

# CVPS NEWS

March 2022

## Welcome!

As the Easter break approaches, I want to again thank you all for your continued support throughout this term. It was lovely to see some of you at our first 'in-person' PTFA meeting, as we start to move forward in the planning of events and activities, to raise money for our children's provision. If you haven't yet purchased tickets for the upcoming circus event on the 13th May and wish to come along, they are still available to buy on Scopy.

We have had a number of year groups embark on school trips again over the past few weeks, all of which have been very successful. It has been wonderful seeing the children enjoying themselves so much and getting out and about.

This month has also seen 'Science Week' across the school, as well as 'World Book Day', where children celebrated all areas of reading and focused in even more on Reading for Pleasure.

Our School Council and Eco Committee have been busy meeting to discuss their plans and ideas and a detailed update will be written in April's newsletter, once they have met with myself and the Senior Leadership Team. I for one am looking forward to hearing all about it!

I would like to wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

## B Badge Awards in March

Class	04.03.22		11.03.22		18.03.22		25.03.22	
Rabbits	Marnie	Teddy	Yasmin	Tommy	Anaya	Mason	Eddie	Hendrix
Hedgehogs	Sienna	Tiam	Isabella	Abigail	Ryan	Kiara	Ember	Luca
Squirrels	Marc	Charlotte	Chester	Nyla	Oscar	Gargi	Alexis	Keya
Class	07.03.22		14.03.22		21.03.22		28.03.22	
1B	Zoha	Knox	Chloe	Eli	Harry	Florence	Arianna	Luke
1C	Iza	Emilio	Layla	Oscar	Rose	Finley	Devanshi	Mollie
1S	Betsy	Kareem	Sienna	Herbie	Jack	Matilda	Aleeza	Chloe
2W	Jenson	Kian	Xanthe	Zenon	Toby	Elsie H		
2F	Annabel	Shaka	Edward	Isla	Tevan	Roseannice	Aaheli	Beth
2K	Willow	Jenson	Oliver	Raaina	Elliott	Sean	Charlie	Joshua
3G	Sophie	Darius	Harley	Daniel	George	Oliver	Jessica	Emily
3H	Ilakkiyan	Eleanor	Darcie	Katie	Niall	Jason	Eleanor	Oliver
3C	Arianna	Callum W	Oliver MF	Keyan	Tito	Rae	Truly	Toby
4L	Hannah	Madison	Daniel	Dominic	Caleb	Arjan	Sanaa	Olek
4S	Amaya	Isla	Eleanor	Isabella	Jack	Nikol	Lillian	Zohra
4P	Isaac	Cherry	Lainey	Henry	Delila	Ophra	Molly	Serena
5H	Robyn	Evie	Mia	Eshan	Jasmine	Macie	Alex	Alani
5S	Ella	Liam	Poppy	Iris	Kate	Summer	Lottie	Tillie
5O	Isabella	Ethan	Kian	Deimante	Oviya	Andreas	Juliana	Mabel
6S	Sadie	Amber			All of Year 6 following an excellent trip to PGL last week!		Abigail	Gamal
6J	Harley	Niamh					Daneshia	Mason
6M	Kenzie	Anais					Hughey	Taye

# World Book Day

On Friday 4th March, we celebrated World Book Day. Children and staff dressed up as well-known book characters and enjoyed a special day dedicated to reading for pleasure. Many of our staff dressed as 'Where's Wally?' and children embarked on a 'treasure hunt' around the school to find the missing letters which spelled book-related words.

Throughout the day, there were plenty of fun activities such as visiting a reading café in Year 5 to designing a comic in Year 3 and shared reading sessions between classes. One of the highlights were the KS1 and KS2 parades, we could see all of the wonderful costumes and effort our children went to for World Book Day!



## Book Fair

We recently welcomed the return of our book fair, which was incredibly successful. We will find out the final amount raised very soon! Thank you to Mrs Edwards and our PTFA volunteers for helping to run the book fair.

