

## Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the year 1 children and team for their outstanding Easter shows. They truly brought the spirit of Easter alive with their performances and singing. They should be extremely proud of how confidently they conducted themselves and all they have accomplished this term.

I would also like to thank the whole school for their participation in the Easter themed Friendship Fun Day. It was wonderful to see the children take part in a variety of activities that promote kindness, teamwork and empathy. The morning was full of laughter, excitement and fun. They clearly enjoyed themselves immensely. The staff, as always, did a fantastic job of organising and participating in the activities with great commitment and enthusiasm.

Please do find all school events and activities on our [website](#), [SharePoint](#) and social media sites: [school](#), [art](#), [sport](#).

This just leaves me to say, I hope you all have a happy and safe Easter break. Finding time to rest, recharge and spend time with loved ones. I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new term, refreshed and ready to continue learning, growing and having fun.

Angela Barr  
Head  
Chepstow House School



# Behaviour Badge









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| <b>Reception</b> |           |
| Robin            | Miraya    |
| Sparrow          | Sebastian |
| Wren             | Vicky     |
| <b>Year 1</b>    |           |
| Pelican          | Dion      |
| Penguin          | Lily      |
| Puffin           | Mika      |
| <b>Year 2</b>    |           |
| Kingfisher       | David     |
| Swallow          | Lucas     |
| Woodpecker       | Arwa      |







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| <b>Year 3</b> |           |
| Shorelark     | Charley   |
| Skylark       | Solomon   |
| Woodlark      | Lanna     |
| <b>Year 4</b> |           |
| Snowy Owl     | Jack      |
| Tawny Owl     | Uma       |
| <b>Year 5</b> |           |
| Grey Hawk     | Sebastian |
| Harrier Hawk  | Stella    |
| <b>Year 6</b> |           |
| Golden Eagle  | Sienna    |



# Stars of the Week



| Class  | Name                  | Reason  |
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| Robin<br>     | Dante Deiana Elrayyes | For your excellent effort with number bonds. You impressed me with your knowledge in such a short time! |
| Sparrow<br>   | Paloma Kendall        | For always being so responsible and helpful, particularly during tidy up time.                          |
| Wren<br>    | Raffy Nicod           | For your amazing weekend news writing.  |
| Pelican<br> | August Christiansen   | For always setting such a great example to his friends of being kind and responsible.                   |
| Puffin<br>  | Rhea Dhillon          | Writing a fantastic story about a bee in Big Write on Friday.   |
| Penguin<br> | Caspian Polonsky      | For working so hard to improve his handwriting this half term.  |

| Class  | Name                                     | Reason   |
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| Swallow<br>     | Zane Theiler                             | For showing wonderful perseverance in Maths this term.   |
| Kingfisher<br>  | Luka Kalashnikov                         | For your excellent work in maths this term and your diligent approach to your learning – keep it up!         |
| Woodpecker<br> | Louis Nicod                              | For his consistent hard work and creativity in literacy this half term.                                      |
| Woodlark<br>  | Theodore Christiansen and Lawrence Allen | For their excellent collaborative research of Poland during our Geography lessons.                           |
| Shorelark<br> | Alessandro Sabato                        | For learning your lines and projecting your voice beautifully during assembly rehearsals                     |
| Skylark<br>   | Sasha Esposito                           | For his consistent enthusiasm, accurate comprehension and inference skills shown in guided reading sessions. |

| Class   | Name                    | Reason   |
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| <p>Tawny Owl</p>       | <p>Callan McDougall</p> | <p>For the clear, precise and detailed work he showed on his Venn diagram about the ancient Greek Olympics.</p>                                      |
| <p>Snowy Owl</p>       | <p>Flo Young</p>        | <p>For his superb and interesting presentation on artificial intelligence.</p>   |
| <p>Grey Hawk</p>      | <p>Arlo Nealon</p>      | <p>for making super progress in maths this term. Keep up the great work!</p>   |
| <p>Harrier Hawk</p>  | <p>Shy'm Jung</p>       | <p>For the vast improvements in her creative writing. It was a joy to read both of her recent narratives, containing mature descriptive phrases.</p> |
| <p>Golden Eagle</p>  | <p>Zoe Theiler</p>      | <p>For her accurately answered word problems in maths and excellent work ethic.</p>  |

