

Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents

What a perfect way to end this half term with a week focused on well-being. Thank you to the FCH who organised some wonderful activities to bring about a zen feel to the school.

Chepstow House saw the opening of a new spa in the Reception classroom that was the epitome of relaxation. I treated myself to a midday manicure between meetings.

All year groups learned the art of yoga, thanks to a Chepstow House parent who generously donated her time. Art therapy sessions were organised which produced some wonderful pieces of art. Year 3 took a trip to Kew Gardens to align themselves with nature. The long walk was no doubt beneficial for their well-being; however, quite tiring for their feet, I am sure!

To end the very busy but relaxing week, we had a very successful and enjoyable friendship fun day. The children created some wonderful pieces using all the recyclable materials brought into school. Their imagination, creativity and teamwork was showcased in the whole school fashion show which I had the pleasure of judging. All of the houses produced impressive outfits but Ladbroke managed to come out top with not just their attention to detail but their tidying skills. Congratulations Ladbroke.

Please do remember to keep up to date on all school events and activities on our website, SharePoint and social media sites: school, art, sport.

Best wishes for a restful half term.

Angela Barr
Head Teacher
Chepstow House School.

Sport Fixtures

February 20 th - February 24 th	Fixture Information	
Monday	No Fixtures	
Tuesday	<p>Y3 Hockey vs Finton House (All Children) Venue: All Star Tennis, Tooting Common Leave School: 1:15pm Return to School: 4:30pm</p>	<p>Y3 Rugby vs Finton House (All Children) Venue: Trinity Fields Leave School: 1:15pm Return to School: 4:30pm</p>
	This week Y4 children will have their sport lesson on Friday (for one week only)	
Wednesday	<p>KS2 Swimming Gala vs NHP (Swim Squad Only) Venue: Kensington Leisure Centre Leave School: 2:30pm Start time: 3pm Return to School: 4:30pm</p>	
Thursday	<p>Y6 Hockey vs Latymer (All Children) Venue: University of Westminster Sports Ground Leave School: 1:20pm Return to School: 4pm</p>	<p>Y5 and 6 Rugby vs Latymer (All Children) Venue: University of Westminster Sports Ground Leave School: 1:20pm Return to School: 4pm</p>
	Y5 Hockey players will have their normal games lesson at Linford Christie	
Friday	<p>Y4 children will have their sport lesson on Friday (for one week only)</p> <p>No Sport for Y3 on Friday (as they had a fixture on Tuesday)</p>	

Behaviour Badge









Reception	
Robin	Chiara
Sparrow	George
Wren	Lila
Year 1	
Pelican	Santiago
Penguin	Otis
Puffin	Max
Year 2	
Kingfisher	Ginny
Swallow	Katya
Woodpecker	Mark



Year 3	
Shorelark	Meera
Skylark	Niobe
Woodlark	Olivia
Year 4	
Snowy Owl	Freyja
Tawny Owl	Barto
Year 5	
Grey Hawk	Leo
Harrier Hawk	Otis
Year 6	
Golden Eagle	Julian





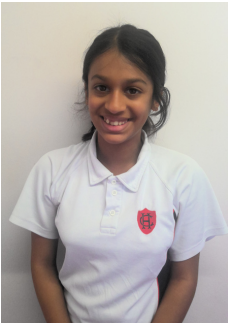


Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Robin 	Dante Dieana Elrayyes	For your wonderful contributions to or wellbeing discussion and haing a lovely attitude to learning.
Sparrow 	Fred Khairat	For your wonderful volcano picture – you really took your time and thought about what you were doing, keep up the great work!
Wren 	Romy Brownlee	For showing such determination with your handwriting. You should be very proud of yourself.
Pelican 	Leo Vitkauskas	For coming up with some excellent rhyming couplets about animals.
Puffin 	Sebi Snadden	Well done Sebi for working really hard on your handwriting this week.
Penguin 	Olympia Saland	For working so hard on division in maths. You even started to consider what a 'remainder' is!

