

Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school this week.

The year 2 have had their parent breakfast, which was a huge success. Taking time to sit with your children and chat over a croissant or two can be most rewarding as well as entertaining. The year 1 Penguin class parents were also in to witness the delights of their assembly. They were very much on the campaign to ensure we all think that the penguin is the best bird. Olympia certainly did a convincing job in her role as the 'Lost Penguin'.

Finally, it was fantastic to see so many of you participate in the introduction to our Tooled Up collaboration. For those of you unable to attend, the session was recorded and can be found via this link
<https://vimeo.com/794822048/8e1458cb33>

Please do watch it and join up to access all that Tooled Up has to offer.

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We are pleased to attach the most recent inspection report. As this was a compliance inspection it was a pass or fail. We are very proud to announce that we did indeed pass in all areas of the inspection.

<https://www.chepstowhouseschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Chepstow-House-RCI-Report-v5-2023-02-03.pdf>

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

Angela Barr
Head Teacher



Sport Fixtures

February 6th - February 10th	Fixture Information	
Monday	Y6 Hockey vs North Bridge House (All Children) Venue: Talacre Community Sports Centre, NWS 3LN Leave School: 1:30pm Return to School: 4pm	Y6 Rugby vs North Bridge House (All Children) Venue: Regents Park Leave School: 1:30pm Return to School: 4pm
Tuesday	Y4 Hockey vs North Bridge House (All Children) Venue: Castlehaven Community Centre, NW1 8RU Leave School: 1:30pm Return to School: 4pm	Y4 Rugby vs North Bridge House (All Children) Venue: Regents Park Leave School: 1:30pm Return to School: 4pm
Wednesday	KS2 Swimming Gala vs Norland Place (Swim Squad Only) Venue: Kensington Leisure Centre Leave School: 2:30pm Start time: 3pm Return to School: 4pm	
Thursday	Y5 Hockey vs North Bridge House (All Children) Venue: Talacre Community Sports Centre, NWS 3LN Leave School: 1:30pm Return to School: 4pm	Y5 Rugby vs North Bridge House (All Children) Venue: Regents Park Leave School: 1:30pm Return to School: 4pm
Friday	No Fixtures FFD	

Behaviour Badge









Reception	
Robin	Noah
Sparrow	Noah
Wren	Alba
Year 1	
Pelican	August
Penguin	Hugo
Puffin	Hugo
Year 2	
Kingfisher	Halle
Swallow	Otto
Woodpecker	Talia

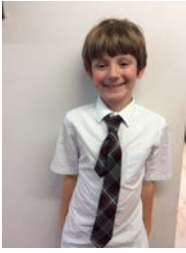





Year 3	
Shorelark	Lucas
Skylark	Nico
Woodlark	Theodore
Year 4	
Snowy Owl	Yunqi
Tawny Owl	Leonor
Year 5	
Grey Hawk	Uliana
Harrier Hawk	Noah
Year 6	
Golden Eagle	Khush








Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Robin 	Atlas Durusut	For making excellent progress with reading whilst staying modest.
Sparrow 	Archie Nicholls	For your amazing maths work – you have really excelled and enjoyed your daily maths challenges, keep up the great work!
Wren 	Basti Dannenbaum	For your super attitude when writing your weekend news.
Pelican 	Natalie Sanchez Dantas	For working so hard on your non-chronological report about pelicans.
Puffin 	Safi Heydar	For settling in so well to the Puffin class and for working so hard. Keep up the great work!
Penguin 	Liv Epstein	For always being so polite and kind. You are a ray of sunshine!

Class	Name	Reason
Swallow 	Niko Lightfoot	For such a wonderful informal letter to Katie Morag.
Kingfisher 	Maximilian Joanknecht	For your brilliant informal letter to Katie Morag using chatty language and contractions.
Woodpecker 	Amir Ghorbani	For your fantastic work in maths, solving questions independently. Well done!
Woodlark 	Laetitia Abillama	For showing a mature attitude of coming into school independently with a smile on her face and a great attitude
Shorelark 	Jade Sloane	For her animated and informative presentation on Australia Day
Skylark 	Maud Wattenburg	For using so many persuasive devices in your creative, eye-catching advertisement.

