

# CVPS NEWS

May 2022

**Heads Welcome!**

May saw the return of our PTFA events, which were kicked off in style with a hugely successful circus. It was so wonderful to see so many children and families there enjoying the evening in what turned out to be glorious sunshine! Thank you so much to the PTFA members who organised the event for us all.

This month has also seen year 4 embark on an outdoor Bushcraft adventure, their first ever residential, learning survival skills and sleeping in the woods. They arrived home, dirty and tired but an exciting time was had by all! Year 6 SATs exams took place at the start of May. Following COVID, they are the first cohort to be completing these again and we are so immensely proud of how hard they have worked and the effort they have put in. Well done to all!

I would like to welcome Sue Brakenbury, who has joined us for this term as an additional SENDCo, to support the work going on for our children across the school. Sue has worked as a SENDCo in many schools and we are excited to be able to welcome her to CVPS.

Jubilee celebrations were in full swing this week with the curriculum focused on this historic event. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Her Majesty on behalf of the children and staff at Chipstead Valley Primary.

Wishing you a wonderful half term break!

## Kindness Award



We are delighted to announce, Neve in 2W received the kindness award on 10<sup>th</sup> May! Neve always goes above and beyond to make sure her 2W classmate, from Treehouse class, is always supported in class, break times, during the weekly runs and any other time she can help! Well done Neve!



## B Badge Awards in May

Class	03.05.22		09.05.22		16.05.22		23.05.22	
Rabbits	Vivienne	Sade	Nila	Hanna	Joshua	Mason	Oscar	Marnie
Hedgehogs	Quinn	Matilda	Isla	Anthony	Arman	Florence	Christos	Penelope
Squirrels	Ellia	Charlie	James	Ava	Alyssa	Ollie	Phoebe	Charlie
1B	Luke	Poppy	Sofia	Isla	Jake	Skylar	Phoebe	Jocelyn
1C	Ethan	Chloe	Alisha	Devanshi	Nino	Ella	Jessica	Asher-River
1S	Ethan	Ellis	Heidi	Michael	Luke	Katherine	Esmee	Sophie
2W	Neve	Anya	Samuel R	Elsie A	Oscar	Frankie	Sam	Spencer
2F	Ashar	Josh	Oliver	Roseannice	Amber	Kiyan	Jordan	Samantha
2K	Kayen	Chloe	James	Edward	Seanna	Jacob	Benjy	Jemima
3G	Kaeden	Mikey	Kabir	Oliver	Daniel	Dessie	Lottie	Katherine
3H	Eleanor	Ilakkiyan	Josh	Saanvi	Josh	Saanvi	Heidi	Brandon
3C	Sophie	Truly	Tito	Callum J	Theo P	Hendrix	Caitlyn	George
4L			All of Y4 received B Badge for Respect, Resilience & Adaptability at Bushcraft		Anton	Victoria	George	Maria
4S					Noah	Charlotte	Austin	Dylan
4P					Serena	Cherry	Sam	Aesha
5H	Morgan	James	Solly	TJ	Yuvraj	Ewan	Dylan	Bobby
5S	Poppy	Flora	TJ	Logan	Lola	Charlie	Millie	Megan
5O	Oviya	Matthew	Reuben	Clara	Neve	Ethan	Emma	Reuben
6S			Billy	Mikka	Emily	Benjamin	Niamh	Aharan
6J			Jessica	Ronnie	Talia	George	Harry	Talia
6M			Eloise	Spencer	Kenzie	Calvin	Riah	Charlie

## 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.

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!

	3/5 – 6/5/22	9/5 – 13/5/22	16/5 – 20/5/22	23/5 – 26/5/22
<b>KS1</b>				
<b>1st</b>	100% (1C)	98%	99.3% (2K)	97.1% (HH)
<b>2nd</b>	97.6 (2W)	(1B & 2F)	97.7% (2W)	96.8% (2W)
<b>3rd</b>	96.7% (1B/2F/2K)	97.7% (2K)	96.3% (1B)	96.7% (2K)
<b>KS2</b>				
<b>1st</b>	100%	99.7%	98.3% (5O)	99.4% (5O)
<b>2nd</b>	(3G & 4S)	(6S & 6J)	98.1% (6S)	98.4% (6S)
<b>3rd</b>	99.2% (4L/6S)	99% (5O)	97.7% (4L)	95.6% (4P)

Should your child be absent from school, it is important that this is reported to the school office before 9am. If the office staff are unable to receive a response concerning absence this may be referred to our Attendance Officer and Safeguarding Lead.

