#### Message from Mrs Barr



#### **Dear Parents**

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the delightful change in weather. The warm sunshine has been a refreshing and welcome presence, bringing smiles to everyone's faces. It has been a joy to see the children revelling in the outdoors, particularly with the introduction of sprinklers in the playground. Their laughter and playful shrieks have been resonating.

To ensure the children's comfort and safety during the sunny days ahead, we have been considering additional measures. We are in the process of purchasing sails to provide even more shade from the sun. These sails will not only offer respite from the heat but also create a cozy and inviting atmosphere in the playground.

In other news, the excitement is building for our upcoming talent show. Auditions have been taking place, and I must say, we have witnessed some incredibly entertaining acts! The children never fail to impress me with their diverse talents and sheer creativity. From singing and dancing to magic tricks and comedy acts, our performers have truly showcased their unique abilities. I cannot wait to see the final line up and witness the incredible talent our school community has to offer.

As we look ahead to the upcoming week, I anticipate another busy but fun-packed schedule. The dedicated teachers and staff are working diligently to ensure that the children receive the best educational experience possible. From engaging lessons and meaningful discussions to exciting extracurricular activities, we strive to create an environment where every child can flourish and reach their full potential.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement. Your partnership plays a crucial role in fostering a strong and vibrant school community. I encourage you to stay connected with us through our <u>website</u>, <u>SharePoint</u> and social media sites: <u>school</u>, <u>art</u>, <u>sport</u>. and look forward to seeing you at the next school events.

Wishing you a weekend filled with joy and laughter.

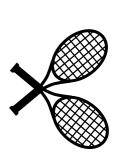
Best wishes

Angela Barr Head Chepstow House School





# Sports Fixtures



Friday			inursday	Thursday					Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	W/C 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Y3 Games	Y5 Games	Kit: Red and Black striped shirt, black shorts, red socks, shin pads, Astro boots.  Staff: Mr Wilkinson, Miss Braganca	Return to School: 1:45pm	Match: 10am — 1:30pm	Leave School: 9:30am	Venue: Westway	(Selected children only)	YS Football Tournament	No Fixtures	Y4 Games	Y6 Games	Fixture Information

## Behaviour Badge



Reception	
Robin	Dante
Sparrow	Giorgio
Wren	Koza
Year 1	
Pelican	Camelia
Penguin	Lily
Puffin	Electra
Year 2	
Kingfisher	Ginny
Swallow	Purdey
Woodpecker	Louis

Year 3	
Shorelark	Francesca
Skylark	Rafi
Woodlark	Beatrice
Year 4	
Snowy Owl	
Tawny Owl	
Year 5	
Grey Hawk	Lara
Harrier Hawk	Leo
Year 6	
Golden Eagle	Ella



# Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason	
Robin	Alesso Jacob	For being a conscientious and hard- working member of the Robins. Your writing has progressed so much because of your work ethic!	
Sparrow	Paloma Kendall	For being responsible in class and contributing much more to our class discussions with interesting ideas!	
Wren	Parker Cohen	For your super work in maths when collecting data.	
Pelican	Paolo Sguera	For writing a brilliant Big Write on the theme of empathy.	
Puffin	Aaron Mili-Madhvani	Well done Aaron for your impressive fact-finding skills when researching Notting Hill.	
Penguin	Otis Hamilton-Suid	For his excellent attitude to learning and focus during all lessons.	

Class	Name	Reason
Swallow	Otto Kendall	For your exceptional behaviour every time we visit the library. You are a credit to the Swallow Class.
Kingfisher	Hugo Stewart	For always being kind, helpful and considerate to those around you. You are a wonderful ambassador for Chepstow House!
Woodpecker	Angelique Harris	For your brilliant work in maths finding fractions with a numerator greater than one.
Woodlark	River Valmorbida	For writing four great paragraphs for his diary entry as the French explorer Jeanne Baret.
Shorelark	Miller Crowe	For designing a creative poster to define our word aware words
Skylark	Zena Cunningham	For your fluent recall of our Talk for Writing story map in only one day!

Class	Name	Reason
Tawny Owl	Callan McDougall	for a conscientious start to the second half of the summer term. Keep up the great work!
Snowy Owl	Axel Magnusson	For analysing with confidence the themes explored in Wonder.
Grey Hawk	Owen McDonald	For taking an active part in class discussions, sharing interesting facts and giving constructive feedback to peers.
Harrier Hawk	Robbie Veerman	For his mot recent piece of creative writing. He was able to write an extremely captivating, first person narrative using details from a comprehension text.
Golden Eagle	Lea Breaban	For her constant positive attitude and work ethic this week

#### SPECIALIST AWARDS







French		
Music		
Sport		
Drama		
Art	Bora Gungoren	For creating a fantastic Under the Sea landscape using oil pastels.
Science	Rafi Jackson	For her brilliant acrostic poem on how light travels.







#### Art Department







Year 4 got very messy this week using papier-mâché to start creating their dragons!





# Sports Department

# French Department



I have introduced a new way for children to assess their own learning journey in French. Just like in judo we are using a belt grading system, starting from white up to red, which is just after black.

