

Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents,

I do hope this newsletter finds you in high spirits as we gear up for our first 'Parents Night Out' event. I am sure it promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter. I am looking forward to seeing you with your dancing shoes on and moves being created.

A huge thank you to the FCH team who have been instrumental in orchestrating this social occasion and in particular the two exceptional Taras who have played a pivotal role in making it all happen. They, and their merry team, work with unwavering dedication and tireless efforts to ensure that there is a strong bond between our parent and school community.

A thank you to all those parents who have also supported our charity fund raising through purchasing tickets for our 'Head for the Day' raffle. I am already planning my shopping trip, as I will no doubt be able to leave the school in the capable hands of the lucky prize winner, who will be announced at the event this evening when the raffle draw takes place.

Next week sees the children in year 3 to year 6 embarking on their upcoming residential trips. These journeys offer a remarkable opportunity for personal growth, fostering new friendships and creating memories that will last a lifetime. I am sure that all the children will embrace the challenges, seize every opportunity for growth and cherish each moment of this extraordinary experience.

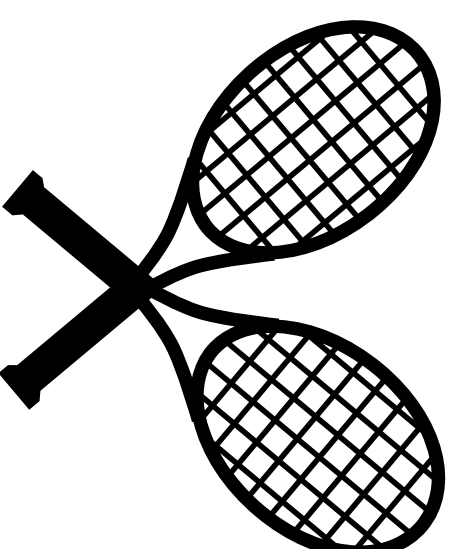
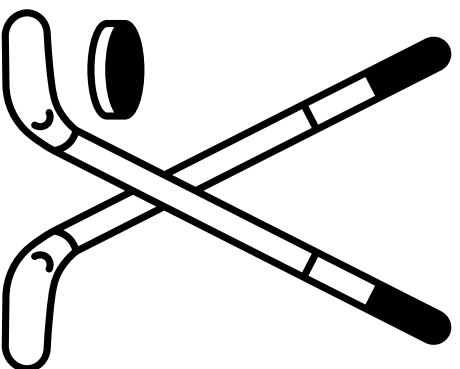
I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff for their commitment in making these trips possible. Their dedication and support are invaluable in providing your children with these fantastic opportunities.

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 15 th - May 19 th	Fixture Information
Monday	No Y6 Sport
Tuesday	Year 4 Games
Wednesday	No Fixtures
Thursday	No Y5 Sport
Friday	Year 3 Games



Behaviour Badge








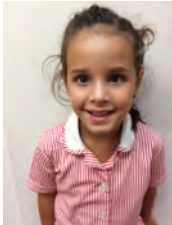
Reception	
Robin	Zoya
Sparrow	Isla
Wren	Bastian
Year 1	
Pelican	Lavinia
Penguin	Isabella
Puffin	Ruby
Year 2	
Kingfisher	Kamal
Swallow	Cayetana
Woodpecker	Musa







Year 3	
Shorelark	Harper
Skylark	Max
Woodlark	Estee
Year 4	
Snowy Owl	Stella
Tawny Owl	Milo
Year 5	
Grey Hawk	Elliott
Harrier Hawk	Tommy
Year 6	
Golden Eagle	Khush



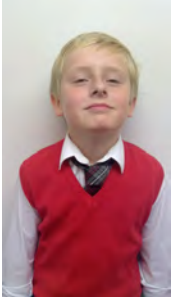




Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Robin 	Sabrina Loeys	
Sparrow 	Theia Bodiratnangkura	For being a great role model on our trip to the science museum!
Wren 	Arya Bolina	For settling in so well in the Wren class. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful new friend.
Pelican 	Philip Leventis	For being a superstar at subtracting in our maths lessons this week.
Puffin 	Max Bienkowski	For remembering all the actions for our connectives in literacy.
Penguin 	Romi Sevinti	For punctuating her weekend news writing perfectly. There was not a single full stop or capital letter missing!

Class	Name	Reason
Swallow 	Aekom Khurana	For some wonderful scientific predictions when planting cress in different locations.
Kingfisher 	Maxima Leon	For your brilliant work in maths solving addition word problems involving regrouping. Keep it up!
Woodpecker 	Arwa Mikati	For using your knowledge of plants and hydroponics to make insightful predictions when planting cress.
Woodlark 	Sam Barzilai	for a great video as a news reporter for our findings of eggs in the wild area.
Shorelark 	George Eyerman	For his inventive idea for his mysterious egg newspaper article.
Skylark 	Arabella Snadden	For independently including a fantastic range of descriptive devices in your narrative writing.

