

Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting and enjoyable week here at Chepstow House, with various activities and trips taking place.

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff involved in organising the Key Stage 2 sleepover last week and for you, the parents, for supporting this fund-raising event. This has gone a long way to helping those staff volunteering to travel to Kenya to work in our partnership school. The children had an amazing time and created many fond memories with their classmates. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their independence and teamwork skills while having fun with their friends.

In addition, we had several trips taking place across different year groups. Year 6 visited the RAF museum and were enthralled by the impressive planes and artifacts on display. They had a great time exploring the museum and learning more about the Battle of Britain.

Meanwhile, year 1 went to Kensington Palace for a Victorian toy workshop. They had an incredible experience learning about Queen Victoria and the toys that she played with and even had the opportunity to play with the toys themselves. Year 5 also took part in the RBKC Bikeability program, learning valuable road safety skills while cycling around the local area. This program is an excellent opportunity for children to develop their confidence and competence on the road and we are proud to support it. Year 2 visited Pizza Express and had a fantastic time making their own pizzas from scratch. They learned about the different ingredients and techniques involved in making pizza and, of course, got to enjoy eating their delicious creations at the end.

Lastly, we had some wonderful parent-child sports events take place over the week, which were enjoyed by all who participated. It was lovely to have the opportunity for the children to engage with their parents in healthy and active activities together. A big thank you to all the staff involved in ensuring it ran smoothly.

Overall, it has been a great week and we are proud of all the children for their enthusiastic participation in these activities and trips. We are grateful to the staff and volunteers who made them possible and look forward to continuing to provide the children with exciting learning opportunities.

Please do remember you can keep up to date on all school events and activities on our [website](#), [SharePoint](#) and social media sites: [school](#), [art](#), [sport](#).

Angela Barr
Head
Chepstow House School






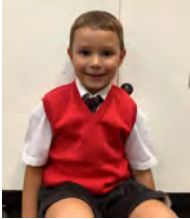


Sports Fixtures






May 1 st – May 5 th	Fixture Information	
Monday	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 4 Cricket vs Eaton Square Venue: Battersea Park (Pump House Pitches) Leave School: 1:20pm Match: 2:15pm – 3:15pm Return to School: 4:15pm Kit: Cricket Whites Staff: Miss Norman, Mr Wilkinson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 3/4 Tennis vs Eaton Square Venue: Battersea Park (Tennis courts next to Athletics stadium) Leave School: 1:20pm Match: 2:15pm – 3:15pm Return to School: 4:15pm Kit: White Polo, Shorts/Skort, White Socks, Trainers Staff: Mr Best, Miss Princewill</p>
	A team list will be sent out in the Friday email to parents, indicating which sport your child is playing in.	
Wednesday	No Fixtures	
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Friday	Year 3 Games Lesson	





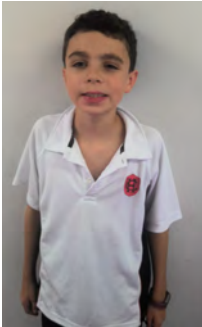


Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Robin 	Leon Guadamillas	For your amazing efforts with your independent writing!
Sparrow 	Stirling Stewart	For your super subtraction skills, you did so well working out your rocket sums!
Wren 	Leo Jivov	For your fabulous list of what you would take to space. What a super first big write!
Pelican 	Timur Lebedynets	For his thoughtful and well-written letter to King Charles III.
Puffin 	Liza Korobkova	For being a maths superstar when adding and subtracting 10 from a given number.
Penguin 	Hugo Hawkins	For producing such an incredible holiday news book over the Easter break.

Class	Name	Reason
Swallow 	Adrian Tarlo	For being such a superstar during rehearsals for The Rock Pool.
Woodpecker 	Elliot Poole	For memorising all your lines and working so hard during rehearsals for The Rock Pool.
Woodlark 	Carlo Stagno d'AlcontresTheodore	For an excellent descriptive slow write. Well done!
Shorelark 	Leila Dhillon	For being so positive and coming into school with a lovely smile every morning
Skylark 	Diyar Moussavi-Rahpeyma	For working hard to retrieve and infer from given sources in our explorers topic.