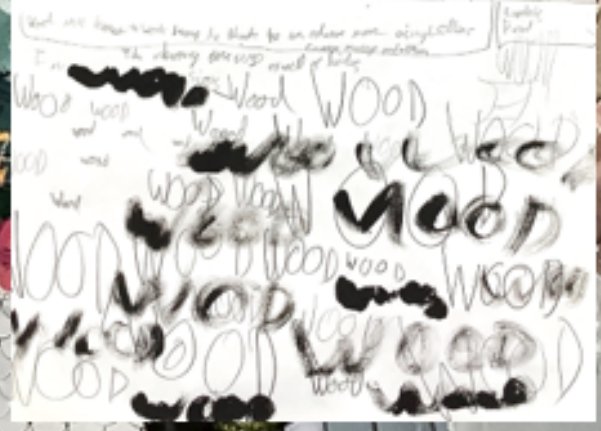
Class	Name	Reason
Swallow 	Sasha Korobkov	For incorporating so many Word Aware words into your weekend news. Well done!
Kingfisher 	Adam Ghanma	For always showing great determination and resilience in everything you do – keep it up Adam!
Woodpecker 	Cosima Sednaoui	For researching facts to attract tourists to the Isle of Coll and producing an informative and persuasive leaflet.
Woodlark 	Carlo Stagno d'Alcontres	For his dedication to improving his handwriting! What a difference, Carlo, keep it up!
Shorelark 	Miller Crowe	for some really beautiful artwork on his book review. It was a complicated dragon to draw!
Skylark 	Rafi Jackson	For accurate use of many Word-Aware words in her persuasive letter to Rishi Sunak.

Class	Name	Reason
<p>Tawny Owl</p> 	<p>Sara Heydar</p>	<p>For the consistent hardworking and positive attitude she has shown throughout year 4.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl</p> 	<p>Miles Moloney</p>	<p>For the amazing ode he wrote about Caesar salad during his work in English this week.</p>
<p>Grey Hawk</p> 	<p>Martin Mangazeev</p>	<p>For your amazing 'message in a bottle' from Michael to his parents in English.</p>
<p>Harrier Hawk</p> 	<p>Katerina Phottiou</p>	<p>For her excellent work on fractions this week. She has been able to multiply and divide fractions, convert, find equivalents and compare!</p>
<p>Golden Eagle</p> 	<p>Ayesha Parekh</p>	<p>For her excellent effort across all subjects this week and drive to contribute to all class discussions.</p>

SPECIALIST AWARDS

French	Stella Griffini	For her improved focus in class, working hard to tell the time in French.
Music	Veronika Vaksman	For having super posture and perfecting her chord changes when playing the ukulele.
Sport	Leo Traub-Fillia	For getting man of the match during a Year 6 rugby fixture
Drama	The Penguin Class	For amazing work on your Gingerbread Man script, you all remembered your words perfectly and created some great characters!
Art	Natalie Sanchez Dantas	For always demonstrating focus and working with such control and care in your art lessons.

Art Department



Year 6 have been conducting independent research in their topic for this term which is the The Natural World! They have been given free rein to research, develop and explore their own ideas and materials processes that link with their theme. Their work is so impressive and I am very proud of their original ideas, work ethic and passion which they have consistently displayed - keep it up!