Class	Name	Reason
<p>Tawny Owl</p> 	<p>Nour Makati</p>	<p>For her wonderful imagination when writing her Greek myth.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl</p> 	<p>Gabriel Borges-Koomen</p>	<p>For working very hard on his times tables and making great progress.</p>
<p>Grey Hawk</p> 	<p>Rumi Aidi</p>	<p>Listening carefully to chapter four of Kensuke's Kingdom and producing a beautiful map of the island.</p>
<p>Harrier Hawk</p> 	<p>Jack Bradby</p>	<p>For his consistent positive attitude towards school life. He not only workshard in all lessons, but he is a kind person to everyone.</p>
<p>Golden Eagle</p> 	<p>Marcus Fulton</p>	<p>For his constant positive attitude and work ethic this week.</p>

SPECIALIST AWARDS



French	Maryam Ravanshad	For a great start and attitude in French, her polite manners and showing her interest during lessons.
Music	Year 4	For working so hard to learn all the songs and dance moves for the Young Voices concert at Wembley.
Sport	Kristian Oksanen	For making a great improvement to his overall attitude in all his sports lessons.
Drama	Alex Brooks-Heller	Excellent use of facial expressions when creating his toy for our toy shop!
Art	George Barker	For being hard working with a beautifully positive attitude in every art lesson.



Art Department

Year 5 have been exploring different drawing techniques to capture line and shape. They have had great fun doing various drawing and mark making exercises and activities to 'break down' a landscape to focus on the shapes and levels within the picture. They did a large scale mark making exercise, drawing a landscape on a huge piece of paper on the floor using long sticks which was very challenging and required perseverance and teamwork!

Keep an eye on the Instagram and SharePoint pages for more artwork and have a great rest of the week!

- Miss Luke



Drama Department

It has been another fun filled week here in Drama!

All the children should be so proud of themselves for their progress in Drama this week, picking the Drama Llama Star of the Week will be a very tough decision indeed!

The Penguins continued their work on the Gingerbread Man script and enjoyed learning all about projection and how using our voices can help tell an effective story. By the end of the lesson, we had some very creative looking Gingerbread children!



Both the Harrier hawks and Grey hawks were introduced to their new script this week, and learnt about how to use cross cutting on stage to show a flashback effectively. They are excited to continue working and developing their techniques over the next few weeks. I was so impressed by their maturity and independence, and we are all so excited to see the final product after half term!



French Department

Children enjoyed finding out how to make **mini books** from a piece of paper. (Great practise for increasing much needed listening skills, all had to listen very carefully to instructions in order to get the pages in the correct order. It also develops their reading skills and provides a different way to memorise and recognise key words being studied. There was a lot of friendly cooperation as children were keen to help each other out. It was great to see that some spontaneously started reading their book to each other. You can find more mini books to make in the plastic red folder in the **French home pack**.



Yr 2



Yr 3



Yr 4



Yr 6



Yr 5



Sports Department

This week in Gymnastics we have begun to look at developing the start of a routine on the beam, using battement walks and a half turn jump to move up and down the beam to link movements together. Some of the children have also been working on landing cartwheels on the beam. We have also been working towards performing a tuck through and straddle over on the vault using the springboard to get more height.

We are looking forward to our final week of gymnastics next week before the half term holiday.

In tag rugby this week the children have been working on travelling from end to end avoiding being tagged by an opposing team. We have also looked at carrying the ball towards the try line in a 1V1 situation, trying to score a try by placing the ball onto the floor without being tagged.

In hockey this week the children have been working on relays in small groups of 2 or 3 trying to keep control of the ball, using the correct grip to guide the ball around cones when under pressure of a race. The Year 2 children have also started to incorporate their passing and tackling skills into game play using zones to control the use of space.

In contact rugby this week the children have been applying their skills and knowledge of safe tackling in game situations within their fixtures.

The KS2 children have also had many fixtures this week coming home with lots of wins for Chepstow!



