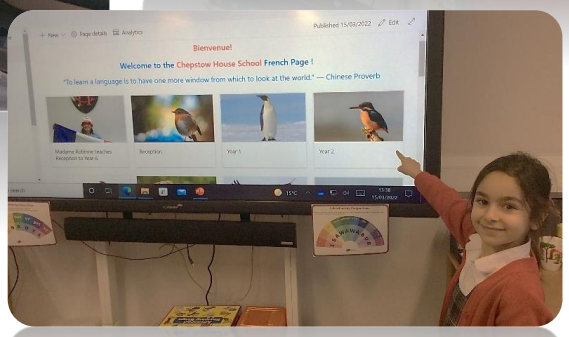
Did you know that on the French Sharepoint page you can find …

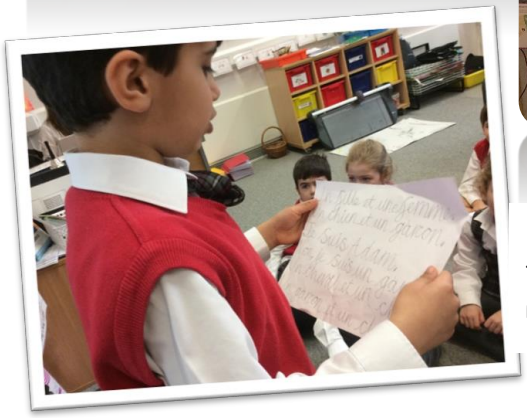
- Photos of work done in class and home contributions
- Supporting material for lessons
- Links and passwords for home learning (Language Angels/Linguascope)
- Resources for French speakers
- Whole school learning journey: what topics are studied per half term per year group

French - Home (sharepoint.com)









Bravo Adam (Yr 1 Puffin) for using Duolingo to learn more French words and being able to read them so fluently to us in class.

NEWS FROM MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Major (doh) and minor (la)

Year 6 have been learning about major and minor chords in music. They have been learning how to play 'Earth Song' by Michael Jackson using alternating chords and playing in time with a partner performing the melody. Have a listen to some of their performances on Sharepoint:

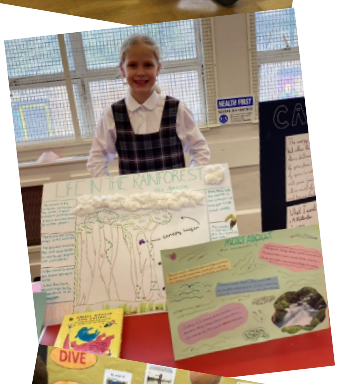
https://livealphaplusgroupco.sharepoint.com/sites/CHS/Music/SitePages/Year-6-Music---Spring-Term-2022.aspx

This week they are learning how to play 'Joshua fought the battle of Jericho' which also uses alternating major and minor chords with a melody.

On **Wednesday 23rd March** we also have another performance assembly to celebrate the CHS drummers, rock band, choirs and guitar ensemble.

Thank you to Melissa for performing on the piano in Tuesday's assembly.

NEWS FROM SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



British Science Week 2022
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Chepstow House School

Chepstow have well and truly been getting into the spirit of British Science Week! Every teacher across the school has been so impressed with the hard work that has gone into each child's project and their brilliantly enthusiastic presentations at the Science Fair. They should all be very proud of themselves.
Mr Buckley is certainly going to have a hard time deciding on the winners in time for next week's assembly, but a big thank you to our parent judges for giving up their time to help!

Alongside the Science Fair, children have also enjoyed their one-off lessons on Growth, the theme of this year's Science Week. The special lunchtime clubs have also gone down a treat (literally in the case of Yummy Club's glow in the dark jelly!)

NEWS FROM SPORT DEPARTMENT

What another great week of sport at Chepstow!

It was fantastic to see parents at the Year 3 & 4 Bring your Parents to Sport! Even though the weather was not on our side, the day was a great success with both pupils and parents getting stuck into all the events. We had lots of comments from sore parents over the weekend. Year 5 & 6 parents, it will your turn on 29th April – get it in your diary!

All the classes are putting the final touches on their dance routines, ready for their final recordings next week. Recordings should go LIVE (fingers crossed) before Easter. All the pupils have been working really hard on these routines, and are excited to show parents their final performances.

Well done to the Year 3 rugby and hockey pupils who took part in a fixture against our local rivalry NHP. The pupils bought home lots of wins, and represented the school fantastically. Well done Year 3!

In key stage one, pupils have continued their progress in hockey and tag rugby. In tag rugby, pupils have been focusing on tagging skills and started to develop their passing in small games. In hockey, pupils have also started to develop their passing skills within small games. By introducing these skills now, pupils will have a good foundation to build into all game play.

In key stage two, pupils have progressed through game play in their Friday lessons. By putting conditions on these games, pupils have been able to focus on key skills such as releasing, distributing, linking passes etc. It has been great to see these skills implemented within the fixtures.