- Miss Luke

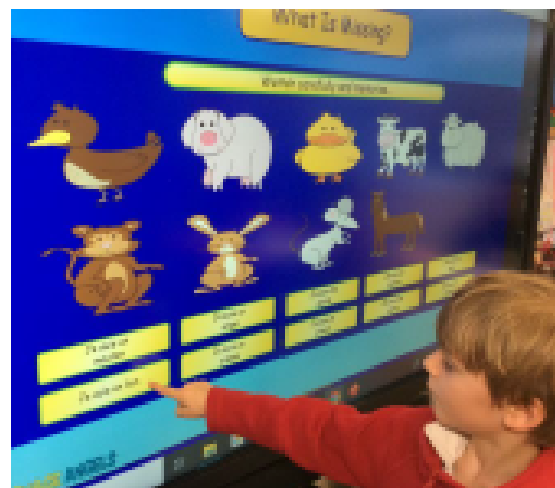
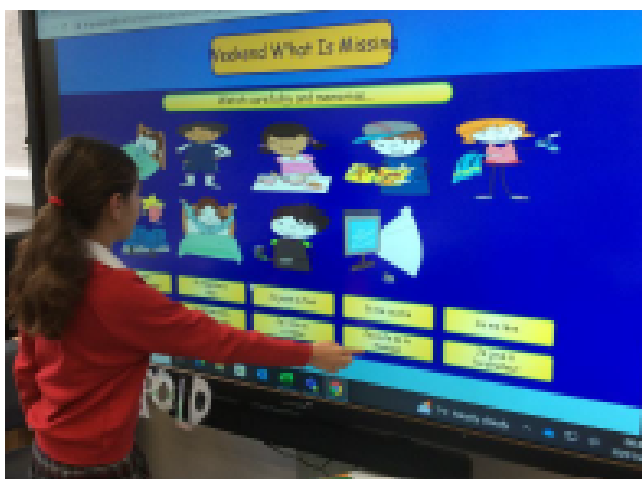
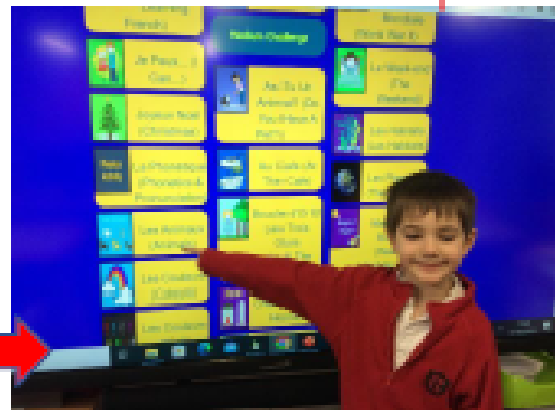
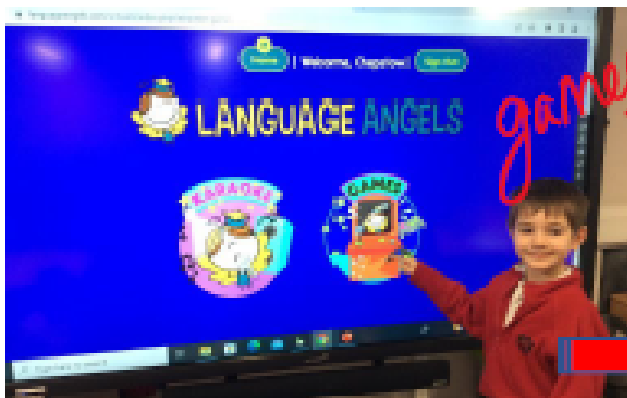


French Department

At Chepstow our scheme of work is **Language Angels**. You can access it on the **desktop** version and now via their **app**. Reception have been looking at colours and numbers. Year 1 sang their heart out a song about jungle animals. Year 2 can name many other animals. Year 3 studied "Little Red Riding Hood" and Year 4 "Goldilocks and the 3 bears". Year 5 have learned about pets and Year 6 about what they do at the weekend using various verbs.



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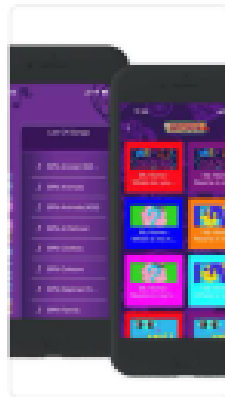
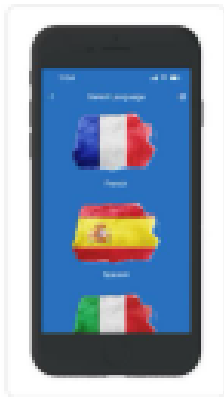
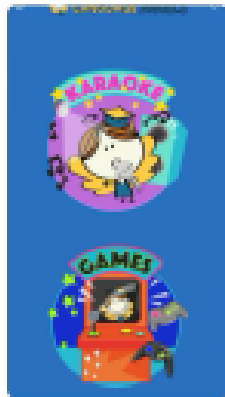


