

Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents,

We have once again had a very busy and exciting week.

Firstly, I want to thank Miss Okwori, our science teacher for organising a fantastic science fair. The children produced some truly impressive projects and demonstrated their creativity, critical thinking and presentation skills. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to judge and staff who attended the fair to engage with the children and their work. Congratulations to you all.

Secondly, I was delighted to see so many Reception parents with their children dressed up to attend their parent breakfast party, which was held with a fairy tale theme. It was a joy to see you all having fun and spending time together. I would like to extend a special thanks to the Reception team for the wonderful job they did of making the event possible and to the parents for getting into the spirit of the occasion.

It is these events that remind everyone of the importance of the partnership between the school and the parent community.

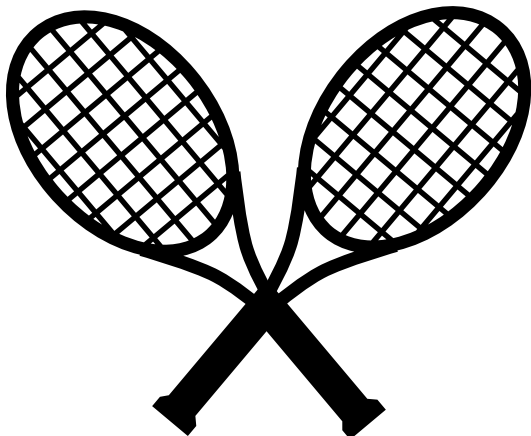
Please do find all school events and activities on our website, SharePoint and social media sites: school, art, sport.

Angela Barr
Head
Chepstow House School

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Sport Fixtures

March 20 th - March 24 th	Fixture Information	
Monday	Y6 children will have a PE lesson as the Y5's have a fixture on Thursday.	
Tuesday	Y4 Games Lesson	
Wednesday	<p>No Fixtures</p> <p>Swim Squad Trials (No parent spectators) Pick up from Kensington Leisure- 4:15pm Pick up from school- 4:30pm</p> <p>There will be no normal swim squad session.</p>	
Thursday	<p>Y5 Hockey vs Latymer (All hockey players) Venue: University of Westminster Sports Ground Leave School: 1:20pm Start Time: 2pm Return to School: 3:45pm Staff: Miss Norman, Mr Best, Y5 Teacher</p>	<p>Y5 Rugby vs Latymer (All rugby players) Venue: University of Westminster Sports Ground Leave School: 1:20pm Start Time: 2pm Return to School: 3:45pm Staff: Mr Wilkinson, Miss Braganca</p>
Friday	Friendship Fun Day	



Behaviour Badge









Reception	
Robin	Chiara
Sparrow	Bora
Wren	Leo
Year 1	
Pelican	Leo
Penguin	Cole
Puffin	Ruby
Year 2	
Kingfisher	Maxima
Swallow	Thomas
Woodpecker	Maryam

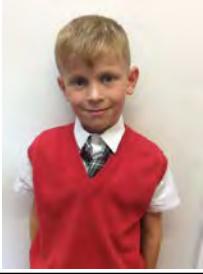


Year 3	
Shorelark	Harper
Skylark	Aiden
Woodlark	Beatrice
Year 4	
Snowy Owl	Axel
Tawny Owl	Khalid
Year 5	
Grey Hawk	Tom
Harrier Hawk	Nickolas
Year 6	
Golden Eagle	Cammie



Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Robin 	Harold Wharton	For your impressive leadership and teamwork skills in junk modelling. Your beanstalk was amazing!
Sparrow 	Lara McDonald	For always being incredibly helpful to her friends and teachers – we are so lucky to have such a considerate girl in the Sparrow class!
Wren 	Koza Kaynak	For being such a considerate friend in the Wren class. You really are amazing!
Pelican 	Kristian Oksanen	For a fantastic first week in the Pelican class, we have loved having you with us.
Puffin 	Emilia Klotz	Well done Emilia for being an amazing team player and constructing a well thought out bridge with your team on Friday.
Penguin 	Leon Jans	For always being so kind and caring. He is an absolute pleasure to teach!

