

Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents

Congratulations to our year 6 children who are finally coming to the end of their 11+ assessments. Even with a small cohort this year, we continue to celebrate our huge successes with children being offered places in top London day and boarding schools. Although some children are still waiting on a few schools, they should all be extremely proud of their fantastic achievements.

Thank you to the FCH, who this week ran the second hand uniform sale alongside a recycling dress up event. I am sure everyone now has the perfect outfit for World Book Day, when we celebrate it. All the proceeds will go to support the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal.

We also enjoyed a fabulous music assembly.

The children were treated to our individual music teachers sharing their talents. They showcased the enjoyment of playing an instrument and gave the opportunity to experience the range of instruments available for the children to learn.

If your child, or you are interested in your child, taking music lessons, please do contact Ms Darkins and visit the music SharePoint site to gain further insight our music department.

As always, please remember to keep up to date on all school events and activities on our [website](#), [SharePoint](#) and social media sites: [school](#), [art](#), [sport](#).

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Chepstow House School

Sport Fixtures

February 27th - March 3rd	Fixture Information	
Monday	<p>No Fixtures</p> <p>Y6 Games Lesson (as Y5 have a fixture on Thursday).</p>	
Tuesday	<p>This week Y4 children will have their normal games lesson (no fixtures)</p>	
Wednesday	<p>No Fixtures</p>	
Thursday	<p>Y5 Hockey vs Finton House (All Children) Venue: Linford Christie Leave School: 1:30pm Start Time: 2:15pm Return to School: 4pm Staff: Miss Norman, Mr Best</p>	<p>Y5 Rugby vs Finton House (All Children) Venue: Linford Christie Leave School: 1:30pm Start Time: 2:15pm Return to School: 4pm Staff: Mr Wilkinson, Miss Braganca</p>
	<p>No Y6 Games (They will have a lesson on Monday instead).</p>	
Friday	<p>Y5 and Y6 Girls Football Tournament (Selected children only. Parents of these children have already been contacted) Venue: Westway Leave School: 10:00am Start Time: 10:30am Return to School: 1:30pm Staff: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Best</p>	
	<p>This week Y3 children will have their normal games lesson (The fixture which was due to happen on this date vs Norland Place, has now been moved to Friday 10th March)</p>	

Behaviour Badge



Reception	
Robin	Hayden
Sparrow	Levi
Wren	Jett
Year 1	
Pelican	Mae
Penguin	Karina
Puffin	Mark
Year 2	
Kingfisher	Mila
Swallow	Vesper
Woodpecker	Angelique

Year 3	
Shorelark	Maya
Skylark	Arabella
Woodlark	Freya
Year 4	
Snowy Owl	Yunqi
Tawny Owl	Milo
Year 5	
Grey Hawk	Adelaide
Harrier Hawk	Isabella
Year 6	
Golden Eagle	Bea

French Department

How we learn French



By memorising new vocabulary with visual support



By matching words to pictures.



By taking part in songs



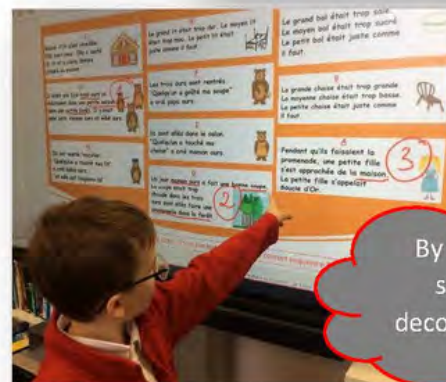
By listening carefully to new sounds



By playing games

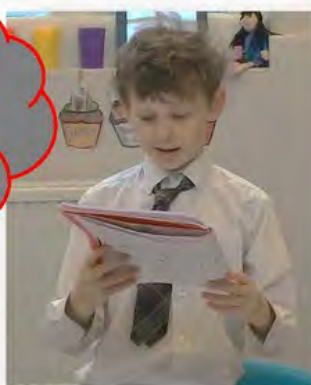


Through hands-on activities, like making mini books



By using various strategies to decode longer texts

By preparing oral presentations to practise speaking.