French Department



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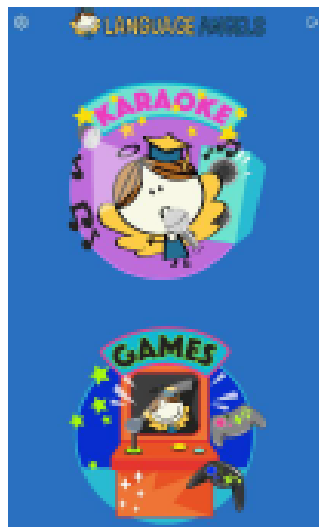
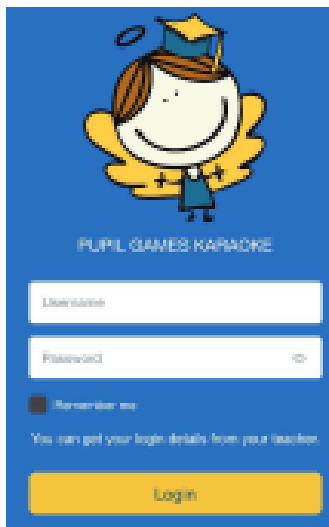
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You can now access the Language Angels songs and games directly from an app.

Just check the Apple App store. Android version will be released soon in the Google play store.

The app is completely safe for pupils to use and there is no way for children to be able to contact or interact with anyone else on the app.



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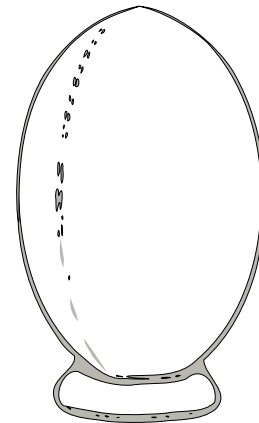
Sports Department

What a fantastic week it's been across the board in Chepstow House sport. We've had hockey matches, rugby matches, a swim gala and plenty of superb gymnastics skills to 'round off' this half of term.

In KS1 hockey they've been doing a mixture of mini 1v1 and 2v2 matches as well as dribbling competitions to work on their ball control and how to correctly hold their stick. The Y2s have also started to play bigger sided games, split into zones to help them space out and learn positions.

In KS1 tag rugby they've continued to play lots of fun tagging games, learning how to tag in different ways with different rules, both individually and as part of a team. The Y2s have also been introduced to the ball by practicing throwing, holding and catching a rugby ball.

In KS1 and KS2 gymnastics this has been their final week to showcase all their different skills they've been practicing this half of term. We're talking cartwheels, we're talking vault jumps, round offs, beam cat leaps, battement walks, forward rolls, backward rolls, a variety of different animal travelling movements (bear crawls, crab walks, caterpillar walks) and some rather challenging paired balances.



Sports Department

The Y4s had a tough fixture this week in both rugby and hockey against a strong Northbridge House opposition. In rugby some great attacking runs were made and once they were more into the game and had gained more confidence their tackling improved significantly.

Our Y6s smashed it this week in their rugby and hockey fixtures, coming away with solid wins for all 3 teams. Leo Y5, playing up a year in Y6 rugby, put in a lethal display of aggression, passion and tackling prowess to win player of the match and subsequent sports star of the week as a result. Both hockey teams saw off Northbridge House with ease in a confident display of skill, patience and tactical domination.

Our swim squadders competed in a swim gala this week against Norland Place – a school we've not swum against before. Things were initially looking bleak as several swimmers had fallen ill and our numbers were dwindling. However, with half a team and several swimmers swimming up a year against older children, Chepstow swam their hearts out and came away with a convincing win against all odds. What a way to finish this half of term.