Class	Name	Reason
<p>Tawny Owl</p> 	<p>Sarah Heyder</p>	<p>For wonderful participation in all our humanities work so far this term.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl</p> 	<p>Indah Collier</p>	<p>For using great persuasive tools during a debate in our history lessons</p>
<p>Grey Hawk</p> 	<p>Raffael Laxton</p>	<p>for always bring a ray of sunshine and a fantastic friend to all. You bring so much positivity and joy to our classroom.</p>
<p>Harrier Hawk</p> 	<p>Noah Fields</p>	<p>For his captivating narrative written about the short film, 'The Piano'. You use emotive phrases and thought hard about the content</p>
<p>Golden Eagle</p> 	<p>Dominic McDougall</p>	<p>For his hard work and enthusiasm in English and maths this week, especially when learning about Egyptian fractions.</p>

SPECIALIST AWARDS



French	Miller Crowe	For showing interest and enthusiasm when responding and remembering vocabulary well.
Music	Laura Habbig	For working so hard on the songs for the show and singing with style.
Sport	Owen McDonald	For demonstrating good batting technique and have a great attitude in his first fixture this year.
Drama		
Art	Layan Mikati	For showing resilience and perseverance in every art lesson when working with new materials or exploring new ideas.
Science	Miller Crowe	For his impressive detective work during our plant murder mystery.



Art Department



FRIDA KAHLO



Year 2 have been learning about Mexico in their classrooms and in art we have been looking at the wonderful self-portraits by Frida Kahlo! We learnt about her life and how she used art to help her cope with some of the unfortunate things that happened to her during her life such as having Polo as a child and being injured in a terrible bush crash. In class we first had a go at drawing Frida with her recognisable eyebrows and flowers in her hair.

You can see more images and drawings of Frida on the Year 2 art SharePoint page and on the art Instagram! Have a fantastic rest of the week!

- From Miss Luke



Sports Department

This week in cricket the children have been looking at batting technique, for the younger children we have used batting tees to hit off and looked at how to stand with the bat and how to generate power when striking the ball. Some of the older children have looked at striking a moving ball that is bouncing towards them, using the same technique to generate power and looking at how we can manipulate the ball to go in the direction that we choose by changing where our leading foot is facing. The KS2 children have been working on running between the wickets, what calls to use when working with a partner and when is an effective time to make a run, or to wait.

In athletics this week we have looked at relays in preparation for sports day. The children have been working with a relay baton and looking at how to confidently and efficiently pass the relay baton on to their team mates without losing and pace. In tennis this week the younger children have been looking at passing the ball back and fore to a partner either across the floor, using the correct forehand technique, or with the ball slightly off the floor and trying to maintain a rally. The older children have been working on a mixture of short singles and doubles matches, looking at both rally's and point scoring, trying to keep the ball travelling as flat as possible to avoid and looping shots.



French Department

Here are some of the highlights of this week:



Primary Spelling Bee Competition 2023



Clara (Grey Hawk) won stage 2 of the French spelling bee.

The 4 finalists invited to go to Cambridge University are: Vova, Clara, Greta and Addie (Yr5)



Reception had fun doing a role-play about farm animals, acting out a short story "Petit Poussin" where a chick asks other farm animals for his mummy.

It's all about fruits in Year 1, singing a fun song "J'aime les fruits" as we learn to say what fruits we like or don't like.



All hands on in Year 3: children have made a mini book about animals and writing short sentences in the speech bubbles.



While in Year 5 they made mini books about the weather, learning to describe what the weather is like in the North or the South.

Music Department

It's been another busy week in music at Chepstow House. In singing assembly, we had a special visit from professional singer / songwriter Ms Nicholson, who will be joining our visiting music teacher team at Chepstow to teach one-to-one song writing lessons. It was fascinating to hear all about the song writing process and to hear some of the professional recordings her pupils have made and their success in song writing competitions. We all enjoyed singing the Eurovision song contest hit by Sam Ryder, Spaceman. A big thank you to Louise and Tom who performed their trumpet pieces beautifully in assembly.

In reception we have been practicing singing and playing instruments loudly and quietly. In year 3 we have been exploring 'Mickey Mousing' techniques and year 5 found out about leading film composer, John Williams.