Music Department



Music
Room
Recital



We were so excited in the music department this week for our first Music Room Recital concert. These intimate concerts will give younger musicians and those new to their instrument, the opportunity to perform to an invited audience of family and siblings. We enjoyed performances on guitar (Noah and Max), piano (Aiden, Miller and James), saxophone (Sasha), violin (Adam and Riley) and vocals (Olympia and Karina). Well done to all the performers – we are so proud of you, all your hard work and practice paid off as you played brilliantly! We can't wait for the next concert....!

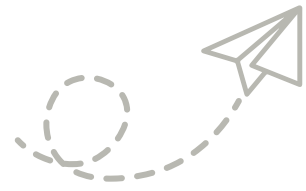


Our assembly performers this week are singers Layan, Kit and Mila – well done to all of you for your beautiful singing. Our school assembly song this week was 'Sing from your heart', one of the songs Year 4 will be performing at the Young Voices Concert at Wembley Arena next week. Class performers this week included Georgia and Electra demonstrating their keyboard skills.

In reception, we have been learning to play Twinkle Twinkle Little Star on Boomwhackers – you can watch our performances on the music SharePoint page.



Little Chepstow



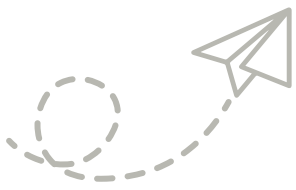
It's been all go with the continuing of the topics on Transport (Dormice) and Paws and Claws (Field Mice)

The Dormice have been busy colouring rice the same colours as those found in traffic lights, making pictures using car wheels and paint, and an interesting transport collage. Scissor skills have developed this week with the exciting opportunity to cut real spaghetti.

It was impressive to see that so little of it was eaten!

The Field Mice are developing a really impressive bank of animal facts. Not surprising as they have been learning about jungle animals this week. These have included sloths, parrots and crocodiles. Some wonderful art work has been made for the new jungle themed display board which we can't wait to put up. In addition to think in with the theme and letter of the week, they made some yummy cupcakes that were decorated with a crocodile and painted a still life painting of carrots.

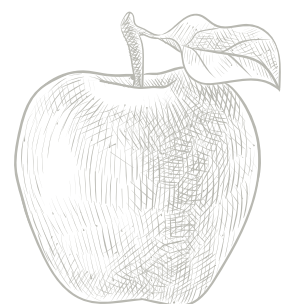


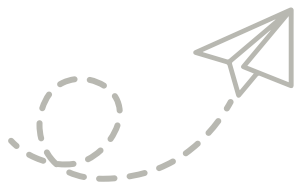


Reception

This week we have been learning all about volcanoes. The children found this topic fascinating and learnt some very interesting facts about what volcanoes are made of and how they erupt. They then went on to do a very exciting science experiment and created their own volcanic eruption.

In literacy we wrote a set of instructions on how to make a dinosaur fossil. We then used our instructions to make fossils. It was so much fun!



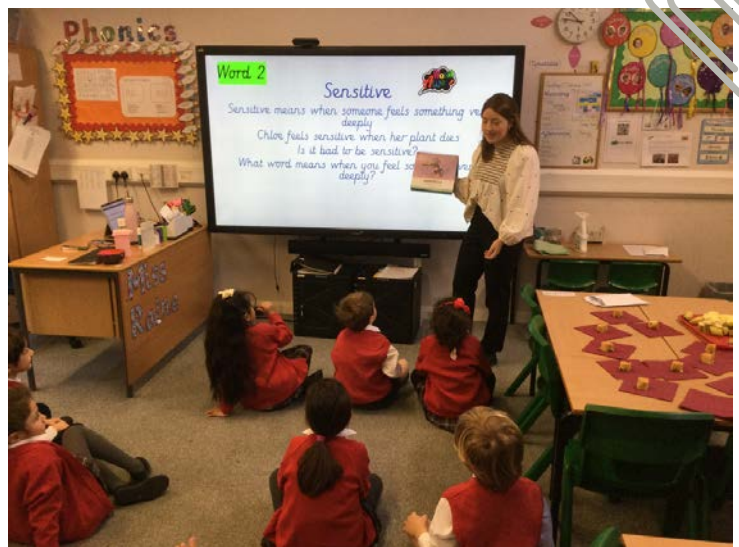


Year 1

What a busy week year 1 have had! We started the week watching the Penguins fantastic assembly, where we learnt so much about their class bird. In maths, the children have gained further confidence in division and have shown great understanding of how to use practical resources in class. In Literacy, we have looked at rhyming words and produced some fantastic rhyming booklets!