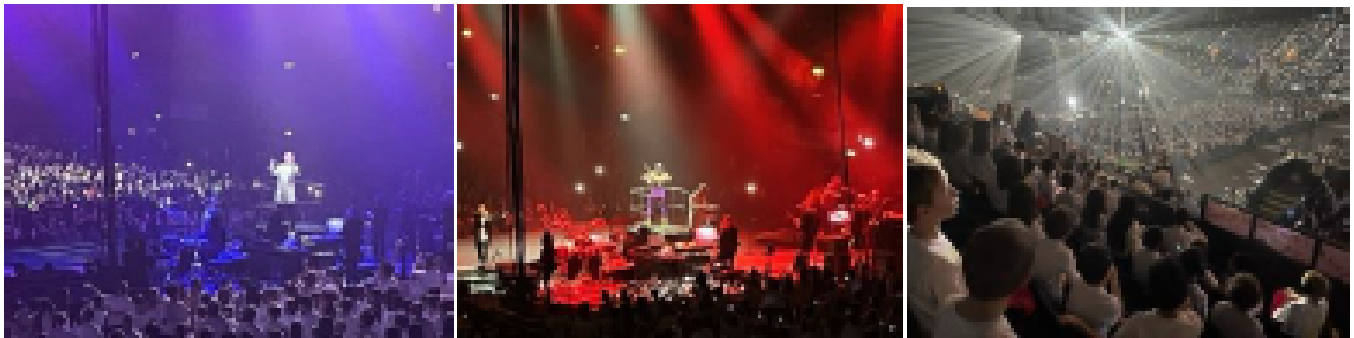
We hope everyone has a lovely Half Term break and we look forward to returning afterwards with the return of the one and only...dodgeball.



Music Department



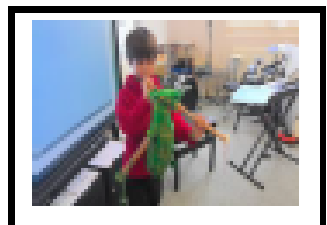
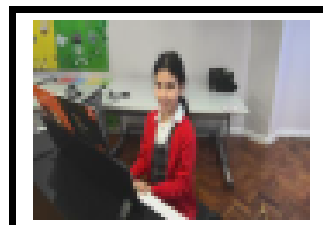
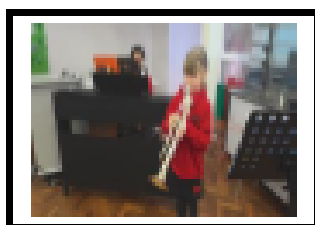
Wembley Arena concert!



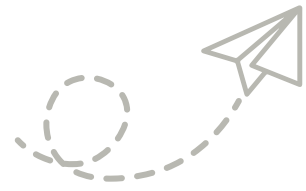
This week, after months of practice at home and at school, Year 4 headed off to Wembley to perform in the world's largest school choir at the Young Voices 2023 concert! They sang their hearts out, performing alongside incredible artists such as violinist Anna Phoebe, the Beatbox Collective, Heather Small and Urban Strides. Chepstow – you totally rocked it! What an amazing concert.



Our assembly performers this week were Sara (Year 4) on piano and Louise (Year 3) playing the trumpet – thank you both for your wonderful performances. In year 2 we have been concluding our topic of The Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens, learning about musical jokes, and discovering how changes in pitch, tempo and timbre can affect the character of our composing. We looked at some bagpipes for Scottish day.



Little Chepstow



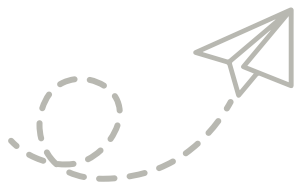
We really can't believe that it is the final week before half term! This term is flying by and as one of the children said the other day, "It is nearly Christmas, I might get my tree at the week-end."

This week the Field Mice have finished their topic on 'Paws and Claws' by learning all about rabbits, dogs and chickens. They made a lovely little dog out of lolly sticks and had a wonderful visit from Tiger the sausage dog.