# SPECIALIST AWARDS



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| French | Jasper Fields        | For his excellent understanding of the vocabulary and being able to reuse it in a different context.   |
| Music  | Bentina Bjorgolfsson | For working so hard on developing her music notation skills.   |
| Sport  | Margot Chalmers      | For always being so helpful after sports lessons and clearing away the equipment used.   |
| Drama  | Vova Simonenko       | Always listening well in lessons and coming up with some brilliant ideas to show cross cutting in his scene.   |
| Art    | Stella Makant        | For winning Artwork of the Term for your amazing impressionist painting of the wild area. You have worked hard this term and have produced some fantastic work exploring the Impressionists and their style and application of paint. You continue to show wonderful passion and focus in all your art lessons, well done! |



# Art Department

We have had a wonderful term in the art room and some amazing work has been produced by all year groups! Here is a selection of some of the work for you to enjoy.



I also want to say congratulations to **Stella Makant** in Year 5 for winning artwork of the term for her beautiful impressionist painting and an even **bigger** congratulations to **Beatriz Anker** in Year 6 whose artwork entry was chosen to be on display for the **YoungArt Summer Exhibition** at the Royal Academy!

I hope you all have a great Easter break!

- Miss Luke



# Sports Department

This has been a fantastic final week of Hockey, Rugby and Dodgeball to finish off the spring term.

The children have been using all the skills they have learnt so far this term to play small-sided games and competitive activities with both hockey and rugby.

We have also introduced a number of different rules into this week's dodgeball games; including bin it to win it, rock paper scissors against the teacher to replace the usual bye, protect the king and queen, super catch and sacrifice. The children have been incredibly excited with these games, and we have seen a huge difference in confidence since the start of the term.

Congratulations to the year 5 teams this week who have played against Latymer in both hockey and rugby fixtures.

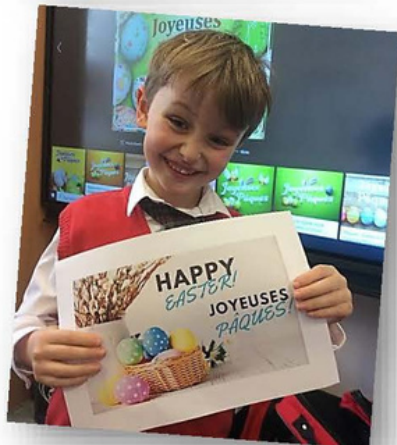
We are looking forward to starting the summer term with Cricket, Tennis and Athletics in preparation for Sports Day at the end of the year and very much looking forward to starting reception swimming after the Easter break!

**Please remember that all KS2 children, boys and girls, will need cricket whites for their games lessons next term.**





# French Department

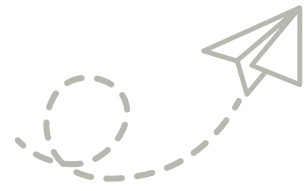


# Music Department

What a fantastic end of the spring term we have had in the music department. Both our Junior and Senior Choirs performed in assembly, delighting the whole school with their wonderful singing. Reception have been enjoying some lovely singing games this week, and year one has been getting ready for their Easter performances, singing their hearts out and perfecting the actions. For year 2, we have enjoyed some wonderful tunes on the recorder this half term, with 'Hot Cross Buns' being a firm favourite. Their tone and technique have improved wonderfully over the half term and we hope you have enjoyed listening to them play at home too. In year 3 it was time to put the finishing touches to our pentatonic performances. The children learnt a song and then composed three different types of accompaniments to play with the song: rhythmic, melodic and drone. They notated all three accompaniments using traditional stave notation, then used their scores to perform the accompaniments – we hope you enjoy the videos on SharePoint. In year 4 we finished our ukulele topic, with some lightning speed chord changes to the song, "Michael Finnegan." Year 5 have become singer songwriters this half term – working with Garage Band they laid down drum grooves, chord progressions and riffs to create backing tracks and then wrote raps to perform over their tracks. Videos of their performances are on SharePoint for you to enjoy. In year 6, our topic of 'Connect It' by contemporary Scottish composer, Anna Meredith has linked nicely with Science week's theme of connections. Our immersive compositions of body percussion motifs proved extremely successful in performance. Well done everyone on another fantastic term of music making – keep practising over the holidays as there will be so many more performances next term too!