Geography got us to look in greater depth of what food and symbolic symbols you find associated with the countries of the United Kingdom. And finally, in science we looked at different materials and were able to describe each material by their properties!

Keep going year 1, one more week to go!



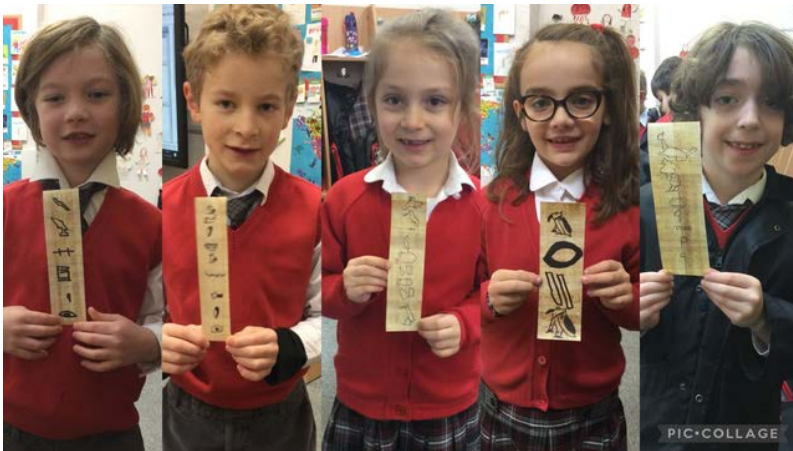
Year 2

We cannot believe that half term is almost here! We fully believe the saying, time flies when you're having fun! This week we had to use our geography and literacy brains at the same time! Our knowledge of islands came in handy as we started to research the Isle of Coll. We loved being able to research and gather information independently! Once we were experts on the Isle of Coll, we used our new facts to write and illustrate a leaflet sharing facts and persuading people to visit the Isle of Coll! Our teachers were very impressed with our researching skills. In maths we returned to measure, adding to our previous knowledge of weight and length. We loved the practical lessons, who knew weighing and measuring classroom objects could be so fun! On Thursday we had a very special treat... SCOTTISH DAY! We got all dressed up in tartan and Scottish themed outfits and started our day with a secret, special guest...Miss Main's father! Mr. Main shared all his knowledge of Scotland, where he is from. We learned so much! He even wore a kilt! We then spent the rest of our day learning even more and taking part in tartan weaving, collaging the Scottish flag, drawing our own Lochness monster and baking shortbread. We cannot decide which we loved most! We love Scottish day!



Year 3

What a busy week year 3 has had! We are just engrossed in our geography and history topics this term. This week we have learnt all about hieroglyphics and we decoded some serious messages. We learnt all about the Rosetta Stone and if we get the chance during the weekend, we will go to the British Museum to go and see it. In geography we learnt how we make chocolate. Who would not want to know how we make our most delicious treats? Did you know chocolate comes from beans on the other side of the world and these beans have a very long process before becoming your delicious milky chocolate bar. In maths we have been working on telling the time which is never easy and in literature we have been writing persuasive letters. The Shorelarks did try to convince Mrs Barr to give up the idea of homework but obviously we were not persuasive enough....

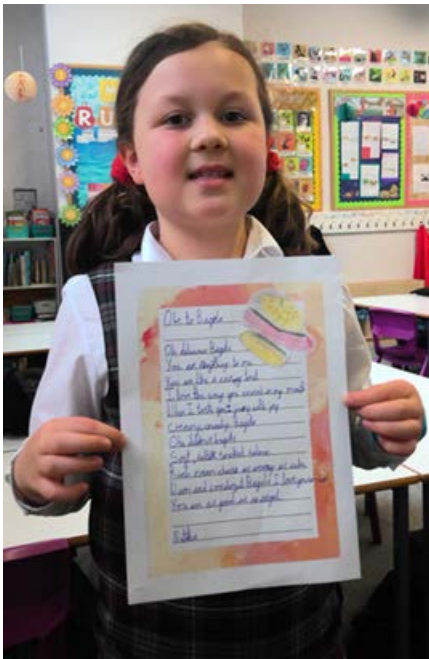


Year 4

We've loved learning about odes this week. After finding out about the features of odes, we wrote our own to our favourite foods.