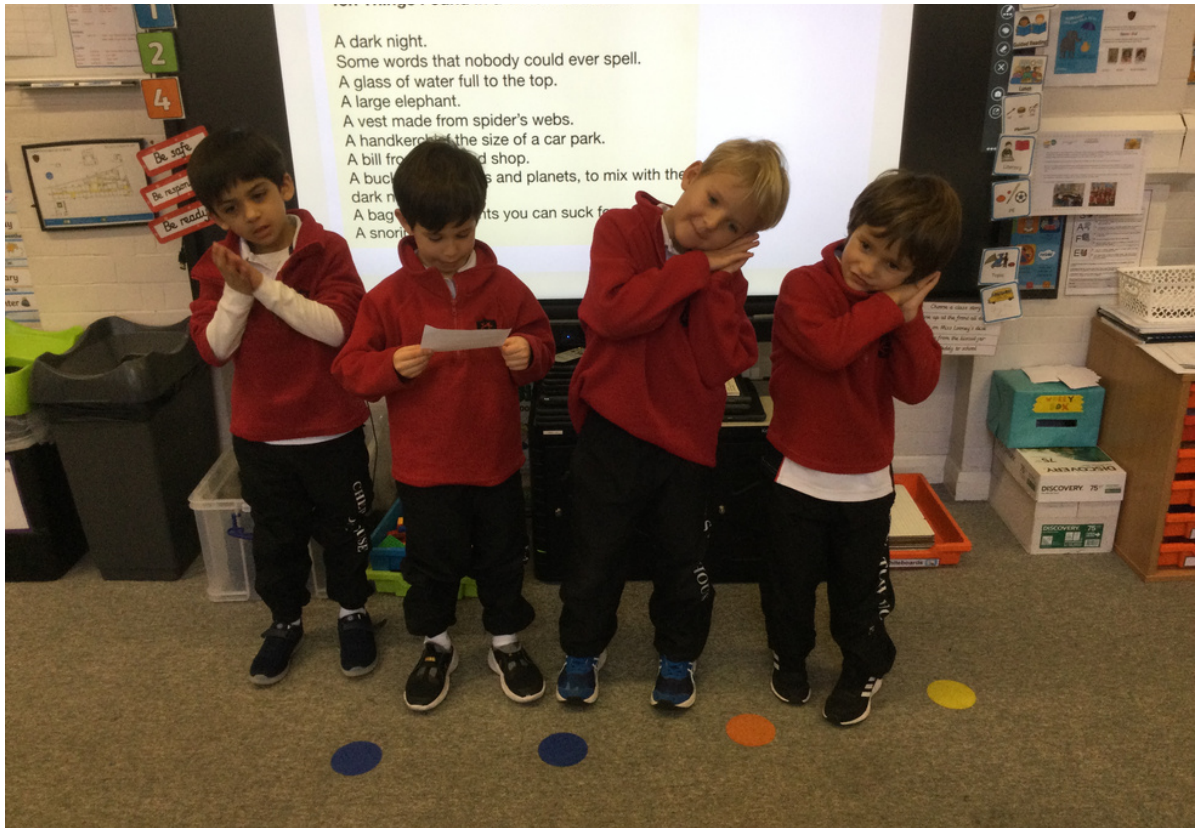
The Dormice have enjoyed their final week of Transport by completing road sign puzzles and perfecting their rendition of the song 'We All Go Travelling By.' Both groups have been getting ready for Valentine's Day by making special cards and baking heart shaped biscuits and yummy crispy cakes.

The highlight of the week was our charity Fun Day where all the children (and teachers) were able to come to school in their pyjamas and slippers. Breakfast was served and an exciting last day was had. A perfect end to this half term.