# Little Chepstow



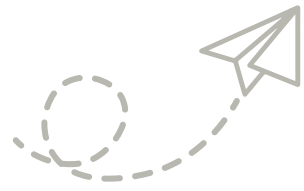
What a wonderful sunny week we have had at little Chepstow. The children have made the most of all our outside spaces, from playing football on the pitch to exploring the wild area. The latter was glorious, and the children loved using the rope swing and big slide. We are so lucky to have so much space!

The Dormice have been busy with a new topic on Transport. They are learning about all types of vehicles and about traffic lights. This has included car wheel painting, sensory shaving foam with cars and aeroplanes. Their book of the week has been 'We All Go Travelling By.' This has been read and re-read on a daily basis, the children love it!

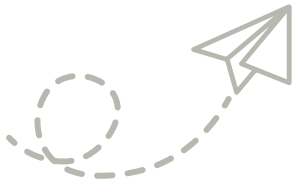
The Field Mice have had a very active week, concentrating on their gross and fine motor skills. Every day they have learnt a new dance which have included The Macarena, some Bollywood dancing and using scarves. A highlight was the obstacle course in the Wild Area, where the children were challenged to climb, crawl, jump and swing.



# Little Chepstow Easter Bonnet Fun!



# Year 1



# Year 2

We cannot believe the last week of term is here! We continued to work hard with friendship fun day close in sight. In literacy we used our topic knowledge of Queen Victoria's first train ride to write a news article reporting on the exciting, ground breaking journey. Topic helped us understand the positive and negative impact of the railway in Britain. In maths we returned to shape, learning about angles, shapes, and lines of symmetry. We love how maths consists of so many different topics! We are so surprised that the term has gone so quickly, but we know it has been full of fun! Our teachers will miss us but we know that next term will be equally as exciting! We can't wait to see what they have in store for us!



# Year 3

As the run up to Easter comes we have been so busy in Year 3 finishing off DT projects and thinking about what we shall be learning next term. In DT we have been learning how to stitch and can honestly say we have some designers in the making. It took some patience but we got there in the end. This week we continue to learn about Poland and we thank Joshy's mother for coming in to teach us new facts, teach us a few words in Polish and eat Polish chocolate! We continued to work on our explorers in history and this week we have been researching all about Sir Edmund Hillary and his partner Tenzing who were the first people to reach the top of the world. We can only imagine what harsh conditions they had to bear as they reached the summit and what kind of resilience. We talked about how teamwork must have been really important too. In maths we have been revising position and direction and making those right-hand turns! Lastly congratulations to the Shorelarks this week who smashed their assembly and dressed up for the occasion.



# Year 5

Year 5 have been busy with DT this week. Our question was: Can you create a shelter to keep Michael safe on Kensuke's Kingdom?

After thoroughly enjoying our class book last half term, we put ourselves in Michael's shoes to consider his most basic needs on the island. We spent time researching emergency aid given to people affected by natural disasters and discussed the need for food, water, sanitation, medicine and shelter.

We watched Tom Hanks struggle to create a shelter for himself in the film *Castaway* and then began to design our own, thinking carefully about the structure of the shelter. Our success criteria was to create something which would be large enough to fit a person inside; sturdy enough to withstand windy weather; and offer protection from the rain, sun and cold.

After experimenting with prototypes, we worked on final designs and then went out to the wild area to assemble our shelters. It was a lot of fun!

We were able to compare the pros and cons of different structures such as tipis and triangular prisms and learnt some new knots whilst tying our bamboo canes together.





# Friends of Chepstow

We have made it to Easter Break...while short, this Spring Term was packed full of fun events like the KS2 Quiz Night and the teachers' KS1 Disco! And the 2023 Read-A-Thon proved to be our best one yet! Thank you to each and every member of this community for your continued support and generosity.

To those who were looking forward to our upcoming Casino Night, we wanted to let you know that we have made the decision to postpone it to 2024. Given the numerous fundraising initiatives that have already been done this year, and the current economic climate, we feel it is appropriate to space out our larger fundraising events.

However that does not mean we are not planning some fun for our parent community, so make sure you Save the Date for our School Dance on Friday 12th May from 7.30pm, featuring live music, drinks, food and one very special raffle prize. ☺ Tickets on sale after the holidays!

Have a lovely Easter Break!

