

**Different
Individuals
Valuing
Each other
Regardless
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CVPS NEWS

October 2021

Welcome!

I cannot believe we are already at the end of the first half term. So much has been going on and we are excited to share it with you in this month's newsletter. Congratulations to our Reception children on finishing their first couple of months at full time 'big' school – you have all done brilliantly well.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all again in November!
Clare Rackham

Celebration

Throughout the school, we value and celebrate the work and achievements of all of our children, encouraging them to continually strive to 'Be the best they can be.'

On a Monday morning, we have whole school awards for particular effort and dedication towards our Chipstead Valley Values. Our 8 Chipstead Valley Values are resilience, respect, communication, morality, cooperation, enquiry, thoughtfulness and adaptability. Each month, we will share the B Badge winners with you.

B Badge Awards in October

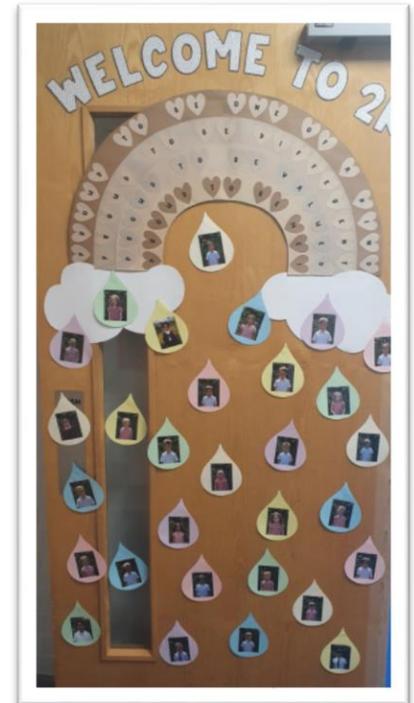
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Rabbits	Teddy	Brooke	Thomas	Hannah	Marcus	Anaya
Hedgehogs	Oscar	Quinn	Isla	Ipek	Rhea	Daria
Squirrels	Taliyah	Keya	Aria	Marc	Amber	Charlotte
Treehouse						
1B	Harry	Skylar	Jake	Blake	Zoha	Obaid
1C	Nino	Milly	Arabella	Chloe	Jessica	Oliver
1S	Archie	Lily	Kareem	Poppy-Mae	Ryley	Sophie
2W	Zenon	Jamil	Sammy	Oliver	Xanthe	Emma
2F	Darcie	Josh	Annabel	Amber	Ashar	Noah
2K	Hela	Ozzy	Holly	Charlie	Lyra	Jacob
3G	Mikey	Jessica	Katherine	Emily	Kaeden	Mariam
3H	Brandon	Katie	Oliver	Eleanor	Jacob	Florence
3C	Lineysha	Hendrix	Oliver	Joshua	Max	Jack
4L	Conor	Divisha	Arjan	George	Jack	Dominic
4S	Jack	Nikol	Sofia	Sienna-Sofia	Charlotte	Ethan S
4P	Tyler	Shahina	Kaeleb	Hayley	Caitlin	Harvey
5H	Eshan	Liam	Yasmin	Leo	Jaiden	Raya
5S	Iris	Ella	George	Chloe	Millie	Milo
5O	Tyler	Mabel	Max	Ashley	Matthew	Oviya
6S	Sadie	Abigail	Amber	Billy	Aaron	Inayah
6J	Mason	Lacey	Ronnie	Harry N	Joanne	Niamh
6M	Lottie	Blessing	Charlie	Eloise	Kamal	Hamdan

Black History Month



This October, we have enjoyed celebrating Black History Month in many different ways. Children from Nursery all the way up to Year 6, have been learning about what it means to 'Be Proud' and understanding how this may have been different for black people many years ago. Across the school, children have taken part in a range of lessons from learning about black women in space, like Katherine Johnson, to studying significant black people who are still making history today, such as Marcus Rashford.

As you know, we held a 'decorate your door' competition across the school. It was a hard competition to judge and we are extremely proud of all the hard work that went into the designs. We are pleased to announce that the winners were 2K and 6S! Well done to you both!



Cross Country Competitions

This month, Years 1 – 6 had the amazing opportunity of taking part in the 2021 Croydon Cross Country Competition, in Lloyds Park. The children were very excited and trained hard for the event. Each race had approximately 150 children and the children of CVPS performed fantastically! We are extremely proud of them all!



A special congratulations to Amar 4P, Delila 4P, Jemima 2K and Jenson 2K for coming 2nd place in their races and receiving their silver medals on the day. Well done to everyone who took part!



Mastering Number

We are very excited to be part of the 'Mastering Number' programme led by the Maths Hub. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be following this national programme which focuses on developing 'number sense'. The aim is to ensure children become more confident with their understanding of numbers, improve their fluency in calculation and flexibility with number. The children will have an additional short maths session daily which will involve fun and practical activities. We have even been given new resources called Rekenrek from the Maths Hub which we are very excited to use!



