

Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents,

I am pleased to bring you up to date on the recent residential trips and other exciting events that have taken place at Chepstow House School. It has been an incredible week filled with laughter, learning and, I am sure, unforgettable moments.

First and foremost, I would like to express my immense pride in all the children who embarked on their residential trips. From my understanding, they truly embraced the spirit of adventure and had an absolute blast. The weather smiled upon them and our young adventurers were able to make the most of the experience, immersing themselves in various team-building exercises, nature walks and educational excursions. The children enthusiastically embraced every opportunity to learn and grow, while forming new friendships and strengthening existing bonds.

Though the days appeared comfortably warm, I must acknowledge the slightly chilly nights that greeted our brave year 3 campers. Despite the nippy weather, their spirits remained undeterred as they revelled in the excitement of sleeping under the stars. The experience of camping provided them with valuable life skills, resilience and a deeper appreciation of the comfort of home.

Throughout the trips, our dedicated team of teachers and support staff ensured the safety and well-being of all the children. Their unwavering commitment to creating a nurturing and inclusive environment played a crucial role in making these experiences truly remarkable.

On another note, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Friday Parent Night Out FCH social. It was a night to remember, as the dance floor came alive with your infectious energy and enthusiasm. As always, I appreciate your continued support and participation in school events, creating a vibrant and inclusive community. The Head for the Day was announced and Ora will be introduced to all the children at our next assembly, where she will find out her duties and responsibilities. Thank you to all who bought a raffle ticket, £5,400 was raised which will go towards benefiting St. Mary's Children's Fund, the local charity that we supporting this year.

Additionally, I must congratulate and applaud the year 2 team and children for their extraordinary efforts in organising and performing in the Rock Pool productions. The toe-tapping songs, enthusiastic moves and undeniable energy brought the stage to life, leaving the audiences captivated throughout. My sincerest gratitude goes to Ms Darkins for the sensational music and to the fabulous art department, Miss Luke and Miss Cooper, for their creative contributions. My thanks to IT Will, for flawlessly recording all the shows and Mr Les for his invaluable assistance with stage arrangement.

These remarkable events are a testament to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated staff, talented children and supportive parent community. Together, we continue to create a nurturing and inspiring environment in which the children thrive.

As we look back on these incredible experiences, I cannot thank you enough for entrusting us with your children's education and well-being. Your continued support is deeply valued and greatly appreciated.

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](#).

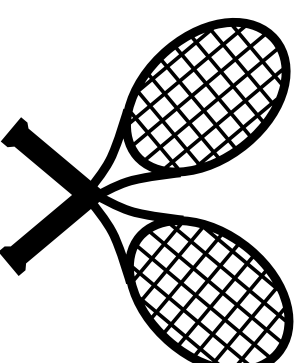
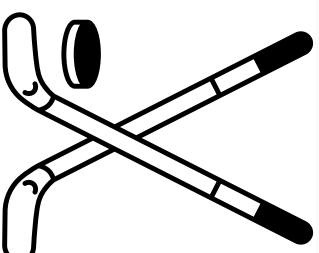
Angela Barr
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Chepstow House School

Sports Fixtures

May 22nd - May 26th

Fixture Information

Monday	<p>Y6 Cricket vs North Bridge House <i>(Selected children will play hard ball cricket)</i> Venue: Regents Park (near the Hub) Leave School: 1:30pm Match: 2:15pm – 3:15pm Return to School: 4:10pm Kit: Cricket Whites Staff: Miss Norman, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Best, Miss Thomas</p>
Tuesday	<p>Y4 Cricket vs North Bridge House Venue: Talacre Sports Centre, NW5 3AF Leave School: 1:30pm Match: 2:15pm – 3:15pm Return to School: 4:15pm Kit: Cricket Whites Staff: Miss Norman, Mr Best, Miss Gaubert, Mrs Templeton</p> <p>Y2 Football Tournament <i>(Selected children only)</i> Venue: Powerleague Shepherd's Bush, 41 S Africa Rd, London W12 7RW Leave School: 1:30pm Match: 2pm – 3:30pm Return to School: 4pm Kit: white polo, black shorts, red socks, red fleece, shin pads, trainers. Staff: Mr Wilkinson</p>
Wednesday	<p>No Fixtures</p>
Thursday	<p>Y5 Cricket vs North Bridge House Venue: Regents Park (near the Hub) Leave School: 1:30pm Match: 2:15pm – 3:15pm Return to School: 4:10pm Kit: Cricket Whites Staff: Miss Norman, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Best, Miss Braganca</p>
Friday	<p>FFD</p>