## Reading for Pleasure

Last month, each class was given some spending money to update their book corners. Following our successful winter bazaar, each class received £60 and loved choosing a wide range of books that reflect their interests. The school was abuzz with excited children as the deliveries started arriving and it's been wonderful to learn even more about the types of books our pupils enjoy - from graphic novels to ghost stories, facts about dinosaurs to stories from other cultures.



## Sports Update

At Chipstead, we have had some brilliant sporting achievements in recent events and will now do our very best to summarise it all...

We had some amazing success in Cross Country. Congratulations to the Year 3 & 4 boys and girls for their wins in the Cross Country League. We are very proud of all children who took part... we were only 3 points short of taking the whole school prize! We also took part in the Croydon Borough Cross Country where the Year 3 & 4 boys took gold and the girls took silver!



It has been busy for our netball teams. Our team from Year 5 & 6 took part in Croydon Netball qualifiers where we came second with some wonderful results, the team progressed to the finals where they finished fourth best in Croydon! Year 3 & 4 competed in the Bee Netball Festival where they won all their friendly matches! They had a brilliant time and really showed off their skills!

The Years 5 & 6 Hockey team took part in a tournament. The team finished third in the qualifying and played some excellent hockey along the way! They qualified for the Croydon finals where they went on to finish fourth!

We created a team to take part in a Pentathlon. The children took part in various activities, including Boccia, New Age Kurling and other various throwing events, and finished in third place.

The Boccia and New Age Kurling teams took part in another tournament where they won the qualifiers! The teams went through to the London Youth Game Finals in West London. There was amazing accuracy and team work shown, the Boccia team deserved their first place finish. The New Age Kurling team finished in second place at the qualifiers which was an amazing first attempt at this competition. We can't wait to see what these teams can achieve next time!!!

We entered a Ten Pin Bowling competition for the first time, excellent team work and determination was shown by the team which led to a third place finish. We were very impressed with the team's ability and passion!

The girls in Year 5 & 6 took part in a football tournament. There were some excellent skills, team work and resilience shown by the team. We narrowly missed out on qualifying into the next stage.

Finally, our Year 5 & 6 basketball team took part in qualifying last week and came first! In the finals we played brilliantly and finished in second place!

**Well done to all our sporting teams – you have made us all really proud and we can't wait to watch the school teams keep competing!!!**

## Wear a Hat Day

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March the School took part in Wear a Hat Day for the Astro Brain Tumour Fund. The children loved creating their hats and taking part in a parade to show off their creations! Thank you to all of those who have donated so far, **we have kept our online donations open on SCOPay until 25<sup>th</sup> April** so we will announce the total amount raised in our April newsletter!



## Attendance

As you know, it is a legal requirement for all children to be in school. This is more important than ever in order to minimise, as far as possible, any longer-term impact of the pandemic on our children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Please can we take this time to remind all parents to arrange appointments out of school hours and ensure your children are at school on time. Doors open at 8:40am and registers are completed by 8:55am so can we please remind all children to be in their classrooms promptly each day as after this time, they are marked in as late on the registers.

	28/2 – 4/3/22	7/3 – 11/3/22	14/3 – 18/2/22	21/3 – 25/3/22
<b>KS1</b>				
<b>1st</b>	99.7% (2W)	98.3% (1C)	98% (2F)	97% (1B)
<b>2nd</b>	99.3%	27.2%	97.9% (1C)	96.9% (1C)
<b>3rd</b>	(2F & RAB)	(SQU & 2F)	96.1% (2W)	96.3% (2F)
<b>KS2</b>				
<b>1st</b>	99% (6S)	98% (4S)	98.3% (4S)	97.9% (5O)
<b>2nd</b>	98.3% (4L)	97.9% (3G)	97% (4L)	97.3% (4S)
<b>3rd</b>	97.6% (5O)	97.1% (6S)	96.1% (5S)	94.3% (5S)

Every week during our celebration assemblies, we share class attendance with the children. Each week, the winners with the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 are rewarded with extra play. Here is a list of the class attendance winners for this month. We will share the class attendance winners in every monthly newsletter. At the end of the term, the class with the highest attendance receive our impressive attendance trophy!



