

Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits. As we bid farewell to another eventful half term, I am thrilled to share some wonderful highlights and express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made these experiences possible.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the staff and parents for the invaluable input to our themed week, Around the World in 5 Days. It was a week filled with captivating discoveries, cultural appreciation and boundless enthusiasm from all. Through your support, we were able to provide a rich and immersive experience that fostered a sense of global awareness and curiosity among our young learners.

One of the highlights that left both children and staff utterly transfixed was the introduction to steel drums. Witnessing the joy and excitement on the children's faces as they learned to play these vibrant instruments was truly remarkable. It was a reminder of how valuable hands-on experiences can be in igniting a passion for learning and exploring different cultures. We are immensely grateful to Mrs Templeton for arranging this opportunity.

Furthermore, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge those staff members who are volunteering their time and expertise to connect with our international charity, Stand By Me. As you may be aware, they are embarking on a journey to Kenya, where they will teach at our newly established partnership school. Their dedication to improving the lives of children in need is both inspiring and commendable. We wish them the best of luck in this endeavour and eagerly await their return, filled with stories of their experiences and the impact they made.

I would also like to express my thanks for your generous donations of clothes and your enthusiastic participation in our fundraising initiatives to support this trip. Your contributions have not only provided much needed resources but also showcased the strength and unity of our school community. Together, we have made a significant difference and I could not be prouder.

Lastly, let us not forget the recent Friendship Fun Day, which was a resounding success. The spirit of camaraderie and inclusivity was palpable as students from all year groups came together to enjoy a morning filled with laughter and shared memories. It is a testament to the incredible friendships that have flourished within our school, fostering a supportive and nurturing environment for all.

With the half term holiday approaching, it is time for the children, and staff, to recharge. I hope that it will be a restful and peaceful break, allowing the children to return refreshed for the exciting last few weeks of this school year.

As always, I am grateful for your unwavering support and dedication to our school community. Together, we continue to create an environment where children can thrive, grow and embrace the world with open minds and compassionate hearts.

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



Behaviour Badge









Reception	
Robin	Chiara
Sparrow	Levi
Wren	Romy
Year 1	
Pelican	Mae
Penguin	Leon
Puffin	Hugo
Year 2	
Kingfisher	Alexander
Swallow	Georgia
Woodpecker	Verity






Year 3	
Shorelark	Jade
Skylark	Erin
Woodlark	Lawrence
Year 4	
Snowy Owl	Natalia
Tawny Owl	
Year 5	
Grey Hawk	Annabella
Harrier Hawk	Filippo
Year 6	
Golden Eagle	Ella

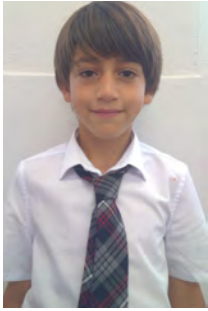






Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Robin 	Mike Frolov	For being a super star in the Robins this year, we will miss you! Wishing you the best of luck!
Sparrow 	Freddie Haynes-Ware	For always being polite, kind, helpful and an all-round ray of sunshine in the Sparrow class!
Wren 	Lila Phillips	For your amazing progress in your writing, it is so wonderful to see you excited to write!
Pelican 	Natalie Sanchez Dantas	For her amazing progress in reading, we love to listen to you read!
Puffin 	Ruby Taggart	For her fantastic, independent work on turning multiplication sentences into division sentences in maths.
Penguin 	Hera Wan	For her positive attitude to learning and her increased participation in all subjects.

Class	Name	Reason
Swallow 	Laura Habbig	For writing some wonderful riddles – the Swallow Class were baffled by your clues!
Kingfisher 	Alexander Brooks-Heller	For his brilliant work writing riddles and using interesting clues to keep the reader guessing.
Woodpecker		
Woodlark 	All of Woodlark Class	For an amazing Bushcraft trip and embracing sleeping in tents so enthusiastically.
Shorelark 	Harper Sullivan	For her enthusiastic attitude and commitment to teamwork at Bushcraft
Skylark 	Henriette Batista	For her confidence and superb knowledge when discussing volcanic eruptions with the class.