Through cooperative learning: helping each other.



Sports Department

This week in hockey we have been working on dribbling and passing, using the push pass to accurately and powerfully send and receive the ball across a distance. We have also looked at how to create a barrier with the hockey stick to receive the ball.

The KS2 children are introducing goal keepers over this week and next week, having an opportunity to try on the very fetching goal keeping kit! We will be looking at how the goal keepers can use their feet to kick the ball away from the goal as well as their stick.

Congratulations to the Year 3 and Year 6 hockey teams who have taken part in fixtures this week against Finton House and Latymer coming away with some very convincing wins and draws!

This week in tag rugby the children have been introducing a wall and looking at how to pass the rugby ball from the waist and how this differs to the passes they have previously worked on in Netball.

We have now finished with our gymnastics unit and have moved on to dodgeball this term much to the delight of all the children! The younger children have been looking at target practice and how to accurately aim and throw a soft dodgeball at a target when under pressure of a competition.

The older children have been looking at the rules of the game and are beginning to add in extra rules such as super catch.

Congratulations to the swim squad who took part in a swimming gala this week and came away with a well deserved win against NHP! There was a fabulous atmosphere from the team and many children achieving a new PB in their strokes.



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



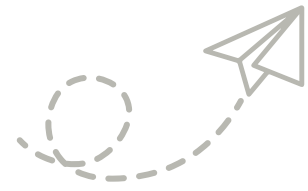
This week, our wonderful school orchestra performed two of their favourite pieces; Cheezy feet and Chachachachacha – we soon had everyone tapping away and humming the tune! In assembly we found out about our amazing instrumental music teachers, who have played with famous orchestras, pop and rock stars and performed on stages around the world... some of them have even performed for King Charles and the royal family.... If you have been inspired to take up an instrument, applications for next term are now open. Please contact chs.music@chepstowhouseschool.co.uk



In Year three this half term we are learning all about pentatonic music in our topic of Dragon Scales. We have been improving our aural skills by listening to the notes in a melody and working out the pitches, we have been building on our notation skills and composing our own pentatonic patterns. We performed pentatonic scales and learnt about the countries that feature this scale in their musical traditions.



Little Chepstow



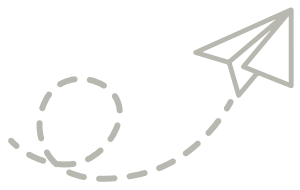
How lovely to have all the children back happily after the half term break. Everyone has returned full of enthusiasm to get stuck into the second part of term. This week, as we approach World Book Week and Day, both groups have begun topics where they are focusing on a specific book each week.

The Dormice have been getting very excited about 'The Gruffalo' and even after a few days are able to use some familiar phrases and character names from the story. They have had great fun making and eating Gruffalo crumble and preparing the animals for a new display board.

The Field Mice are well versed on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', each child making a sweet bear picture and learning about the sizes, small, medium and big. They have tasted yummy porridge, had a Teddy Bear picnic and learnt a song that links to the story.

Next week is our Readthon week and we cant wait to see all the characters that come to school on World Book Day. 😊





Year 1

This has been a jam-packed week here in Year 1. In literacy we have begun our new unit in writing and are doing the story of The Three Little Pigs. We have been working on our acting skills and have been performing it in front of the class. In maths, we have been perfecting our knowledge of time. We revisited o'clock and half past the hour and can now read quarter past the hour too. We are now experts so if you need to know the time you know where to come. In history we have started our new units on battles and invasions and in science we are beginning to learn about plants. With pancake Tuesday we celebrated by having delicious pancakes. What a fun week it has been!