Behaviour Badge









Reception	
Robin	Harold
Sparrow	Aviraj
Wren	Hudson
Year 1	
Pelican	August
Penguin	Caspian
Puffin	Rhea
Year 2	
Kingfisher	David
Swallow	Adrian
Woodpecker	Cosima




Year 3	
Shorelark	Charley
Skylark	Diyar
Woodlark	Elizabeth
Year 4	
Snowy Owl	Yunqi
Tawny Owl	Luca
Year 5	
Grey Hawk	Tea
Harrier Hawk	Robbie
Year 6	
Golden Eagle	Stella


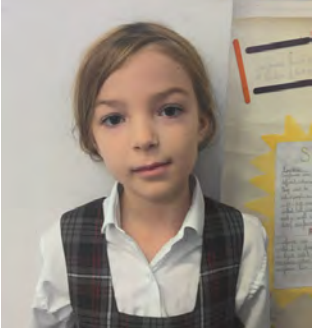


Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Robin 	Noah Simonsen	For being an absolute superstar in the class assembly, Elton John would have been proud!
Sparrow 	Isla Kong	For settling into the Sparrow class so well, it's so wonderful to have such an independent and happy girl in our class!
Wren 	Rebecka Barziliai	For your excellent work in maths discussing money, you'll make a great businesswoman one day!
Pelican 	Mae Rintoul	For working so hard on her re-write of Handa's Surprise, including some very detailed illustrations.
Puffin 	Mikayil Ganiyev	For being so brilliant at his times tables during our multiplication week in maths.
Penguin 	Cole Newman	For his conscientious attitude to learning. He tries his best in all that he does!

Class	Name	Reason
Swallow 	Rima Al-Khalil	For facing all challenges with resilience, determination and a huge smile- even with a broken elbow!
Kingfisher 	Miles Haynes-Ware	For your wonderful, descriptive dream jar inspired by the BFG.
Woodpecker 	Guoran Xu	For your brilliant work in Big Write, using adjectives, speech marks and paragraphs to tell a descriptive story about your character in the Rock Pool.
Woodlark		
Shorelark		
Skylark		

Class	Name	Reason
<p>Tawny Owl</p> 	<p>Alexa Barnes Withey</p>	<p>for her wonderful input during our Justice system discussions in history.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl</p> 	<p>Anastasia Fraser</p>	<p>for creating a wonderful story map about solving a dilemma.</p>
<p>Grey Hawk</p>		
<p>Harrier Hawk</p>		
<p>Golden Eagle</p>		

SPECIALIST AWARDS



French		
Music	Liora Shike	for creating a wonderful story map about solving a dilemma.
Sport	Koza Kaynak	For her growing confidence in swimming
Drama		
Art	Anastasia Fraser	for her wonderful painting of a dragon.
Science	Natalia Hawkins	For her consistently excellent attitude towards learning, even when tasks are difficult.