# EYFS Update

## Nursery

We have had another busy month in Nursery, over the last 4 weeks, we have looked at the topic 'The Farm' and 'Growing' and had lots of fun playing with farm animals, digging in the mud and planting sunflower seeds, (these will be coming home very soon). We also enjoyed role playing in our garden centre set up.



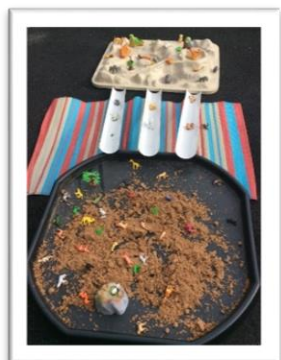
The children loved our visit from the travelling farm and enjoyed petting and grooming the animals that came to visit us. We particularly liked Dotty the Shetland pony and Nugget the hen who sat on our heads! It was a great experience to interact so closely with the animals, the teachers were extremely proud that the children remained calm and used gentle hands, well done to all.

The children have enjoyed the interactive maths games on the computer screen, which enabled us to practice number and quantity and one to one correspondence skills. The children were great at remembering to share and take turns with their friends.

For our Artist of the Month we looked at the work of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. We enjoyed creating floral headdresses inspired by the artist and we also created wonderful still life pictures of watermelons. The children impressed us all by taking their time and really thinking about the colours and shapes in the paintings.

We then moved on to the topic 'The Jungle' which led to a variety of arts and craft projects for the children to have a go at including animal masks, footprint painting and snake collages. We also had fun with the jungle creatures, making up our own storylines and using fine motor skills to play animal games.

Next month we will be looking at Dinosaurs. Wishing you all a relaxing half term.





## Reception & Treehouse

Well done Reception & Treehouse! We have had a fabulous half term learning about all the Amazing Changes in the world around us! We have engaged in visits to the pond, stories about wildlife as well as watching caterpillars in the classroom. We even had a farm come to visit us at school! The children have been superstars and have been learning new games which we will be showcasing in the EYFS sports day.

This week we have joined in with celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by writing postcards to the queen congratulating her on her reign. We have created some beautiful union flags and displayed bunting in our classrooms. The children have made the most wonderful crowns adorned with red, white and blue jewels and the highlight of the week was icing biscuits with red, white and blue sprinkles. On Thursday we participated in a special Jubilee Parade where the children dressed up in 'royal' clothes and waved their flags in excitement.

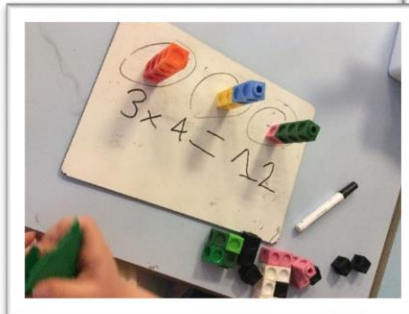


## Key Stage 1 Update

### Year 1

In Year 1, we have been finishing our 'Our Planet' topic. We have done a bottle lid project to do our bit of reuse plastic waste. The children decided on which under the sea animals they wanted to create and are beginning to piece together their mural. Last term, we extracted tomato seeds from tomato plants and they have been growing in our growing room over the last couple of weeks. With Sam the gardener, we had a session where we re-potted our plants for the children to take them home. It has been great having them see the process of how a tomato can be grown from a tiny seed to a full tomato plant and we hope they are enjoying looking after them at home.

The children have been enjoying some tricky maths this term. We have been focusing on multiplying and dividing through grouping and sharing and have introduced the children to a new mathematical concept called an array which they have enjoyed exploring with various manipulatives.



## Year 2

The children have been working extremely hard during both their English and maths lessons during May. We are so proud of all of their hard work and resilience they have been showing.

In English, the children went on the chrome books and into the Digiverse to research all about the Queen. We found out lots of interesting facts about her and her upcoming Jubilee. We organised our facts into subheadings focusing on using question marks and used them to write a non-chronological report. We then looked at using exciting adjectives to describe both the Queen's appearance and personality.

The children really enjoyed looking at measurement this month in maths and enjoying using the scales to compare the mass of different objects. We had to accurately read the scales and focus on whether each object's weight was in grams or kilograms. We then looked at length and height and used rulers and metre sticks to measure objects both in the classroom and around the school.