Class	Name	Reason
<p>Tawny Owl</p> 	<p>Luca Souji</p>	<p>For his excellent teamwork and enthusiasm on our year 4 residential. He was a wonderful ambassador for Chepstow House School.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl</p> 	<p>Gabriel Borges Koomen</p>	<p>For being a fantastic Chepstow House School ambassador during our residential.</p>
<p>Grey Hawk</p> 	<p>The whole Grey Hawk class</p>	<p>for being absolute superstars on our residential. You threw yourselves in to all activities with enthusiasm and good humour and made it a brilliant week.</p>
<p>Harrier Hawk</p> 	<p>The whole Harrier Hawk class</p>	<p>For making the Rockley residential so enjoyable for everybody there. Your behaviour was excellent and I am proud of the way you got stuck in to all activities.</p>
<p>Golden Eagle</p> 	<p>Tout les Élèves!</p>	<p>For being wonderful des Étoiles dans le ciel (stars in the sky) in France last week.</p>

SPECIALIST AWARDS



French	Isabella Harrier Hawks	For her excellent attitude in class and achieving her orange belt in language learning.
Music	Adrian Suarez Kritikopoulos	For performing Calypso rhythms beautifully in our Calypso song.
Sport	Ayan Kingfishers	For always following instructions and trying his hardest in every lesson.
Drama		
Art	Massimiliano in Snowy Owls	For creating a fantastic dragon using mixed media which shows accurate form and proportion.
Science		



Art Department

CHS END OF YEAR ART EXHIBITION

We will be displaying some of the fantastic artwork created by students across the school this year in our end of year art exhibition. Students, parents and families are all welcome to attend this event which will take place within school on the morning of Wednesday 7th June.

Timings for each year group and their families are as follows:

8:00am - Year 5 & 6

8:15am - Year 3 & 4

8:30am Years 1 & 2

8:45am Reception

These timings are to allow for everyone to enjoy the exhibition before the start of the school day.

Have a lovely half term! – Miss Luke

**8am-9am
Wednesday 7th June
At
Chepstow House
School**



Sports Department

It has been a busy week of fixtures in sport this week! The KS2 Chepstow children have taken on Northbridge House with a mixture of wins, draws and loses. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship as well as some accurate bowling.

In cricket this week we have been looking at batting a moving ball from a bowler and running between the wickets or cones to score points. We have also looked at fielding and stopping the ball to return to the bowler.

In Athletics the children have been looking at the technique of throwing the vortex and comparing this to the shotput that they looked at in previous weeks. The children were working on throwing in zonal areas to score points for their team which created an exciting competitive buzz!

For the KS2 children this has been their last week of tennis before half term and will change to Athletics after the holidays. This has meant that the children have had the opportunity to play friendly singles, doubles and rallies using the nets within small friendship groups as a fun finish to the term.

At the beginning of the week some of the Year 2 boys took part in a Year 2 football tournament where they took on multiple schools in short matches. The boys were developing their team work and passing skills under pressure. Although we didn't win the tournament this time, the boys enjoyed their experience and still came away smiling.



French Department



On Tuesday we had the visit of Luke, Joe and Chiara from **Language Angels**. They are developing a new language app for children, **Glurbs**. A few KS2 children got the chance to test it before it is released on **9th June**. They were asked their opinions about the activities, the designs of the characters and whether they would suggest any improvement. It was an interesting exercise!



You can go to <https://www.glurbs.com/> to take a look at the trailer.

It is a free app for French, Spanish and Italian and looks quite fun and engaging for children.



Music Department



This week we held our incredible Chepstow Live! Summer concert. Featuring performances from the orchestra, violin stars, trumpet club, guitar ensemble and school rock band, alongside several spectacular soloists, the musicians dazzled us with their incredible talent and toe-tapping performances. A huge well done to everyone who took part! And of course, a huge thankyou to our incredible team of visiting music teachers too. You can find out more about them on SharePoint or by clicking [here](#).

This week we are also launching out new Chepstow's Got Talent Competition.

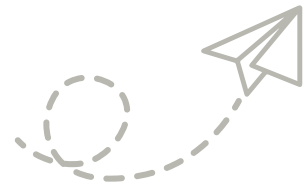
Chepstow's got talent!