# EYFS Update

## Nursery

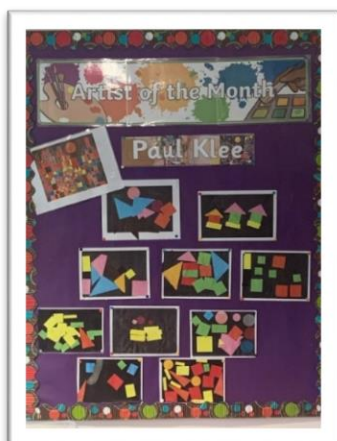
The nursery children have embraced our topic 'Superheroes' this month and especially loved joining in with our assault training course on the school field. We also had a go at creating masks and capes to our own design, which we used in our games. We rescued the superhero characters in danger and strengthened our fingers by using fine motor skills and tweezers to save them.

We used communication and language skills to create our own superhero names and talked about what qualities a superhero has (kindness and helping people were popular choices) and the special powers we would like to have. Well done for all the amazing ideas!



We have introduced the children to voting for the daily story, which incorporates the concept of democracy in nursery. The children are able to pick their favourite story each day, using our name card. Everyone enjoyed helping to count out the votes too!

The artist of the month was the Swiss artist Paul Klee. The children had a go at recreating the work 'Castles and Sun' with block shapes, using self-adhesive coloured paper. We also played with arrangements of 2D shapes on the lightbox to make a variety of patterns.



This month we have also looked at the topic 'People Who Help Us'. We pretended to be vets and doctors and postal workers. We enjoyed making up imaginative role play storylines with our friends, using the props available. We also played with the small world emergency service toys and read books about helping people. We were also very lucky to have interesting visits by nursery parents who talked about their jobs as a pharmacist and a paramedic. Thank you.



## Reception

Last week we embraced the topic of People Who Help Us. We were very fortunate to listen to many parents who talked to us about their exciting jobs. The children were captivated with the talks and thought of many questions to ask the adults. The children listened to talks about Nursing, Plumbing, Portage, and Ophthalmology. The children enjoyed thinking about the jobs that they would like to do when they grow up. In particular, we all enjoyed playing in the Vets Role Play Corner.

We have been celebrating Science Week and investigating the conditions that a plant needs to grow. We planted Cress in soil, water, on tissue, cotton wool and a plastic cup. We checked on the progress of the plants and we were excited to analyse why some plants had grown more than others.

We attended the Book Fair and enjoyed looking at a range of children's literature. The children liked looking at the books and talking about the pictures in them.



## Treehouse Update

### Superheroes and People Who Help Us

The highlight of our month was definitely World Book Day! We dressed up as our favourite book characters and loved joining in with the World Book Day parade.

We also continued our learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We made porridge and made the bears house out of different shapes. We spent a lovely morning naming all the different 2D shapes and choosing the correct shapes to build the walls, a door and a roof!