Class	Name	Reason
<p>Tawny Owl</p> 	<p>Bella Davies</p>	<p>For her helpful nature and 'can-do' attitude in the Tawny Owl class.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl</p> 	<p>Natalia Hawkins</p>	<p>For challenging herself and being brave during the sleepover.</p>
<p>Grey Hawk</p> 	<p>Annabella Esposito</p>	<p>For a super start in the Grey Hawk class. It feels like you have been here all year!</p>
<p>Harrier Hawk</p> 	<p>Alex Eyeran</p>	<p>For being able to confidently share out a total based on a given ratio. He even faced the challenge questions with resilience.</p>
<p>Golden Eagle</p> 	<p>Hector Wilson</p>	<p>For his persistence and effort in all maths work this week.</p>

SPECIALIST AWARDS



French	Ellis Joseph	For doing some extra French at home on Duolingo and remembering some new words.
Music	Max Bienkowski	For his fabulous contributions in class and amazing playing of the frog guiro.
Sport	Greta Pagani Guazzugli Bonaiuti	For developing her skills and her brilliant sportsmanship at Bisham Abbey
Drama	The whole Shorelark class	For making such an excellent start in their first Drama lesson. You should all be so proud of yourselves!
Art	Rhea Dhillon	for her drawings of tropical birds!
Science	Bella Fraser	For her brilliant attitude and fantastic contributions while learning about adaptations.



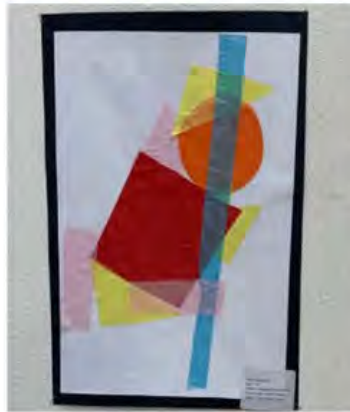
Art Department

Chepstow House School Art News!

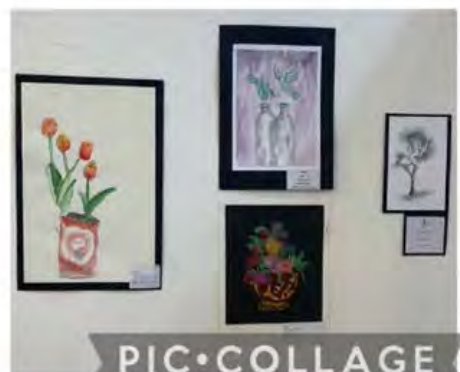
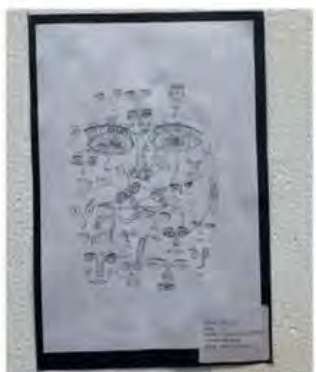
Over the weekend 8 pupils from CHS had their artwork displayed at the SATIPS Art Exhibition hosted at RMS for girls alongside work from GCSE and A-Level students!

Well done, Hudson, Sabrina and George in Reception, Aria in Y3, Stella in Y5 and Cammie, Sienna and Bentina in Y6!

You can find images from the exhibition on the art SharePoint page - have a lovely weekend! - Miss Luke



CHS work on display at the SATIPS Art Exhibition



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Sports Department

We would like to start by saying a huge congratulations to a selection of the year 5 and 6 girls who went to Bisham Abbey over the weekend for a netball tournament. The girls played 9 netball matches across the two days, consumed more snacks than we thought possible and sung their hearts out to High School Musical at movie night. There were some incredibly tough teams at the tournament, but the Chepstow Girls kept a smile on their faces and were as polite and happy as ever which was noted by one of the external umpires who worked with them on both days.