 **MathsHUBS**

EYFS Update

Nursery

The October weather has been kind to us so we have been able to enjoy the outside area in the sunshine. We have also enjoyed bringing natural objects into the classroom to explore and used our magnifying glasses to take a closer look.

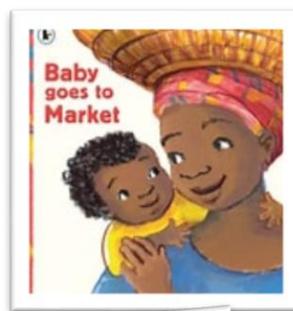
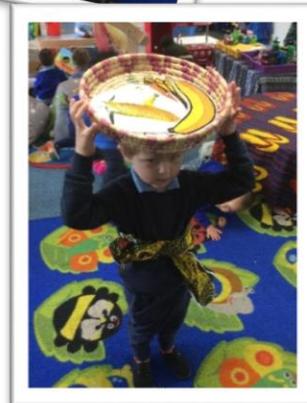
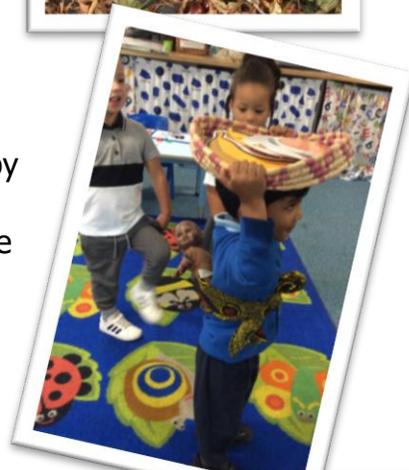


We have been comparing our height in the classroom and using mathematical language to describe what we had observed about the different heights in our class. We will then revisit this activity in the Summer Term to see how much taller we have all grown!

To celebrate Black History Month, we read the story 'Baby Goes to Market' which involved counting items bought at a West African market. We created a wonderful door collage of our chosen book and had a fantastic time role playing the story with the baby, batik fabric and a basket.

Our last topic for this half term has been 'Shapes and Patterns' and the children have had lots of fun completing activities related to our theme. We tapped wooden shapes onto cork boards with hammers which helped develop our fine motor skills and we made repeating patterns with the coloured bears. We also used the interactive whiteboard to play a shape monsters game, the children loved hearing the monsters munch the correct shape.

After half term we are moving on to 'Autumn, Colour and Light'



Reception

In Reception we have continued to learn about the topic Marvellous Me. This week the children have really enjoyed reading the classic story 'Funnybones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The children enjoyed joining in with the repetitive language of the text as well as making some beautiful skeleton pictures using Mr Bones as their model.



This month is Black History Month and in Reception we have been finding out about the journey that Floella Benjamin took in her adapted autobiographical story 'Coming to England'. The children discussed Floella's dream of meeting the Queen when arriving in England and compared it to their own dreams.



As part of our learning, each class decorated their doors with a Black History display. It was very special to celebrate our diverse cultures and family origins. We all created our own skin coloured handprint to be used as part of our door displays.



On Friday it was 'Take 10 Day' at 10am we stopped everything to read a book together. The children enjoyed listening to the story of 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival. Like many classrooms within the school and around the country, we celebrated how stories can inform, excite and spark our imaginations and promote our love of reading.



Our last story before we finish for half term is the well known classic 'The Gruffalo'.

We are super proud of our Reception children. It has been a busy term with lots of new routines and topics which they have begun to embrace and remember brilliantly. Thank you to our parents and families for your continued support. Have a wonderful half term break and we will see you in November for our topic 'Festivals and Food'.



Treehouse Update

In Treehouse, we have been celebrating our differences. We made a lovely door display for Black History Month and even got to include our favourite characters Jo Jo and Gran Gran!



We have also been reading 'Baby Goes to Market' by Atinuke. We used the story as a hook for some maths activities. We have done lots of counting and placing items into baskets! We really enjoyed making Chin Chin biscuits, and just like in the story, we took them home to try!



We had a visit from Chef Barry last week. Barry joined in with some of our Circle Time songs and we taught him some new ones too! We have been taking it in turns to dress up just like him!



We have been doing lots of messy play; experimenting with different textures and working on our fine motor skills. We really enjoyed the 'moon sand' that Mrs Fisher made and had a great time cutting shapes and mark making.