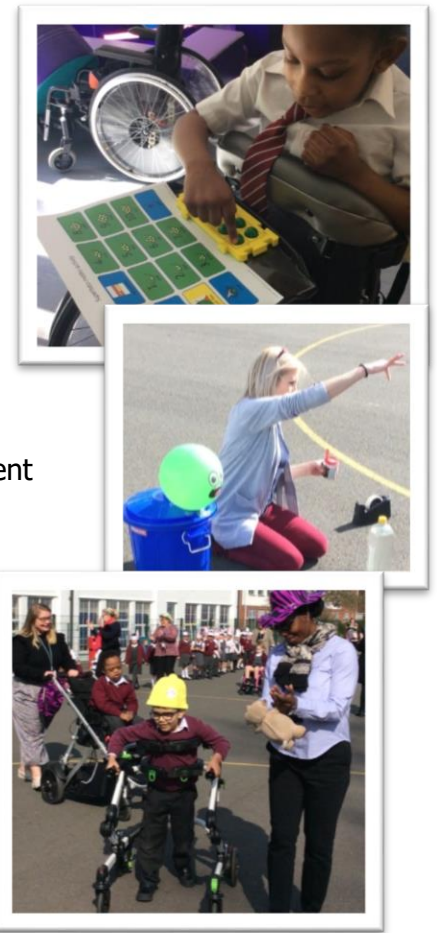


Our other topics this month have been Superheroes and People Who Help Us. We went on a walk dressed as superheroes and after reading the story "Supertato", we helped to rescue lots of vegetables in the classroom! We were able to retell the story of Supertato using different props and used a new communication board to help with the story retelling. In Maths, we have been using tens frames to match numbers and make patterns with evil peas!

We have spent a lot of time on the playground as the weather has been so nice. We even did a science investigation using lemonade and bicarbonate of soda in the sun!

We also did a PE game called "Emergency", where we pretended to be different emergency vehicles. We had to stop and go when Mrs Fisher shouted the instructions. It was a great opportunity to develop our listening and attention skills!

We joined in with Wear a Hat Day and painted our own emergency service hats which we wore to the parade on the playground.



## Key Stage 1 Update

### Year 1

Year 1 celebrated Science Week this month and the children carried out a science experiment linked to our topic about how water travels through a plant. We needed to think of a way that we could turn white flowers into red ones. We hoped that by putting the flower in red food colouring, the water would travel up the stem and to the petals.

We have also celebrated World Book Day and there were some excellent costumes ranging from a golden ticket from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the beanstalk from Jack and the Beanstalk. We took part in lots of book related activities and were visited by the Year 5 children who paired up with the Year 1's to read them a book.



In English, we wrote another retell of one of our favourite stories, Jack and the Beanstalk. We used the actions to help us remember what to write and the children produced some amazing work filled with adjectives! We also planted some beans around the classroom to find out which of Jack's beans grew into the beanstalk. The children also produced some amazing shape poems about the outdoors and we were so impressed that the children included similes in their work!



In maths we have been introduced to measuring length. We have been outside measuring objects with a ruler and using centimetres as a unit of measurement. This helped us when we moved on to adding and subtracting length later on.

To finish off the month we went on a trip to Wisley Gardens as part of our 'Growing Together' topic. The children had a wonderful time exploring the range of plants and beautiful gardens Wisley has to offer. The summer term is quickly approaching but we still have lots of fun planned before the end of the year!



## Year 2

Year 2 have had lots of fun since half term and celebrated Science Week learning about what plants need to grow and linking this to the Chipstead Valley Value, Morality. We investigated whether plants need water, sunlight or both in order to grow using watercress. We had to plant the seeds in their containers and water them diligently every day to take care of them. We made observations of how the watercress changed and grew each day, observing the differences. We were amazed with our results and enjoyed watching them grow over the course of the week.

We thoroughly enjoyed going on our trip to Chessington and had an incredible time seeing all the different animals and participating in the workshop 'Safari in action'. We explored the grounds, going in the Room on a Broom experience, the aquarium, and even went on a Zufari seeing zebras, tigers, rhinos, giraffes and lots more. We were even able to hold a Giant African Snail! The Year 2 Team were so impressed with the children's behaviour and hope they all enjoyed their first trip, we look forward to the next one soon!





In English, we learnt about recounts. We discussed what recounts are and had a go at writing our own recount about our adventure to Chessington using lots of different adjectives and adverbs of time to make our writing interesting.

For Maths, we learnt about division and fractions learning how to find and share into equal groups using our knowledge of multiplication to help us. We then moved onto learning about money. We learnt about what the different British coins and notes look like doing coin rubbing as a whole year group in the hall. Once we understood the different coins and notes and their amounts we practised how we can add them up. We had lots of fun investigating how we can use different coins to find an amount using our knowledge of addition to help us.