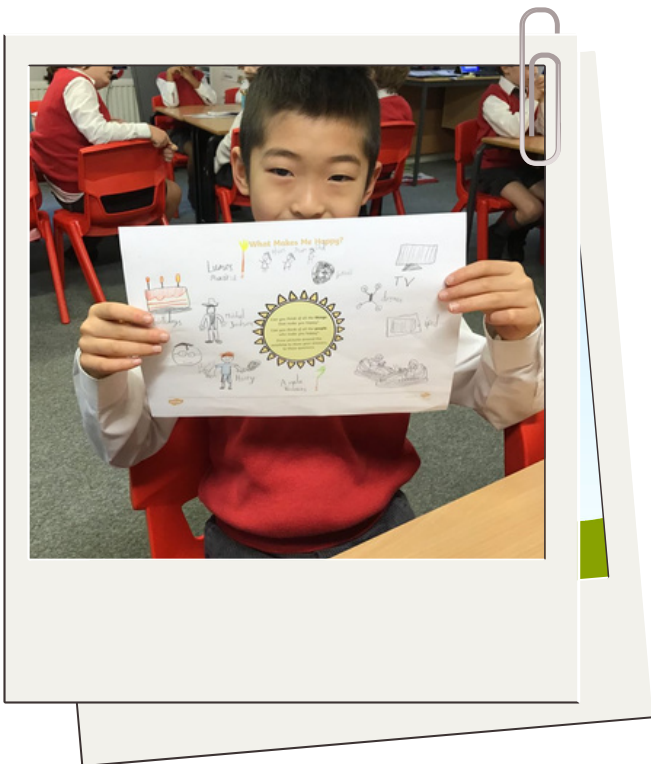


Year 1



Year 2

Just because it is the last week before half term does not mean that our teachers did not continue the fun and learning we have experienced all year! It was wellness week and we participated in many different activities geared towards helping us stay physically and mentally healthy! We had the special treat of exploring art therapy and yoga! We felt so calm, relaxed and peaceful after! This week even had another treat in store for us. In PSHE we were visited by a special guest... a police officer who shared with us facts about his job and we even got to see some of the equipment he uses every day! We asked so many good questions and some of us are definitely inspired to become police officers! In literacy we were very upset to hear that the ferry company on the Isle of Struay, where Katie Morag lives, decided to shut down ferry services. We were so enraged that we decided to write formal letters of complaint sharing our disappointment and demands. Our teachers were very proud of the thought and effort we put in to vocalize our sadness. In maths we worked on using a formal method to solve multiplication equations! Our prior knowledge from last term really came in handy and allowed us to learn so much more! We put our experimenter hats back on in science and tested the strengths of different types of paper. It was very suspenseful, exciting and loud! We learned a lot this week and cannot believe half term is already here! Our teachers are so proud of all that we have accomplished, and we cannot wait for all the fun learning we will experience when we return.



Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Kew Gardens this week despite the cold. We were lucky it did not rain! Thank you to our parents who joined us for the day. We learnt so much about the plants in the Palm and Temperate House. We took our information booklets to tick off the plants we saw and new plants we learnt about. We were lucky to be able to see the orchids and experience the drama of life inside real beehive. In school we have been working on multiplication, our book reviews and continuing the journey through Egypt in our last week studying the ancient civilization. This week has been an especially important week for Mental Health awareness. We have been looking into mindfulness activities which can help us to learn how to self-regulate and stay calm. Thank you to the lovely art teachers who came in to talk to us about their work in hospitals. Lastly, we took the time to reflect on the internet and how to stay safe online. We realised that the internet is a huge part of our everyday learning but also part of our leisure time, but we must always be vigilant and ask an adult when we feel unsure about what we see or hear on line. Well done to all the year 3 children who have worked so hard this half term and really need a good break!



Year 5



Friends of Chepstow

On Monday, Imperial Health Charity came into school to do some art sessions with the children, which were enjoyed by all. They will be back in the coming weeks for our Year 3 and Nursery students. And they all loved the Chepstow mum led yoga as much as our teachers who have benefitted from these classes weekly. As Children's Mental Health Week comes to a close, we are reminded what a supportive and caring school we are with an abundance of resources available ranging from sensory boxes in each classroom to the newly launched Tooled Up, and a committed parent community.

After half term, we will be having our Fancy Dress Sale alongside our Second Hand Uniform Sale from which proceeds will be directed to Turkey-Syria earthquake relief efforts. As a reminder, please drop off any pre-loved costumes at reception by 22nd February.

Tickets for KS2 Quiz Night (Thursday, 2nd March) will go on sale on Classlist on Monday, 20th February at 10am. Tickets are limited due to capacity constraints so we recommend setting your reminders.

COMING UP NEXT...

The 2023 Chepstow House School Read-A-Thon commences Monday, 27th February and World Book Day will be celebrated in school on Friday, 3rd March (Thursday, 2nd March for Nursery).

Happy Half Term!