**Can you play
an instrument,
sing, dance,
tell jokes, do
magic... ????**

**Whatever your
talent it's time to
enter our fabulous
Chepstow's got
talent
competition.**

**Acts can be solo or group but can only be
with people in your own class. Maximum
performance time is 3 mins. You may only
enter one act in the competition.**

Little Chepstow



How has the end of this half term come around so quickly?! Finally, the sun is shining, the playgrounds and Wild Area are being greatly enjoyed as we look up at beautiful blue skies. ☺

This week has been 'International Week' at Little Chepstow. We have enjoyed stories and learnt how to greet each other many languages. The children have looked at continents, listened to music from around the world and become very skilled at recognising famous landmarks and sites.

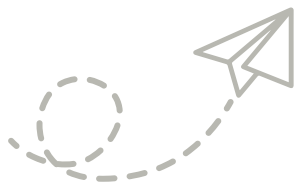
One highlight of the week was all having a turn at playing the steel pans from Trinidad. It was amazing and the children loved it!

The final day of this half term brought together a real melting pot of cultures and tastes. We dressed up in national dress and tasted food from 'everywhere'. From seaweed, Welsh cakes, lasagna, Lebanese bread, Emmental and spring rolls...to name a few.

The children loved this tasting feast and we really do feel as if we have travelled around the world in four busy days.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this week so special.
Have a happy and safe half term.





Year 1

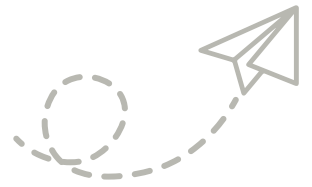
What a busy last week of term it has been for year 1! We have been so lucky to have so many wonderful talks about many amazing countries that our parents are from. It has been great to see how many languages we can all speak and what beautiful places we have visited. This week it has been lovely to see so many children take such interest in the talk and activities, and we want to say a big thank you to all the parents who have given up their time to come and speak to us.

In Science this week we looked at evaporation and completed an experiment all based on puddles! It was great to check on our experiment each day and brought up lovely scientific discussion. In History we have dived further into the Victorian era and looked at different toys that were played with. From this all the children were very clear that they prefer their toys!! In maths, the children have looked at fractions have been able to use many practical resources build their confidence and have been fantastic!

Of course, to finish the week off in the true Chepstow way, the children had an amazing time dressing as their favourite country and perform in their houses, including some brilliant decorations. This was lovely to see, and the children had so much fun doing it with the other year groups

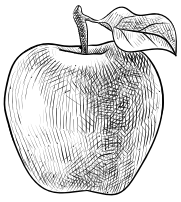


Year 3



Theme week has been so busy! Thank you to all the parents who came in to see us and talk to us about their home countries. Thank you to those parents who also sent us informative PowerPoints and quizzes to complete and even test the teachers. We have learnt so much and eaten a lot of different kinds of food too. This week we made cherry blossom trees from Japan, ate bruschetta from Italy, treated ourselves to Hungarian biscuits and danced a frog dance from Sweden. To top it all off we had piggies in blanket and traditional American apple pie. This has all been quite an adventure. Lessons have been busy too with so much going on. We have been revising our fractions and decimals, studying Oliver Jeffers' writing style, exploring volcanoes and further research in to explorers. We simply cannot believe it is already half term and looking forward to learning new topics upon our return.





Year 4

Year 4 had the most wonderful week celebrating countries and cultures from all around the world. We welcomed many parent visitors who came to talk to us about countries ranging from Venezuela, Timor Leste and Denmark. We learnt so much about the countries' cultures and traditions and got to try foods from many of these countries which were absolutely delicious.

In addition to that we had the privilege of taking part in a steel drum workshop from Trinidad and Tobago. We learnt about their history and origins and loved playing them too.



Year 5

Year 5 had thoroughly enjoyed celebrating 'Around the World' week this week. On Monday, we looked at artists from around the world. We loved Frida Kahlo's colourful flowers, Picasso's wacky portraits, Mondrian's bold shapes and Hokusai's intricate Japanese prints. Feeling inspired, we then had a go at making some of our own art.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we travelled to Trinidad and Tobago for a drumming workshop! We learnt the history of the steel pan, played a tamboo bamboo and danced around Carnival-style!