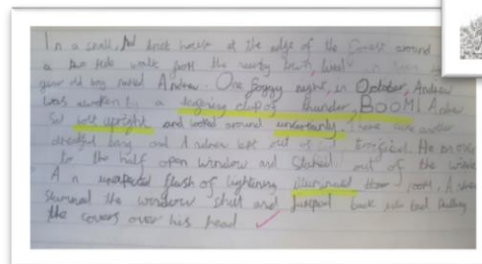
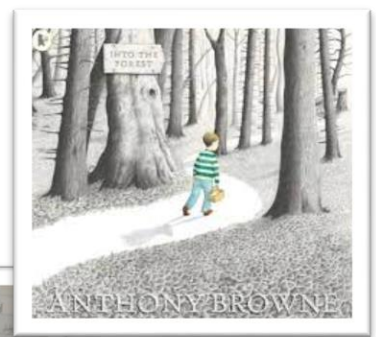
We loved creating our own hats for 'Wear a hat day' supporting the charity 'Astro Brain Tumour Fund'. We chose a flag linking to where our families come from and decorated our hats so that they were colourful and eye-catching. We enjoyed showing them off to the rest of KS1, Reception and Early years in the parade!



## Key Stage 2 Update

### Year 3

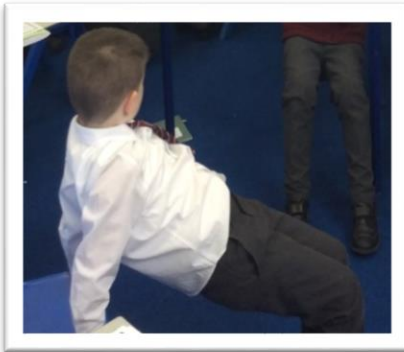
Year 3 have jumped into Spring this month and enjoyed some fantastic activities! From calculating change in our pop up shop, spotting the fairy tale links in our new book 'Into the Forest,' to taking part in this year's Science Week, all about Growth!





This month, our main maths focus has been money. The children have had the opportunity to get hands on and use an array of manipulatives to help them solve money problems; from adding and subtracting amounts to making sure they have the right change at the shops. Helping bring the maths to life! In English, we looked at the book, Into the Forest which had hidden images from all the fairy tales we know and love. The children's faces beamed with joy as they spotted them all. This stimulated their imaginations supporting them to complete their very own creative rewrites of the story. Fantastic work Year 3!

Finally, this year's annual Science week took place this month and the children worked hard to investigate if children who took part in more physical activity, had stronger muscles than those who did less. The children were able to put their theories to the test and really enjoyed working their biceps and triceps!



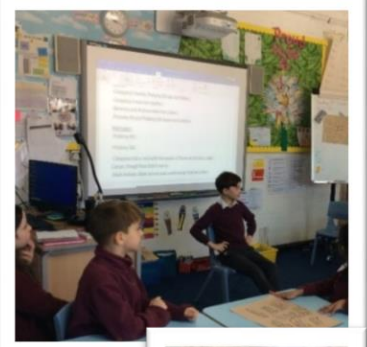
## Year 4

During March, the children wrote their own poetry based on a book called 'Werewolf Club'. Before writing their poems, we explored rhyme and the children enjoyed seeing if any words rhymed with their names. Some found this to be rather tricky! After writing their bug poems, the children performed them to the class using actions, a varied voice and a range of facial expressions. We were very impressed!

In maths, year 4 have continued to work incredibly hard on fractions. They have become more confident in adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, counting in fractions and finding fractions of an amount. Some of these topics can be rather challenging to understand but the children have continued to show immense perseverance, making us extremely proud of them.

On Friday 4th March, we had the privilege of dressing up and celebrating World Book Day. During our KS2 parade, we were left astonished by all of the children's spectacular costumes. Throughout the day, the children had three story times on teams, which were led by each class teacher and they took part in a carousel of activities. The activities included: completing a variety of tasks on their beloved books, creating a quiz and making top trump cards on their favourite characters.