Drama Department

The Shorelarks should be very proud of themselves this week, they have all worked so hard on learning their different staging configurations and working on *The Wind In The Willows* script. With lots of wild wooders, weasels and moles, our lessons have been very exciting! We have also had a brilliant time in Key Stage One LAMDA this week. The children were introduced to the poem *My Hat*, and learnt all about different tones of voice. We will be working on a new poem each week as part of our course, where the children can choose their favourite to work on for the exam from September.



Science Department

Running wild



The Year 4s have been learning about all the different habitats that we have on Planet Earth and had a go at drawing some. After a lengthy discussion of the environmental conditions in each one, they took to exploring the school's Wild Area as a habitat for all sorts of creepy crawlies!

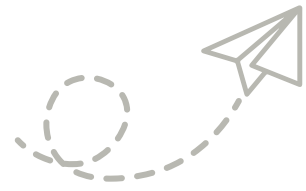


The Year 5s were amazed at the chemical reaction between iron and sulphur to produce iron sulphide. It burned such a bright red that it looked like glowing lava, and produced a very smelly gas that we discovered was the same as what we get in farts!



Year 6, meanwhile, got up close and personal with an incredible selection of fossils; the oldest of which being hundreds of millions of years old (hence why they were handled so close to the floor!)

Little Chepstow



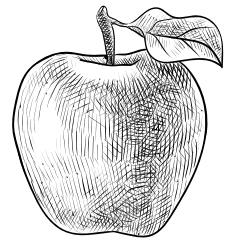
Another four-day week at Little Chepstow. It certainly doesn't feel like enough time to get all our exciting activities in!

This week the groups have all started new topics. The Dormice are learning about the 'Three Little Pigs.' The story has already become a firm favourite with it being acted out at every opportunity. The children have made houses for the pigs and used a variety of props to retell the story.

The Field Mice have been learning about 'The World.' This week they have been looking at the globe and identifying land and sea as well as finding out where different countries are. The letter of the leek was 'j' and they greatly enjoyed painting with jewelry and have yummy jam on toast for a breakfast treat. 😊



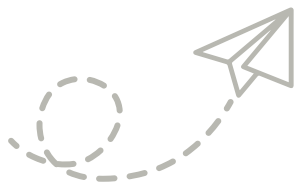
Reception



Reception have had another fun filled week. In maths we have been learning to tell the time and had lots of fun making our own watches and playing what the time mr wolf.

In literacy we have been exploring rhyme using the book aliens love underpants. We made silly soup for Mrs Barr to eat but she wasn't too keen on jam and ham and peas and cheese all mixed together.



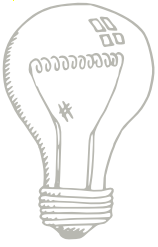


Year 1

This week has been a wonderful week ... and we are not just talking about the sunshine! The children have dived into their own writing of 'Handa's surprise' and have been impressing us with their wonderful use of adjectives and alliteration! In maths the children have practiced their 2s, 5s and 10 times tables. We have been able to use an array of resources for the children to showcase their fantastic understanding!

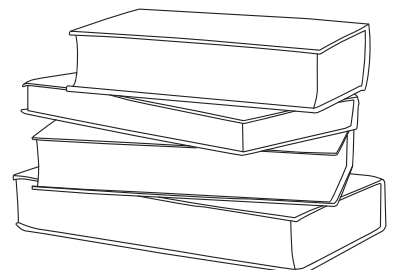
Year 1 have travelled back to the Victorian era, where they got to complete a variety of tasks, enjoy some traditional Victorian sponge cake and most importantly ...get past inspection from Mrs Barr!