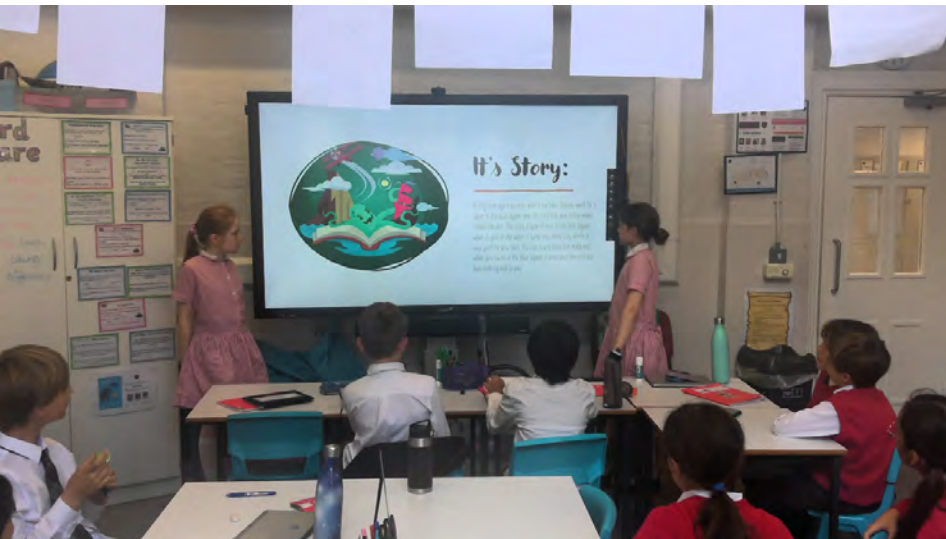
We were lucky to have lots of parents come to talk to us: Lev's mum talked about Israel, Lara's dad taught us about Austria, Leo L did an Italian quiz and Ines' mum brought in lots of delicious French cheeses.

On Thursday, we were wow-ed by the children's amazing spelling as they tackled tricky words in our annual Spelling Bee.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make it special. We can't wait to see the fantastic Friendship Fun Day outfits you all wear on Friday as we round off the week.



Year 5



Friends of Chepstow

The Sleepunder was a another huge success, and we want to say a big thank you to all our dads and mums who came to help!

After half term we are hosting Chepstow's own Affordable Art Fair alongside Miss Luke's End of Year Art exhibition. Our class reps, teachers and children have worked hard at creating artwork that will be auctioned online in support of our school charities. Their pieces will be showcased at school from Wednesday 7th June until Friday 9th June. Up for bids from Little Chepstow Nursery will be photography by Miss Whiteside. Keep an eye out for the silent auction website that will be launched on Monday 5th June. Auction ends Sunday 11th June at 9pm, good luck with your bidding!

Whilst we wish everyone a happy half-term, we also want to wish an amazing trip to our 10 teachers who have flown to Kenya this morning, loaded with 20 suitcases full of supplies and clothes donations to help and support the Open Arms Village. This trip was made possible by the generosity of our parent community.

Lastly, please save the date for our annual Chepstow Summer Fayre on Saturday 24th June from 11am to 2pm. We have plenty of fun in store for the whole family!



Friends of Chepstow



CHEPSTOW HOUSE SCHOOL
SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 24th JUNE 2023
11AM - 2PM

*Save the Date for the event of the
Summer!*

- ★ Games for the whole family
- ★ BBQ by Chef John
- ★ Rosé and Pimms bar
- ★ And some exciting additions for 2023!

Siblings and friends welcome!

Friends of Chepstow

Chepstow's Affordable Art Fair

**Class Artworks exhibited
in school from
Wednesday 7th June to
Friday 9th June**

**Silent Auction in support of our
school charities**

**Live from Monday 5th June until
Sunday 11th June 9pm**

See Classlist for more info



Eco Committee

Thank you to everyone who took part in Walk to School week and made an effort to walk, scoot or cycle before Residential week. It was brilliant to see so many of you taking part.

The eco committee were out measuring the pollution each morning and it was amazing to see how much the pollution levels dropped that week with everyone working together to be more active.

Our usual pollution levels are.... but during Walk to School week, we were amazed to see these drop to just

This really highlights the difference that we can make when we all work together!

The house with the most active travellers and, therefore, the winner of 20 merits was Blenheim – well done!

We also had a wonderful time reading and listening to the entries submitted as part of our Walk to School song competition. They were all brilliant!

Well done to our 6 winners who won pedometers and had their performances recorded. You can watch them on our SharePoint page here:

Lev – Harrier Hawks

David - Kingfishers

Lucas – Swallows

Margot – Woodpeckers

Aria – Woodlark

Miles – Snowy Owls