This week in Athletics the children have been working on hurdling races in preparation for sports day. We have been working in small groups as relay races to complete an obstacle of hurdles. We have discussed health and safety aspects of the equipment as well as the quickest way to get over the hurdle.

In tennis this week the children have been working on paired floor tennis, starting in a star position, and swinging low to high to return the ball across the floor back to their partner. The KS2 children have been working on returning the ball over the net and maintaining a rally. The Year 5 and Year 6 children have also been enjoying playing short matches on a small court for points. They have been working on controlling the ball and the power behind their strokes to keep the ball within the court area to avoid giving away a point.

In Cricket this week the children are continuing to work on bowling with a straight arm, using a variety of fun competitive games and challenges to motivate them to aim towards the stumps. The children have also looked at the use of a wicket keeper and the fastest way for the wicket keeper to return the ball to the bowler.

Congratulations on the swim squad who took on NHP this week in their first swim gala of the term. It was a tough gala as the first practice back, but the children should be incredibly proud of themselves and we look forward to continuing to work on technique, stamina and speed to prepare for the next gala.

Another week another Colin the Caterpillar for the sports department. Happy Birthday Mr Wilkinson who celebrated his 21st birthday (again) on Tuesday!



French Department

KS2 started this new term revising some key French phonics, essential for accurate pronunciation and reading new words. We do this regularly with our scheme of work, Language Angels.



Special mention to Greta, Alexander and Leonor for their interesting presentations about some famous French persons. Adding a cultural element to our French lessons is a fantastic enrichment to the curriculum. It goes far beyond the Eiffel Tower and crêpes!



Greta (Yr 5 Grey Hawk) did a lot of research about Louis Braille, the French inventor of the Braille code for visually impaired people.



Alexander (Yr 5 Harrier Hawk) shared some facts about a significant French political figure during WW2, general Charles de Gaulle.



Leonor (Yr 4 Tawny Owls) told us about Margot Fonteyne, a famous French ballerina.

Music Department

It's been another busy week in the music department. A big thank you to our wonderful assembly performers this week: Clara, Leo, Jasper, Theo and Lucas gave us a masterclass in piano playing. In year 2, we all enjoyed hearing Miles performing a piece in class and explaining why he loves learning the piano. Year 3 have been learning all about sound effects for film and television this week. They found out all about the role of foley artists and the way they create ambient sounds for screen. Next the children became the foley artists, exploring how to make sounds to go with the action on screen with some fantastic results. You can see the videos on Sharepoint [here](#).



Science Department

An exciting new addition!



Mr Buckley is thrilled to announce the arrival of the science department's new pet... Guava the Bearded Dragon!

She joins fellow reptile Pepper the Tortoise and our stick insects and has already been very well received by the children.

Thank you, Ms Darkins for generously donating her to the school. The children will take very good care of her, that's for sure!



Meanwhile, while learning about the parts of a plant, the Year 3s were amazed how Mr Buckley managed to dye a whole celery blue.

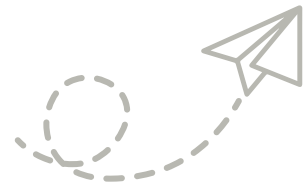
They are now very intrigued by the fact that they could possibly create rainbow roses at home!



The Year 5s have loved the beginning of their Chemical Reactions topic too. They have seen how just simply cooking an egg is a chemical reaction as opposed to a physical change, and were wowed by Mr Buckley's homemade sparkler mix.



Little Chepstow

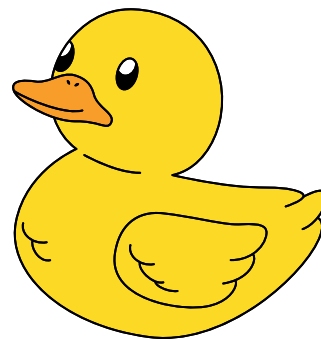


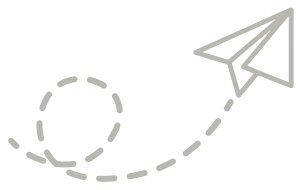
This week has been all about duckings!!