Class	Name	Reason
Swallow 	Cayetana Fabry Vaeza	For such a wonderful, detailed retell of Alice in Wonderland.
Kingfisher 	Noah Edelman	For your excellent work when writing your own version of 'Alice in Wonderland' and using powerful verbs and adjectives to engage the reader.
Woodpecker 	Mark Loeys	For writing for your hard work and determination while writing our new version of 'Alice in Wonderland'. Keep up the great work!
Woodlark 	Freya Phillips	For an excellent informal letter from Edward Tulane – what a lot you managed to complete in the lesson! Keep it up.
Shorelark 	Beatrix Townsend	For working hard on PowerPoint to create a lovely board of her "happy place".
Skylark 	Kit Coulson	For your superb rubbish dump poem where you effectively used your five senses and heaps of descriptive devices.

Class	Name	Reason
Tawny Owl		
Snowy Owl 	Stella Perfetti	For her outstanding work on her persuasive letter to the British Museum.
Grey Hawk 	Clara Lunoe	For your thoughtful and interesting contributions to our Picture News debate whilst respecting the views of your peers.
Harrier Hawk 	Otis Edgell-Bush	For his positive attitude towards learning. He often has a smile on his face throughout lessons and gives valuable contributions towards discussions.
Golden Eagle 	Bella Fraser	For helping others with the shape exercise during our Tangrams investigation in maths.

SPECIALIST AWARDS



French	George Sparrows	For being an attentive listener, always keen to respond and join in with songs and activities.
Music	Yunqi Snowy	For fantastic posture when playing the ukulele
Sport	Miriam Grey Hawks	For showing such great support of her younger brother during the interhouse swimming gala.
Drama	Liv Penguin	For your super positive attitude and working hard in your improvisation work!
Art	Mike Robins	For learning how to blend when using oil pastels.



Art Department



We have been celebrating science week in art too this week and have been celebrating the idea that anyone can be a scientist!

We have been taking part in an art and science competition to create a poster or self-portrait with the theme 'I am a Scientist'. Here are some of the wonderful examples!

Have a great rest of the week!

From Miss Luke



Sports Department

This week in hockey, the children have been working through an assault course of individual skills including dribbling, stopping and shooting into a goal. We have also looked at skill-based team relays and small sided matches.

In tag rugby the children have been working on passing the rugby ball across the body and catching under pressure. Some of the year 2 children have also been working on the rules of a tag rugby game and understanding what happens once a tag has been made.

In dodgeball this week we have continued to see some brilliant tactics from teams. We have introduced 'protect the King/Queen' which the children have enjoyed as an addition to the current rules of the game.

Congratulations to the Year 5 and Year 6 hockey team that took part in a hockey tournament this week, despite the competition being incredibly tough the children enjoyed the experience! We are looking forward to our final week of Hockey, Rugby and Dodgeball next week before a change of sport next term.



French Department

Whenever possible, children get to practise their speaking skills through songs, games, role-plays, end of unit presentations or reading a mini book. The focus is on achieving correct pronunciation. French phonics are gradually introduced from Year 2, when they are starting to recognise some written words.



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Music Department



This week, it was the turn of our younger musicians to take to the stage in our latest:

Chepstow House School Music Room Recital

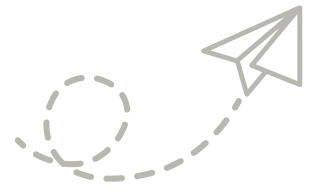
These concerts give children in year 1-3 the opportunity to perform their musical instruments or sing to a small, invited audience of family and siblings. Everyone was completely blown away by the incredible performances. Aiden, Miller, Dion, Talia and Margot played beautifully on the piano, Zane and Bibi demonstrated their guitar skills, Maya delighted us all with her cello performance and Loli sang 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' beautifully. Well done to all our performers – we are so proud of you!