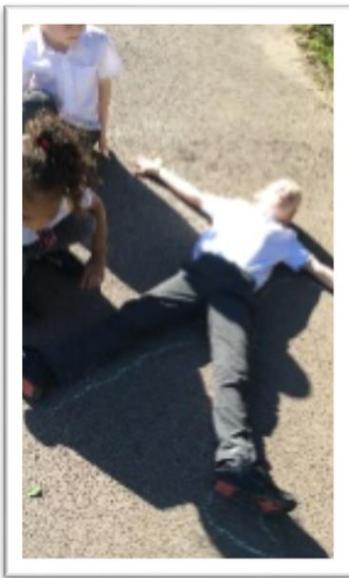


Key Stage 1 Update

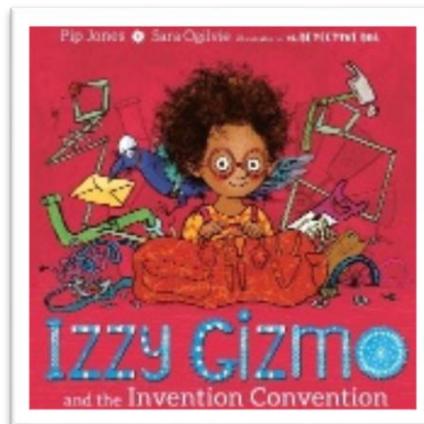
Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful month celebrating Black History Month and National Space Week. We visited the Digiverse to blast off into space, discover the solar system and learn about Mae Jemison who was the first black woman to go into space! The children had so much fun!

In English we have loved reading the book 'Izzy Gizmo and the Invention Convention' and forming simple sentences that include adjectives to describe Izzy. We also competed in our school-wide door decorating competition and really enjoyed creating some art inspired by Alma Thomas.



We have continued working on our 'All About Me' topic by drawing outlines of our bodies outside and labelling the different body parts. In Maths we have been using the greater than ($>$), less than ($<$) and equal to ($=$) symbols to compare numbers. The children have continued to settle in very well and we are looking forward to continuing the fun after half term!



Year 2

During October, Year 2 have really enjoyed celebrating Black History Month. In English, they looked at the story called 'The Other Side' by Jacqueline Woodson. They started off by looking at how the girls in the story might have been feeling and also looked at what questions are and when we might use them. They then had to write their own letters from the perspective of one of the characters. The children also took part in 'Take 10 to read' where they had the opportunity to enjoy reading a story for 10 minutes.

In Maths, they have been working really hard on their counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s where they used lots of different resources to help them. They have all done fantastically well with this and especially enjoyed the outdoor activities they completed. We then moved on to look at estimating numbers on a number line and writing numbers as words.



The children have also really enjoyed continuing with our topic 'Fighting the Flames' and learning more about The Great Fire of London. They became history detectives and had to look for clues to find out how the fire started and why it spread so quickly through London. They also immersed themselves in a Great Fire of London workshop where they learnt all about what it was like to be there during the fire. Linked to Black History Month, they also did some Great Fire of London painting based on the style of African dot art.



Year 2 have all worked incredibly hard and we look forward to welcoming them back after half term for the new topic 'Art Attack.'

Key Stage 2 Update

Year 3

Year 3 continue to make great strides and the staff are really proud of how the children have dealt with the first term of the year.

This month we have been celebrating Black History Month and the children have been learning all about some of the great black figures from around the world, both past and present. As part of our celebration, each class created a door display, with fantastic artwork and lots of information researched by the children. The children also created some fantastic, informative posters about Mae Jemison, the first black woman to travel into space.



On Friday 10th October, the school took part in an event called 'Take 10', in which all children stopped to read for 10 minutes. All children in Year 3 participated and their reading choices were certainly varied!

The Year 3 staff would like to congratulate the children on the first term and wish all the families a pleasant and well-earned break.



Year 4

Year 4 have been working really hard over the last few weeks. The children enjoyed using Chromebooks to research different events and people from the Tudor period. They followed this up with creating wonderful group posters and had to present their findings to the class!

In Maths, we have enjoyed learning Roman numerals and investigating negative numbers. We also liked taking part in the recent 'Take10toRead' challenge.

Within their learning around Black History Month, Year 4 have been honing their narrative skills based on the book 'The Ghanian Goldilocks'. The children have also been creating detailed fact files about Mae Jemison as part of World Space Week. Year 4 learnt all about Faith Ringgold and we were impressed with their artistic skills when the children created their own narrative quilt artwork – take a look!



Year 5

Throughout October, Year 5 have been working incredibly hard across a range of subjects. This month, we have focused our learning on Black History Month. Year 5 decorated their classroom doors with music which celebrates black artists throughout the ages. The children loved learning more about reggae, jazz and Motown music and artists. Afterwards, we created fact sheets about these artists and also sketched them too.





Within English, Year 5 have focused their learning on "The Adventures of Odysseus." The children have written some superb setting and character descriptions as part of this topic! We also took part in "Take 10" where the children loved having ten minutes to immerse themselves in their favourite book for ten minutes with the rest of the school.