You can find more details about the different levels on Sharepoint in each of the year groups. It was a pleasure to see that children were quite keen to demonstrate their knowledge and became thrilled to achieve a belt.

Here are some of the children, from Reception to Year 5, who passed their belts. More photos on the French Sharepoint page.







































#### Music Department

This week saw some incredible talent coming through the doors of the music room for the auditions of our first Chepstow's Got Talent competition. My fellow judges and I have been absolutely blown away by all the amazing acts, the incredible hard work, thought and practice that has gone into the performances has led to some incredible displays of talent. There has been dancing, singing, jokes, magic, gymnastics, teddy bear rolls, lego building, football skills and many more talents on display. Well done to everyone who took part in the auditions, the grand final is in singing assembly next Wednesday.



A big thank you as always to our wonderful assembly performers Louis and Lev who had the whole school rocking along to their drumbeats.







# Little Chepstow

On the hottest week of the whole year...Little Chepstow held their Sports Day! We had a lovely morning in Holland Park, moving around the various stations (with support from the Year 5 and the school sports captains, and the wonderful sports team). The heat did not stop our little people from running, hopping, jumping, and throwing their way through the event. We were so proud of them all.

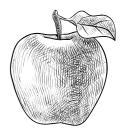
The rest of the week has had a slower pace and so we have broken out the paddling pools and spend the days splashing and enjoying the chance to cool down. The children enjoyed delicious cool iced lollies and spent much of the day in swimming costumes. How perfect!

Our caterpillars have turned in chrysalises and we are now awaiting the arrival of 20 beautiful butterflies.

Stay tuned for news!



## Reception



This week we have been reading Billy's bucket and learning all about pirates. The children made their own treasure maps and had great fun dressing up as pirates and sailing the sea in search of treasure!

In maths we have been revising addition and subtraction to 20 using a giant number line and twenty frame.

The children also cooled of in the sprinkler and ate yummy ice cream.







It has been a hot and busy week for the children. We have dived into the Notting Hill Project and the children are sharing some wonderful facts and ideas within their pairs. In maths we have looked at measurement, where the children have loved to use practical resources, including rulers and scales. In science the children have looked at seasons and compared different weather patterns to what we see in the UK. With the hot weather, the children have enjoyed running through the sprinklers to cool off!





Summer weather has come, and we are loving school! We found some creative ways to beat the heat so we could continue our learning. This week we enjoyed both the sunshine, outdoors, and our lessons. We had a blast at Bushcraft! Our day was full of running around, exploring the woods, making fires to grill our burgers. We learned new songs and even got to camouflage our faces as if we were trying to hide in the woods to survive! We had the best time and cannot wait to return for even longer next year! In science we took advantage of the wonderful weather and explored microhabitats and the minibeasts that call them home. We learned how microhabitats help minibeasts survive, but minibeasts also help microhabitats! We loved getting to learn outside! In maths we focused on multiplication, using the grid method to solve different multiplication sums! After designing our own unique chocolate bars lats week, we put our writing brains to work writing a persuasive letter to Willy Wonka trying to convince him to buy our chocolate. Our teachers were very impressed with our persuasive language, and we think we have convinced Willy Wonka that our chocolate bars are a worthy investment. We hope that he responds soon!

















In maths this week, we learnt about shapes. We practised measuring and converting lengths, calculated the area and perimeter of compound shapes and constructed 3D shapes ready to describe their properties.



In history, we found out about crimes and punishments from the Victorian times. We learnt about hard labour and the treacherous treatments prisoners went through at the time.



The children had a fantastic trip on Wednesday to the Holy Sepulchre church in Holborn for the Fire! Concert. The concert was organised by the Classical Road Show Company.

We have been practising the songs in class for several weeks and were extremely excited to take part in the interactive show. Our afternoon began with an introduction to various classical instruments in the orchestra such as an oboe and bass clarinet.

A hush went around the church as Samuel Pepys and Jane appeared on stage in their 17th century costumes and the dramatic events of the Fire of London unfolded. It was amazing to hear that the very church we sat in was one of the buildings destroyed by the fire!

The children's behaviour was fantastic and their did us proud with their enthusiasm and engagement. ©



#### Friends of Chepstow

The Chepstow Affordable Art Fair raised an incredible £4,790, which will go straight towards our three supported charities! This was made possible by our parent community who fervently bid on our online auction, but also our wonderful class reps and eager children who participated in creating these beautiful pieces. So we say a big thank you to you all.

Coming up next Saturday 24th June is Chepstow's Summer Fayre \*!This is a hugely popular event, so we hope to see your families there! Please do revert to our Classlist and rep announcements for all the info you need ahead of the big day, this event only exists with the help of the entire community.



SATURDAY 24th JUNE 2023 11AM - 2PM

Save the Date for the family event of the Summer!

- Games for little and big kids
- ★ BBQ by Chef John
- Rosé and Pimms bar
- ★ And some exciting additions for 2023!

Siblings and extended family welcome!