All the eggs hatched and for the first time ever, we had a variety of ducklings join us. For those with a huge interest in duck species, this year we have two Pekin ducklings, one Indian Runner duckling and two Cayugas. It has been wonderful for the children, who have been able to watch them hatch, and have their first swim. They have been held, cuddled showered with love each day. We are so sad that they will be returning to the farm soon!

This week has also been planting week at Little Chepstow and with all the plants that the children have brought in and carefully planted, our garden is now full of colour.

Let summer come....soon please. 😊





Year 1

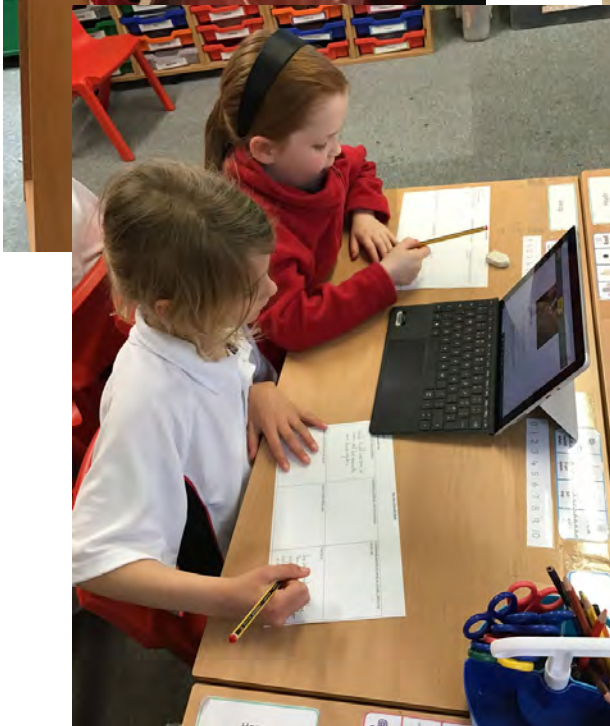
What an amazing week we have had in year 1. The children have dived into their literacy in learning the story of Handa's Surprise and come up with some amazing actions! In Maths the children have further embedded their knowledge of addition, using many classroom resources, such as 100 squares and number lines.

This week has been extra special with our trip to Kensington Palace. We got to look around the palace and learn about the toys Queen Victoria enjoyed playing with, when she was our age! We looked at the similarities and differences and compared them to the toys we play with at home and school.



Year 2

Another week has flown by and we can not believe it, but it has been a week full of learning and excitement! In literacy we started our author study on Roald Dahl, using our researching skills to create a fact file of important information about Roald Dahl and his life. We have learned so much about him, ask us a fun fact, we would love to share! In maths we focused on number, looking at estimation, rounding, writing numbers and much more! We put our green thumbs to use in science after learning about hydroponics and the bean life cycle. We learned all about why hydroponics may be helpful living in a city, and even started our own mini runner bean farm in our classrooms! We cannot wait to see how our plants grow as they move through the bean life cycle. We expanded our knowledge of Mexico and its geography, drawing on our previous knowledge of atlases, human and physical features.



Year 3

Well done Year 3 on your sports this week! The sports team really put you to the test!. We are loving the sportsmanship and camaraderie. This week we continue to always work hard and to enjoy ourselves. In maths we have been working on addition and all the different ways of adding. We have worked on our inference skills and investigated newspaper headlines. Learning the 5 w's has helped us to condense important facts and get the news out as effectively and efficiently as possible. Our history topic continues to explore amazing explorers like Neil Armstrong and we are going to be looking into female explorers next week. Can you think of any? Lastly geography always takes us to the other side of the world as we learn to use our map skills and explore the location of mountains and learn their names.