In the middle of March, to excite the children into Ancient Egyptian life, we participated in a marvellous workshop. The children experienced a fun filled day, which included playing an Egyptian game, completing an interactive quiz, learning the process of mummification and learning about many important Pharaoh, Gods and Goddesses. Throughout the day, many children took part in acting roles and they all had the chance to explore a range of artefacts, which really brought the topic of Ancient Egypt to life!



Towards the end of March, the children participated in science week. The children enjoyed carrying out a full investigation, which allowed them to explore living things and their habitats around the school grounds.



## Year 5

Year 5 have completed lots of brilliant learning this half term and we are all happy to welcome some Spring sunshine!

We have been studying the Victorians and comparing our lives to the lives of Victorian children. We have realised how lucky we are when learning about child labour and the workhouses. In English, we have completed our own research on famous Victorians to inform biography writing. These included Pablo Fanque, William Morris, Mary Seacole and Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We have also studied *Oliver Twist* and have adored using drama to develop empathy with characters and further understanding of key events. We enjoyed tea staining our diary entries and writing vivid descriptions of Fagin's den! The children excelled at develop persuasive arguments about abolishing the workhouse. In maths, we have continued our hard work with fractions! Children completed a chocolate challenge investigation which we enjoyed. We have moved on to decimals, linking back to our knowledge of place value.



We enjoyed an art day, where we learnt about William Morris and his many designs. We completed a nature walk on our lovely grounds, completed still life observational drawings of Spring tulips and repeat printed our designs using tracing paper. We were able to turn our designs into wallpaper using an online service, which looked wonderful.

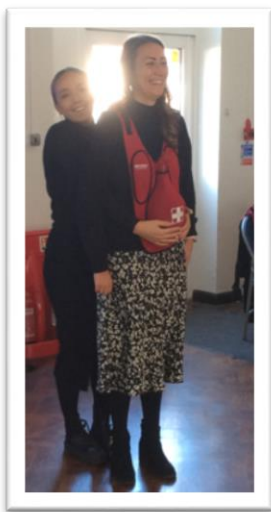




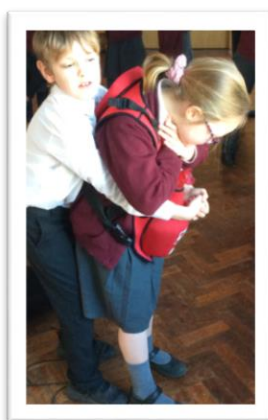
For World Book Day we made lots of effort with our fantastic costumes! We got to complete some brilliant activities to promote a love of reading. We visited a book café, where we were waited on by Chef Stevens with china tea sets and got to feast upon a selection of new books! We also enjoyed sharing a picture book with year one children, focusing on making our reading expressive and engaging for younger ears!



To celebrate British Science Week at CVPS, we completed an engineering project. Isambard Kingdom Brunel needed our help to transport his horse and cart from one end of the Thames to the other. Our bridges had to be free standing and built of cardboard, straws and masking tape! A tricky feat to say the least but most were a great success and every group tried incredibly hard.



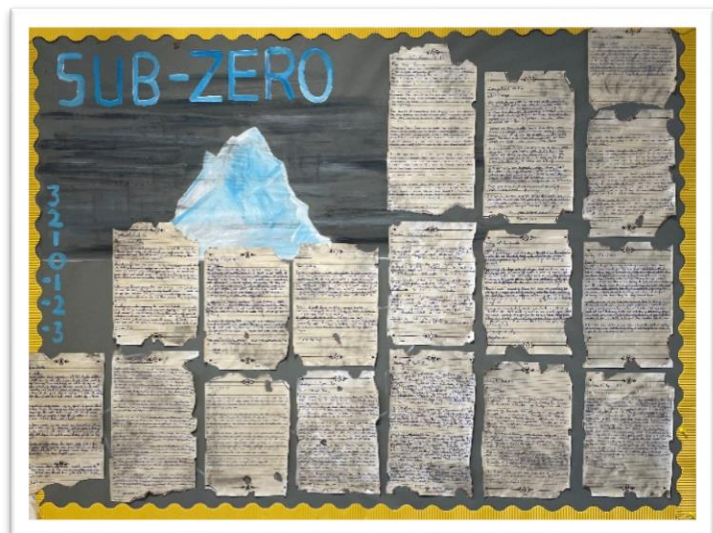
We were lucky enough to have a wonderful paramedic visit us and teach us some basic first aid. We learnt how to put a patient into the recovery position and even had a go at using a choke vest, practising abdominal thrusts. We got to watch Miss Stevens save Miss Harding! These important life skills were taught in a fun and engaging manner and we really loved it. We also had a visit from the police during keeping safe week. We were able to ask the police lots of questions and even got to see their police car!