Congratulations to those who performed in the interhouse gala. All the children had a fantastic time, put in a fantastic effort and showed great competitive spirit th roughout the afternoon. Thank you also to all the parents/nannies who came to cheer them all on. Well done to the winning house…..Portobello!

LITTLE CHEPSTOW NEWS

This week in nursery has been all about Brown Bear and Peter Rabbit.

The Dormice have been enjoying the book ‘Brown Bear, Brown Bear’, and have almost learnt it by heart. They have embraced all the characters and they have a collage that linked to the story, delicious honey sandwiches and carried out a special story sequencing activity. It has also been fun to see the children acting out the story with masks.

In addition there has been a hive of activity with pretty flowers being made for our new display board.

The Field Mice have been emersed in the world of Beatrix Potter and her friends. It has been so much fun reading and listening to these timeless classics. To link in with this theme, the children have tasted a variety of lettuces and also made the most delicious carrot cake.

Peter Rabbit was captured in paint as he had his portrait painted by each child and them embellished with a smart blue jacket.

One highlight of the week was the arrival of our very own Tonie box and a collection of Beatrix Potter stories to enjoy. What a wonderful addition to our nursery environment.

RECEPTION NEW

Reception have had another fun week exploring more traditional tales. To top it off, we had a magical Fairy-Tale Tea Party on Friday with all the parents. Everyone had a wonderful time sipping tea and playing together. We were very impressed with the children's costumes, and the adults who enjoyed dressing up too! Excellent effort, you all looked fabulous!

In maths we continued working on our number bonds to 10 and made some wonderful posters and kites to help us remember them.

YEAR 1 NEWS

We have had a really lovely week in year 1. All of the children have really enjoyed spending time in the sunshine at break time.

In literacy, the children had a fun time writing spring poems. We used our senses and thought about what we might be able to hear, see, smell, taste and touch at spring time.

In maths, we enjoyed playing fun games linked with position and direction. We are now experts when it comes to using positional language.

We all loved going to visit the science fayre too! We were so impressed with everyone's projects.

Practice is in full swing as we prepare for our Easter show next week. We are really enjoying learning the songs and practising our lines! We can't wait for you to all come and watch.

YEAR 2 NEWS

What a hard working week we've had in Year 2! We've almost finished our work on Alice in Wonderland and have been re-writing the whole story, incorporating our own creative ideas for more description. We've definitely got some budding authors to follow in Lewis Carroll's footsteps! This week's Maths focus has been money and we've really enjoyed running shops and cafes within our lessons. One of the highlights of this week has been visiting the KS2 Science Fairs. We've been so impressed with all the work we've seen and we can't wait to move to the lab for our lessons with Mr Buckley in September. We've got lots of exciting things happening in the last week of term and are already planning our crazy hairstyles for Friendship Fun Day. Well done for a fantastic week Year 2!

YEAR 3 NEWS

What a week for year 3! We kicked off the week with the science fair on Monday afternoon. Each and every child who presented an experiment, poster, presentation or demonstration did fantastically well. Mr Buckley, the year 3 teachers, Mrs Barr and Miss Ritchie were all so impressed. Even though winners will be announced next week, all of the children are winners in our eyes.

Lots of sport has taken place this week with hockey and rugby fixtures going ahead against NHP on Tuesday. Well done to all children for fantastic sportsmanship and again to the hockey team for their numerous wins. Thursday was the KS2 swimming gala, which was full of team spirit!

In English this week, the children created songs in the style of Bull, a main character from our current class book. Bull is a traveller who sings songs around a campfire, singing about his experiences, feelings and family. The children's videos can be found on SharePoint. Also linked to our class book was discussion about how Edward's feelings have changed throughout his journey, lending itself to many opportunities for the children to use their inference skills.

YEAR 4 NEWS

We've had a great week in year 4! Some of the highlights were our swimming gala, science week clubs and fair and publishing our own fairytales.

We loved practising our OS map reading skills and cardinal points understanding to plan routes to take us from one village to another. We felt that it was great preparation ahead of our residential in the summer term.

We also found out about Ancient Greek people who have had a great influence on the world such as Aristotle and Socrates.

In maths, we learnt about perimeters and areas of shapes. We found out how to calculate missing sides and areas of compound shapes. We're ready to become architects and design your garden areas!

In English, we edited our twisted fairytales, published them and read them to the Wrens class who had also written their own fairytales. We had so much fun!

YEAR 5 NEWS

FIRE! The Great Fire of London - Year 5 Trip to Cadogan Hall

On Monday 14th March, year 5 visited Cadogan Hall for a performance of FIRE! The concert told the story of the Great Fire of London (1666), through the words of Samuel Pepys (clerk to the Navy Board and diarist) and Jane Birch, his young housemaid. Through the performance the children learnt that the fire burnt for four days due to the construction of the houses and their proximity to each other. It was an excellent performance where we joined in with all the songs and learnt about the different instruments in the orchestra.