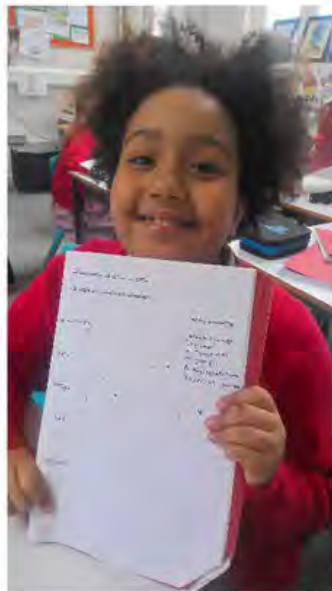


Year 5



Some children in year 5 this week have been completing their *Bikeability* course to allow them to ride on the roads safely. The children participated in 5 lessons over the week both on the playground and on the nearby roads. Well done!

English has been busy this week! We are studying a short film called 'The Piano'. You can find it on The Literacy Shed. As part of the unit, the children had to analyse the video and discuss the reasons behind the 'directors' choices thinking about the messages the film portrays.



Another English lesson this week required the children to track the emotions of the main character throughout the short film. The children had lots to say about the reasons behind their choices using their inference skills.

In art this week, the children used oil pastels to edit a photo of our school to make it look like an old painting. They had to think carefully about their technique when using the pastels and be mindful to add the historical element!



School Council Toy Sale



Toy Sale Thursday 4th May 2023

This year the School Council are holding a Toy Sale for children in the Nursery classes, Reception and Years 1 & 2. The Toy Sale will take place on Thursday 4th May during the school day and will fundraise for our charities this year.

All children (in all year groups) are encouraged to donate any of their unwanted toys (which are in good condition, no soft toys or books please) so that they can find another home in which to belong.

We would ask that quality toys come into school on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd May. Collection boxes will be placed in both the Main School and Nursery reception entrances.

On the day of the Toy Sale (Thursday 4th May), each child from Nursery age to Year 2 can bring £3 to school so that they can exchange this money for a toy/toys. Each child will visit the Toy Sale with their class and teachers. Purchased toys will be kept in classrooms until the end of the day.

Friends of Chepstow

It's proving to be a jam-packed year of fun for Chepstow kids!

Reception to Year 2s are invited to the awesome Reception+KS1 SleepUnder on Friday 19th May from 5pm to 7.30pm! Come to school in your pyjamas, with your teddy, pillow, blanket, or sleeping bag under your arm and get ready for some Chepstow cheer that includes dinner, a movie and popcorn!

Tickets go live on Classlist Tuesday 2nd May at 11am. £30 per child.

Due to over popular demand last year, we will not be capping numbers this year! But please get your tickets asap so we can plan accordingly!

And following up from our save the date last week, we've listened to some feedback regarding our attempt at a bit of kitsch and nostalgia with our "School Dance" posters and some confusion it may have caused....so, we've gone with a bit of a rebrand.

Please join us for our PARENTS NIGHT OUT on Friday 12th May from 7.30pm at Chepstow House School!

This is a night for us to catch up, have a laugh, enjoy a drink (or 5!) and yes, if you fancy, even have a dance. This will be THE social event of the year for us to celebrate our amazing parent community.

Live music by Barcoda!

Food by Bao Kusina!

Drinks galore at our Cash Bar!

And one very special raffle prize!

Tickets are £45 per person, which will include food and one welcome drink, are on sale now on Classlist under the "What's On" tab. Please look out for our second ticket option priced at £46.50, which helps us cover platform and Stripe fees.

On the night we will have a special raffle, with one very coveted prize, for which tickets will go on sale at the school gates the week commencing 9th May. All proceeds will go to St Mary's Children's Fund

And for those wondering, dress code is casual chic. Please feel free to come as you are!

We can't wait to see you there!



FRIDAY 19TH MAY 5PM
JOIN US FOR THE

RECEPTION + KS1 SLEEPUNDER!

COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR PJS FOR
DINNER, A MOVIE AND POPCORN

TICKETS £30 PER CHILD
SPECIAL TEDDIES GO FREE

PICK UP 7.30PM





parents' night out!

**DRINKS, FOOD,
AND LIVE MUSIC**

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CHEPSTOW HOUSE SCHOOL

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