Our amazing assembly musicians this week were Bibi, who performed the Wasp on the guitar and Aria, playing the ukulele. Well done both for you fabulous playing.



Little Chepstow



Our final full week at Little Chepstow before we break up for Easter...we can hardly believe it!

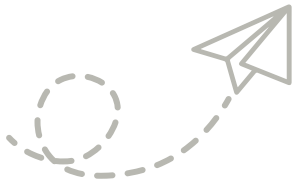
It has been a rainy week but that hasn't stopped the fun and learning.

The Dormice have enjoyed a week about Construction and it has been wonderful to see them construct with a huge variety of resources. The towers have been tall and daring, and such fun to knock down! The highlight of the week was making special LEGO bricks out of chocolate. Imagine, being able to eat LEGO!

The Field Mice have been busy with a week recapping their numeracy and phonic skills. It was impressive to see what they have learnt and retained this term. One of the most exciting activities was a race to see who could identify the most 3D shapes correctly.

Easter and Mother's Day crafts are in the pipeline and we wait with huge anticipation to see if the Easter Bunny is going to visit next week.





Reception

As part of science week reception conducted a very exciting experiment with sweets. The children learnt that experiments have been used for many years to help people understand the world around them. They each came up with their own predictions and wrote them down. The results were pretty exciting!

We rounded off the week with a fantastic Mad Hatters Tea Party. We would like to say a big thank you to all the mummies and daddies for joining us and making it so special.



Year 2

Oh my do these weeks fly by! We continued to use our creative minds in literacy this week, writing our own unique endings to the story 'Bubbles'. We loved the opportunity of applying our knowledge from last week to write a story with a problem and a solution.

Our teachers were impressed by our creativity, we thought of some very funny imaginative worlds! In history we learned about how different lives for children could be during the Victorian era. We learned all about chimney sweeps, using our knowledge to create an advert calling for workers. Although we made these adverts we discussed and agree that working conditions for children were not ok and agree with the laws that banned children working as chimney sweeps in the future. In maths we returned to money, learning about adding money, giving change and creating amounts of money out of coins and bills. Money can be challenging, but we rose to the occasion! In science we learned about absorbency and tested how absorbent different materials are. We have really enjoyed how hands on this term of science has been! Finally in DT we finished off our crown pillows! We are so proud of our sewing skills, who knew sewing could be so hard! Our pillows are wonderfully decorated and fit for a King or Queen! We cannot believe the term is almost over!



Year 3

Year 3 has thoroughly enjoyed working on Edward Tulane this week. We have been on many adventures, and it has been a roller coaster of emotions. This week we focused on Hobo songs! It was so much fun as we sang to the class our ballads. We then discussed different sections of the story and feelings that Edward is being exposed to. In maths we are working on Geometry, Perimeter and Area of shapes. Lucky we know our timetables! This week our science projects have been on display, and it has been absolutely amazing what we have created and made at home. The judges have had a tough week. Teachers also learnt so many new facts and about and loved talking to each and everyone to understand how they created and came up with such fabulous ideas! Well done Year 3.



Year 4

We had a great time celebrating Science Week in year 4. We were invited to Maida Vale school to attend a science show that taught us about energy stores.

We learnt about the different types of energy and loved taking part in experiments.

We also created science projects which we presented to our parents and peers during the science fayre. We had a great time completing them and finding out about how the world is connected.

In English, we started learning about fractured fairy tales and about perspectives in stories. This is great as we are also reading the book Wonder which teaches us about how a change in narrator can change a story.