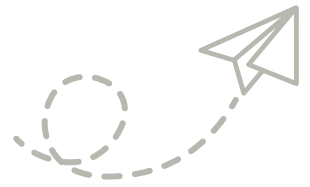


Year 2

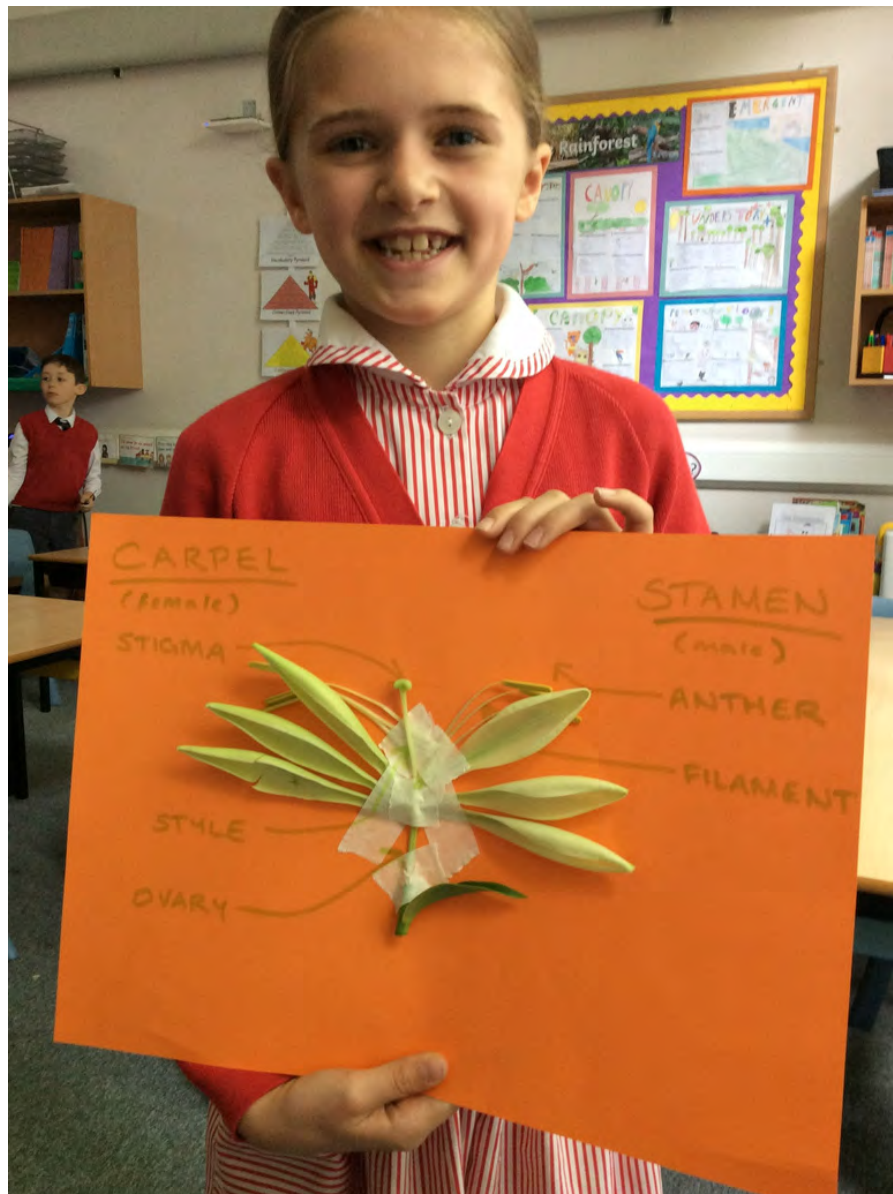
In year 2 we are in full planting mode! Our runner bean plants continue to grow, and we are recording our observations in our bean diary to see how they grow over the course of a month. While our bean plants grow, our cress from last week has also sprouted! We spent science this week comparing out the cress grew in different locations and how sunlight effected the plants health. We love being able to see first hand how plants are growing and how much they grow each day! In geography we continue to learn about Mexico's climate and physical features. We love learning about new places! We are fast becoming experts on Roald Dahl as we continue our author study in literacy. This week we put ourselves in the BFG's shoes and wrote our own dream jars. We had an absolute blast thinking of some creative and crazy dreams. Our teachers are very impressed with our creativity and ability to use adjectives and adverbs so effectively. In maths we studied shape, learning all about different kinds of 2D and 3D shapes. Our production is coming along swimmingly, and we are very eager for the rest of Chepstow and our parents to see all our hard work! We cannot believe our production is next week!



Year 3



Year 3 has been busy again! Time just seems to be running out as the days fly by. We are really enjoying our topic on explorers. This week we have been reading a lot about Amelia Earhart and her adventures. We continue to discover more about mountains in geography as we move on to looking at the features of volcanoes. We look at the advantages and disadvantages of living near a volcano and why some people choose to do so. Our maths has been tricky as we continue to revise our multiplication but as we get towards year 4 we are so much faster than the beginning of the year! In literacy we have worked on biographies as we research another favourite author, Oliver Jeffers. We have investigated his life and researched what inspired him to write his world-famous titles. Lastly, in science Mr Buckley has been teaching us about flowers and as we are well in to spring we have every chance to go an explore....



Friends of Chepstow

In 2016, Chepstow House School raised an incredible £244,922 for the More Smiles Appeal in aid of the paediatric intensive care unit at St Mary's Hospital. We had the pleasure of joining Imperial Health Charity on Wednesday, to tour the PICU, and see the incredible refurbishment it has gone through thanks to the generosity of Chepstow parents and other donors. This was a reminder of how caring our community is, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with St Mary's Children's Fund for the next 12 months.

On that note, we can't wait to see many of you tonight at our Parents Night Out, when we will be drawing the lucky winner of our Head for the Day charity raffle!