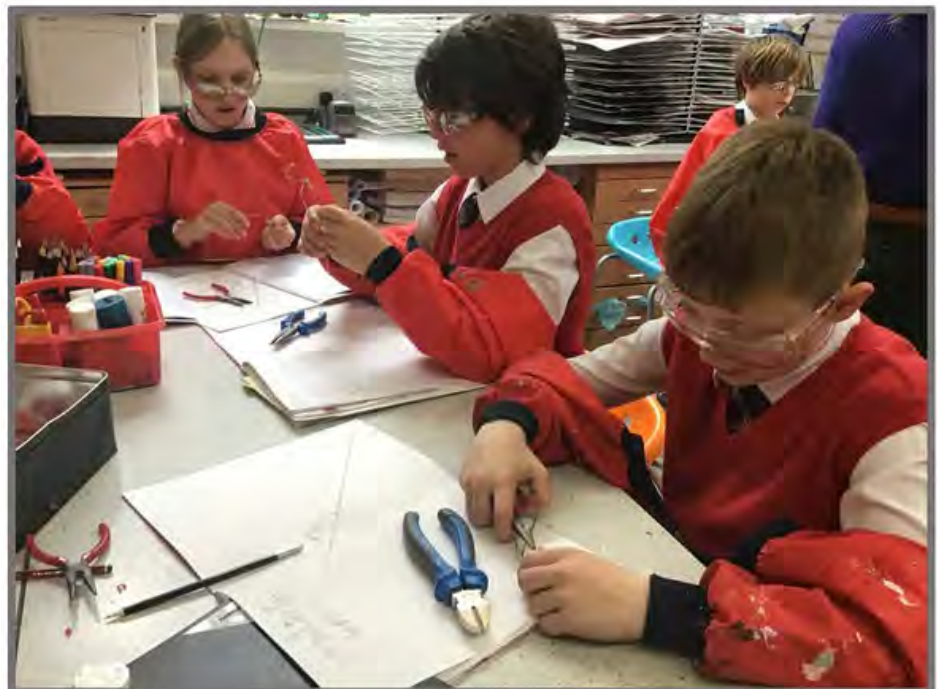
Art Department

Figurative Sculptures



Year 5 have been exploring figurative art and have explored the work of L.S. Lowry and Alberto Giacometti. They have then started to work with wire, creating their own figurative sculptures which echo characteristics from either artist studied. They will continue to work into these, adding foil and mud roc before attaching them to a base. Both classes have worked so hard and thoroughly enjoyed this project!

You can see more images on the 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 and wicket keeping. The children have been using batting tees to strike a static ball and some have also progressed to hitting a moving ball that has been bowled towards them.

In athletics the children have been looking at the shotput in preparation for sports day. We have talked about the correct technique for throwing a shotput and the children have had multiples goes at this in small teams competing for the furthest throw.

In tennis the children have been developing their hand eye co-ordination, striking moving balls and trying to catch a ball from their partner. Some of the children have also been working on playing rallies. The year 2 children had the opportunity this week to play some tennis rallies with their siblings in year 4 whilst all of the other key stage 2 children were away. It was lovely to see all of the children interacting and playing with another year group in sport.



French Department



BRAVO to all those who brought so many great contributions to the French home pack! It is really enriching our lessons.

You can see how these children have been busy ... cooking,

doing wordsearch or crosswords,

remembering their last holiday in France

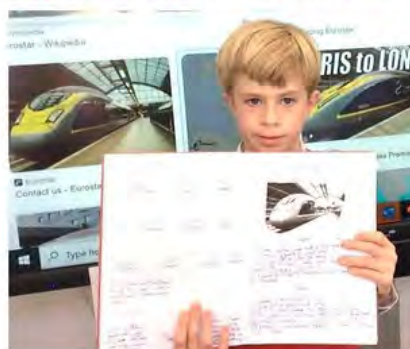
finding out about a famous French person (Louis Braille)

researching facts about the Eurostar

looking at French books

writing words taught in lessons (fruits)

transcribing phonetically numbers in French



Music Department

This week the music room was again lit up by the sounds of our younger players, performing beautifully to an excited audience of parents and siblings. Well done to everyone who played, we loved listening to your pieces, you had all practiced so hard – I am very proud of all of you!

Music Room Recital

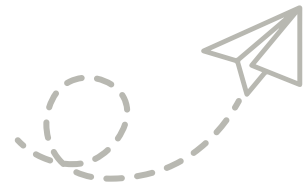


The concert performers were Adam (violin), Caspian (guitar), Leon (piano), Leo (piano), Emilia (voice), Jade (flute), David (piano), August (piano), Otis (guitar) and Dion (piano).