## Year 6

In English this month, the children have been using our topic *Sub Zero* as a source of inspiration for their writing. We have looked at the sinking of the Titanic and discussed who we thought was at fault for the accident. We have also written letters to loved ones as children onboard the ship during the sinking.

Continuing with the theme of *Sub Zero*, we are beginning to look at Mount Everest as the next source of inspiration for our writing and have used our recent PGL trip to write recounts about all of the climbing we did!



We all had a fantastic week at PGL and got to take part in many activities that saw us work on our teamwork skills and push our limits. The days were long – the teachers thought so at least – and gave us opportunities to be more independent and take on greater personal responsibilities. The weather was brilliant and we all left with memories that we will cherish.



As previously mentioned, in our topic *Sub Zero*, we have investigated the sinking of the Titanic and created a timeline of the events that led to the ship hitting the iceberg and the subsequent events that took place.

We have since moved on to learning about Mount Everest and have looked at the dangers involved, the history of the first successful summit of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, and have explored the mystery of the disappearance of George Mallory and Andrew Irvine – something we all have our own theories on!



# 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](http://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.

## Translation

We are pleased to announce; you are now able to translate our website into many languages using the tool at the bottom right of the screen. Making our website even more accessible!

Nous sommes heureux de vous annoncer; vous pouvez maintenant traduire notre site Web dans de nombreuses langues à l'aide de l'outil en bas à droite de l'écran. Rendre notre site Web encore plus accessible!

موقعنا ترجمة الآن يمكنك ذلك؛ عن نعلن أن ويسرنا في الموجودة الأداة باستخدام اللغات من العديد إلى أكثر الانترنت على موقعنا جعل. الشاشة يمين أسفل سهولة!

Z przyjemnością ogłaszamy; możesz teraz przetłumaczyć naszą stronę internetową na wiele języków za pomocą narzędzia w prawym dolnym rogu ekranu. Uczynienie naszej strony internetowej jeszcze bardziej dostępną!

அறிவிப்பதில் நாங்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறோம்; நீங்கள் இப்போது திரையின் கீழ் வலதுபுறத்தில் உள்ள கருவியைப் பயன்படுத்தி பல மொழிகளில் எங்கள் வலைத்தளத்தை மொழிபெயர்க்க முடியும். எங்கள் வலைத்தளத்தை இன்னும் அணுகக்கூடியதாக ஆக்குகிறது!

## Facebook

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we have a facebook group. Take a look and follow us on our [CVPS Reduce, Recycle and Reuse - facebook page](#).

## Twitter

As always, you can follow us on Twitter! @ChipsteadPri  
We also have an account for our Connecting Classrooms project with Nepal: @WasteUnited

## Padlet

Our United Against Waste project with schools in Nepal is recorded on Padlet. [Click here to visit our pages](#).

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. [safeguarding@chipstead.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@chipstead.croydon.sch.uk)

## Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
08.04.22	End of Spring Term	School ends at 1.15pm
11.04.22 – 22.04.22	Easter Holidays	
25.04.22	Summer Term Commences	

## Parking



Though we encourage our families to walk to school, we do understand many need to drive. Can we please remind you to park safely and considerately outside of the school, for the protection of pupils and to avoid causing disruption to our neighbours and local community.

Thank you for your cooperation!