Year 2

We are so happy to be back after a restful half term break! When we arrived on Monday there were some very mysterious paw prints in our classrooms! We could not figure out who had snuck into our classroom! In literacy we learned that the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland had come to visit Chepstow Year 2! We spent the week studying our new story and had so much fun creating actions to go along with the story! In maths we returned to division, using the bus stop method to solve division equations and word problems. After half term we have started a new history topic, Queen Victoria and the Victorian Era! We had a special visitor from Fulham Palace come and share special objects and pictures from the Victorian Era. It was so interesting seeing how different life was at that time! We even got to hold objects like soap, gardening tools, and an old iron, it was so heavy! Now we are very excited to learn more about Queen Victoria and the Victorian Era. We loved building cars for our superheroes last term in DT and are so excited to have DT this half term! This week we explored crown pillows and their purpose. We cannot wait to use our creative, designer brains to design our own unique crown pillows using our sewing and design skills! Our teachers always remind us how important it is to think about others when in the classroom. In PSHE we spent time thinking about how our behaviours affect other people and how we can be kind to those around us! We have had so much fun being back at school!



Year 3

Already back into the swings of things for Year 3. We are delighted to be back and full of energy. This week we had a fantastic and very successful fixture where we tied in Field Hockey and did our best for the Rugby. We also started swimming which was so much fun! As always great sportsmanship from us all and fun had by everyone. In the classroom we have been working on division, started to read a Edward Tulane for our literacy lessons and started new history and geography topics. This term we shall be exploring Poland and Important People. We started this week to ask questions about why it is important to explore why do people explor, and do we know any explorers? Our first explorer to research was Ernest Shackleton. In geography we tested ourselves to see how many countries in Europe we could locate on a map and discuss their features. Next week is a busy week ahead as we have Read a Thon week and therefore, we have started to think about our favourite books and which book we would like to bring in and share with a friend. Watch this space.



Year 4

Our visit to the British Museum was a great success. We loved learning about Greek myths and visual cues to recognise heroes, gods and goddesses on ancient artefacts and found the vases and statues fascinating. We couldn't believe that items were thousands of years old.

It was also great to see the Parthenon Marbles. We were able to critically think about whether they should be returned to Greece or kept in the British Museum and we are now ready to debate and justify our opinions in our persuasive writing.



Year 5

This week, we have started a new topic in English all about legends. The children began the week by working on their comprehension skills and becoming teachers. After reading the Irish legend all about Finn McCool and the Giant's Causeway, they created comprehension questions ensuring they included a range of question types such as retrieval, inference and vocabulary, whilst also considering how many marks each question would be worth.

Next, everyone researched a British legend of their choice and created a PowerPoint with a summary, information about key characters and considered the impact that the legend has had on British culture. They worked on their presenting skills by teaching one another about their findings and impressed us all with their fantastic eye contact and clear, loud voices.

Building upon their digital literacy skills, the children also used Publisher to create leaflets explaining how to create an interesting legend that will stand the test of time and entertain people for years to come.

We're looking forward to writing our own next week!



Friends of Chepstow

What a success Thursday's Dress Up and Second Hand Uniform sale was! We made an incredible £2760 which will be donated to Save the Children's Turkey-Syria Earthquake emergency fund. Thank you to our amazing reps and their brilliant ideas, our second hand sales queen, parent volunteers, and all of those who went through their closets making this possible. We are reminded again of how meaningful a tight knit parent community is.

On the subject of community, we'd like to give a shout out to Svetlana, an ex Chepstow mum, and founder of Kindergifts (www.Kindergifts.co.uk), a birthday party and group gifting platform for children with a charitable twist. Chepstow House has again partnered with Kindergifts for the 2023 Read-A-Thon, enabling our charities to claim Gift Aid on all your kind donations. If you are not familiar with the platform, do check it out as it's a great way for our kids to receive the gift of their dreams whilst also giving back!

Next week we have our sold out KS2 Quiz Night which is promising to be a fun event for the kids! And we hear Reception and KS1 teachers are getting ready to party with the younger lot!

Have a lovely weekend, and get those books ready!