And it's been a big week for our Year 2 children, who all worked so hard to make sure crabby could join the band for their Rock Pool shows – with fantastic performances by all – well done!!



Little Chepstow



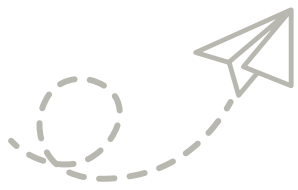
This week, we have all enjoyed the better weather by being outside more, and taking the learning out into the playground and Wild Area.

The Dormice also had a wonderful day in Holland Park, enjoying their first day (ever) of Forest School. They explored, played 'Hide and Seek' and built homes for animals.

The Field Mice took advantage of their absence from school by making use of all our amazing space and having free run of the nursery. They also visited the pitch in the main school for a very energetic game of football.

In school the topics have continued with the highlights being the making of Pink Pig cupcakes and pig masks. In the older class there has been a focus of learning the Continents Song and identifying each land mass on our Montessori map. The children are very skilled at this now. Very impressive!





Year 1

We have had another great week in year 1 and we loved that the sun was shining for most of it! Summer is around the corner.

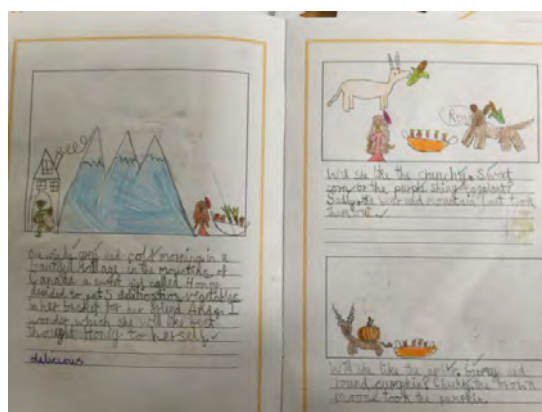
In literacy, we completed our own adaptation of Handa's Surprise. We can't wait for you to see them! As well as this, we also wrote acrostic poems. We were delighted by how much you loved reading them at the parent breakfast event.

In maths, we explored division and focused specifically on making groups. The concept of a 'remainder' was embedded. It was great to see the links being made between multiplication and division as well.

In topic, we enjoyed discussing how wash day was different during the Victorian era.

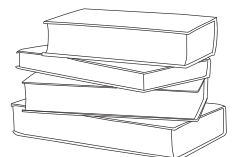
Again, it further cemented how grateful we are to be born now.

We can't wait for themed week next week! Around the World in 5 days, here we come!

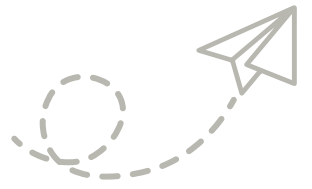




Year 2

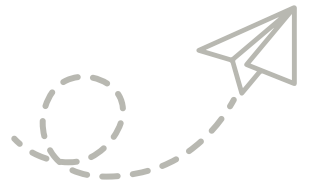


Year 3

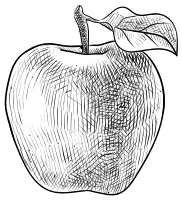


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Year 3



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Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Friends of Chepstow

We had so much fun last Friday for our Parents Night Out! Thank you to all of those who came to play, and we hope to see more of you next time!

Our Head for the Day raffle was drawn by Mrs Barr, and the winner was Ora Bell in Year 5! Thanks to your continued generosity and support, we were able to raise an incredible £5400 that will go straight to St Mary's Children's Fund!

Teachers and parent volunteers are getting ready for our Reception and KS1 children to descend on school in their pyjamas tonight for our Sleepunder! It promises to be a fun afternoon!

Next up:

Keep an eye out for Chepstow's Affordable Art Fair, more info will be coming in next week...



Toy Sale Update



Last week Nickolas, Sebastian, Arlo, Owen, Shy'm, Martin in Year 5 counted the Toy Sale money. We double checked it and put them in money bags so the money could be taken to the bank. We raised over £500! Thank you so much for your support for this fun event.