The children in Year 5 have enjoyed taking part in Wellbeing sessions where we have thought about "What makes a good friend?" As part of this, we watched "The Big Assembly" which focused on anti-bullying. The children then created their own friendship potions for our Wellbeing Class Journal.

In Maths, Year 5 have been working on using their knowledge of place value to mentally add and subtract numbers as well as rounding. The children have loved using their number knowledge to complete investigations as well.

Last but by no means least, the children in Year 5 have absolutely loved creating their own Greek clay pots! We looked at different techniques to form the pots with clay and then painted them in Greek themed patterns.

Year 6

This month has been Black History Month and we have been learning about the achievements of people from black ethnicities.

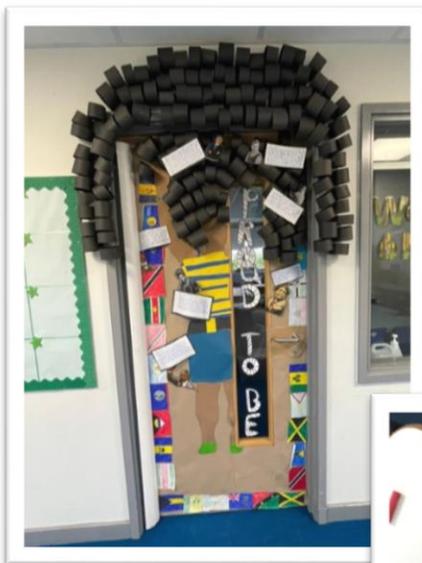
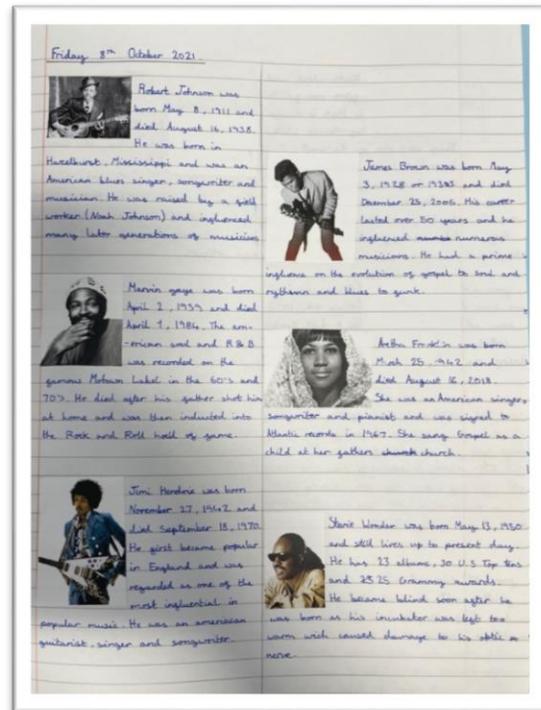
As part of this learning, we looked at the achievements of black music artists. We listened to samples of their music and learnt about their lives.

'A Change is Gonna Come' by Sam Cooke really helped us understand the struggles people from black ethnicities experienced in the 50's 60's while living in America

We particularly enjoyed listening to September by Earth, Wind and Fire!

In addition to this, each class chose an inspirational figure to learn about and then design and create a classroom door display. You can see our creations in the photos below. You can make your mind up which one is the best!

At this moment in time, we are working on writing a newspaper article based on the Blitz. We have researched the event as well as what writing skills are needed to write an outstanding report.



Communication

Alongside Scopay emails, text messaging, class emails and our monthly newsletter, we also have a school website and Twitter account:

Website

Our website www.chipsteadvalley.com is regularly updated. You can view past newsletters and keep up to date with clubs etc. by visiting the 'Parent Information' section.

Twitter

As always, you can follow us on Twitter!

@ChipsteadPri

We also have a new account for our Connecting Classrooms project with Nepal: @WasteUnited

We know different families have been through a range of difficult circumstances. We are always here to help, so please do contact us if there is anything we can do to support you.

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Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
25.10.21 – 29.10.21.	Half term	
01.11.21.	INSET DAY	
02.11.21. & 03.11.21.	School Photographs	
04.11.21.	Nursery Photographs	
05.11.21. 12.11.21. 19.11.21.	PTFA Mufti Days for Winter Bazaar	See PTFA letters for donation details
25.11.21.	Winter Bazaar	5-6:30pm

PACE Holiday Day – May 2022

As you may already be aware, next year there will be an extra bank holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this bank holiday falls during schools' half term weeks in this area, it has been agreed that schools will choose a different day as a bank holiday. Many Croydon schools are working together to try to keep the same date and therefore all of the PACE Trust schools will have an extra day's holiday and ***will be closed on Friday 27th May 2022.***