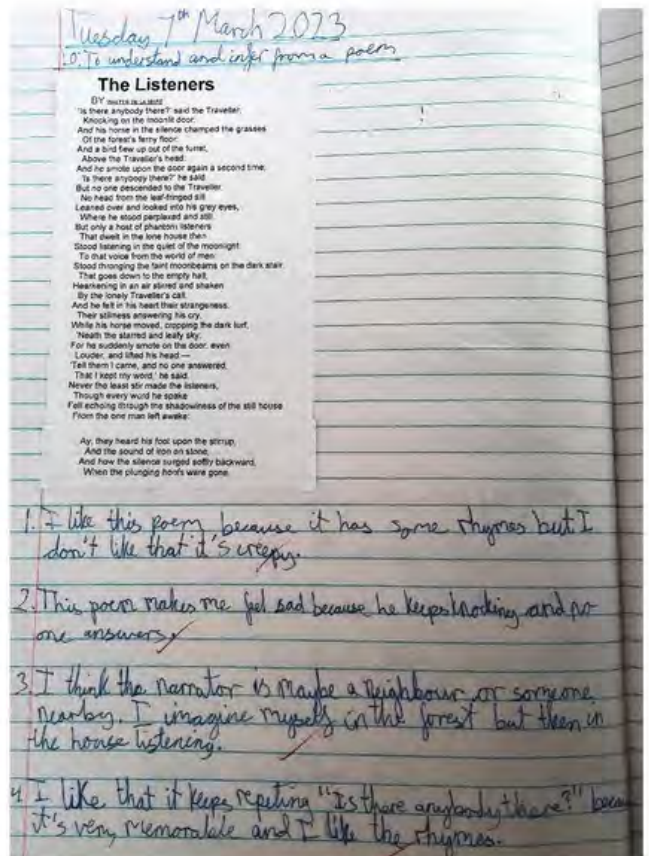


Year 5

This week in geography, year 5 have been learning about the uses of the River Thames. Did you know that from the 1600s – 1800s the River Thames was used to host *Frost Fairs* when the river was frozen during the winter months. Splitting into groups, the children were asked to research the other uses of the Thames, ones used today including: farming, domestic use, leisure, habitats and transportation.



In English, the children have been analysing poetry. They have focused on spotting rhyming patterns in various poems, including ones from hundreds of years ago. Comparing the poems was a helpful lesson for the children as they began to think about elements they would like to incorporate into their own rhyming poems.



In maths, the children have been learning all about rotation and order of rotational symmetry. We looked at regular shapes and also more unusual shapes and patterns, including fidget spinners!

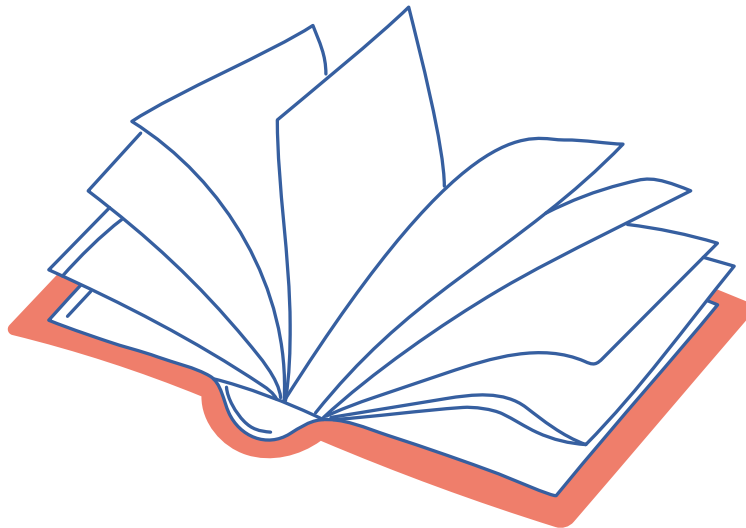
They also worked hard completing their spring math assessment. Well done, year 5!

Friends of Chepstow

This year's Chepstow House School Read-A-Thon proved to be our best one yet. The children read an incredible 129,460 minutes! A special shout-out to our winners in KS1, the Swallows with 7,896 minutes and in KS2, the Grey Hawks with 19,970 minutes.

And a huge thank you to our amazing parent community, extended friends and families, and of course, our kids who read with enthusiasm to support our charities raising an incredible £22,527.60!

Job well done to all.





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