In Geography, we presented our research about animals that have become endangered due to climate change or pollution. We learnt about many species and found out a lot about how we can help.

We have also been working hard on the songs we have been learning ahead of the Young Voices concert on Monday.



Year 5

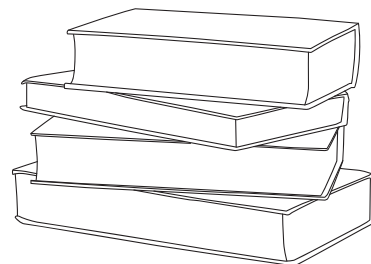
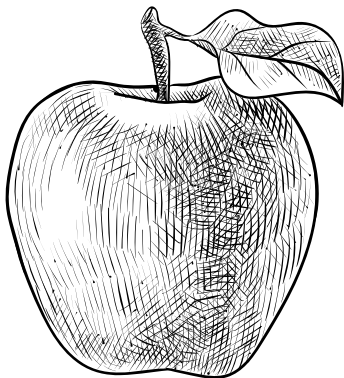
Year 5 have been busy learning all about oil spills in Geography. We were tasked with separating oil and water and found it near impossible! We also dipped feathers in the oil to see the devastating impact it can have on birds.

In history, we became travel agents and created brochures for people wishing to time travel back to ancient Mayan times and visit bustling cities such as Tikal. We suggested activities our clients might like to do such as watch a game of pok-ta-pok, visit a cenote or sample chilli-chocolate.



Year 6

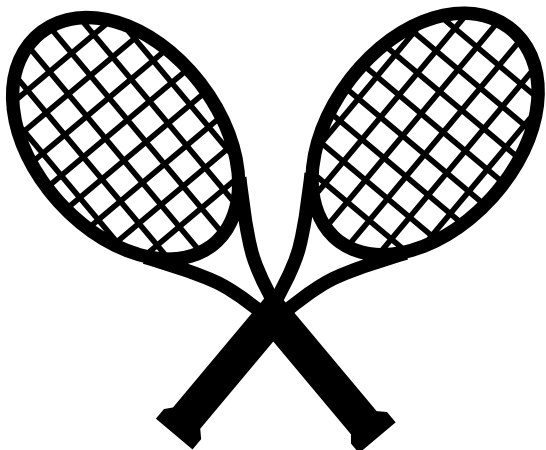
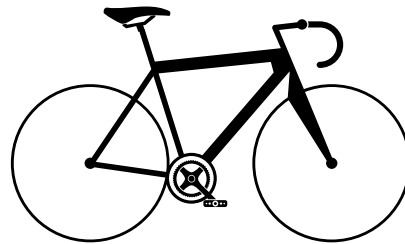
Another busy week for year 6! Congratulations to Josephine and Sienna for the most progressions in the class on Maths Whizz.



Chepstow Chaser

Chepstow Chaser Sport Magazine

Just a reminder that the deadline for your pictures and articles about any sport you take part in or have been to watch is February 10th.



Friends of Chepstow

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week in the UK, and among yoga and meditation activities, we have the pleasure of welcoming Lauren Humphries, who is the arts engagement co-ordinator at Imperial Health Charity. Lauren will be running workshops for all of our year groups beginning on Monday, 6th February to give our kids a greater understanding of the charity we are supporting this year and to show how art can help the children at St. Mary's on their journey.

Following the enthusiasm expressed for our second hand Kids Ski Sale, and with World Book Day coming up soon, we have decided to ride the wave of sustainability and host a pre-loved **FANCY DRESS SALE** alongside the second hand uniform, on Thursday 23rd February from 8.15am to 9.15am in the Hall. Please empty your closets of unwanted fancy dress/costumes and drop them off at reception from Monday 6th February until Tuesday 21st February.

COMING UP NEXT ...

Save the Date (for your kids!) for the KS2 Quiz Night on Thursday 2nd March at 5.30pm—more details to follow. Tickets will go on sale on Classlist on Monday 20th February.

Have a great weekend!