We all really enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Jubilee during the last week of half term. In Maths, we investigated the number 70 to celebrate the 70 years the Queen has been on the throne. The children looked at all of the different ways they could make 70 using the four operations. The children really enjoyed going into the Digiverse to take part in a virtual tour of Buckingham Palace and loved seeing all of the parts and rooms.

For Art, the children were given a section of the Queen's face and used different medias to create a collaborative piece of artwork that will be displayed in school.



## Key Stage 2 Update

### Year 3

This half term, Year 3 have been busy learning about the Stone Age era. They have loved learning about the topic during their history lessons as well as in English, art and science. In English, we have been looking at instruction writing. The children worked fantastically in pairs to make spears using resources they could find outside. This was a challenge for many as they attempted to tie knots but the children thrived and some learnt new skills. They then used this activity to think about the words they would use to instruct someone to make their very own spear. Once the children had identified all the vocabulary need, including imperative verbs, they then wrote instructions for 'How to was a Woolly Mammoth'. They loved this and produced some great pieces of writing!

We started our new science topic Stones and Fossils and were lucky enough to have a workshop ran by CNHSS Museum. The children engaged with the workshop well and asked some intriguing questions, showing their great enquiry skills. They enjoyed having the opportunity to be hands on and hold a real mammoth tooth, animal bones





and ammonite fossils. They also enjoyed taking part in an art lesson where they completed their work under the table to imagine they were sitting in a cave.

To end this half term, we celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee by taking part in a range of activities. They have written a biography on the Queen, taken part in Morris dancing in PE and complete a piece of art, of the Queen, based on Andy Warhol.



## Year 4

During May, Year 4 have enjoyed starting their new topic, 'Eco-Heroes'. They used green and blue tissue paper in order to create beautiful globes. The globes are now hanging in the classrooms. The year fours also wrote about what they would want to know about the topic and have stuck these on their working wall.

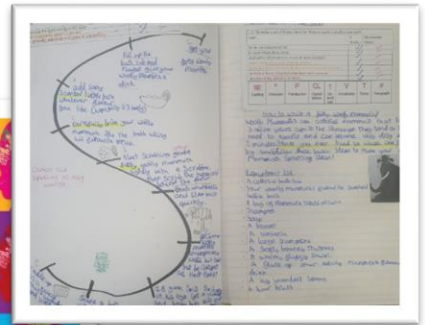
In English, the year fours have been writing descriptions about mythical creatures. They will be writing a myth and continue to learn about different grammatical features, including apostrophes, adverbials and subordinate clauses.

In Maths, the children have been looking at money; ordering and estimating money. They have also been working hard on their timetables, practicing ones that they find tricky and improving the speed at which they are answered.

The year fours had the privilege of attending Bushcraft this month. The activities that the children partook in included making their own tribe flags, learning how to work with knives, making friendship bracelets, learning how to cook a salmon, learning first aid techniques and being taken to a scenario where they would need to apply what they learnt about first aid. The year fours also learnt a number of camp songs and camp games.

The food that they ate included burgers, pizzas, spaghetti bolognese and vegan wraps. They were able to spend quality time with their friends, sleep in tents and enjoy the wilderness. They all deeply enjoyed the experience and would like to go again.

The Year 4s have been enjoying the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They visited the Digiverse in order to learn more about the Queen and take notes. They created crowns that were worn at a final parade.



## Year 5

Year 5 have had lots of fun in May!

We began the month with our Amazon Survival day! The children took part in a range of activities in order to experience what it would be like being stranded in the rainforest. Activities included; den building, making herbal medicines and using javelins to catch fish! These activities informed the children's writing as they referred to their experiences when writing a narrative based around being lost in the rainforest.

In maths, we have been working on the new topic, properties of shape. During this unit of work, they children have been able to do lots of maths investigations, one being using the polydron to explore the concept of 3D shapes and nets. The children had lots of fun building 3D shapes and exploring whether they can be made with more than one net.

We have continued learning lots about the rainforest, ranging from the layers of the rainforest to the different types of plants that grow there. Linking to our Jungle Fever topic, in our Art lessons we have been using oil pastels to create realistic images of rainforest animals.

## Year 6

This month saw the Year 6 children sit their SATs exams; we were really impressed with how the children conducted themselves during the week the positive attitude they showed when tackling the papers. We could not be prouder!

With the exams finishing on the Thursday, we were able to have FUN FRIDAY! We spent the games playing a variety of games and letting our hair down!

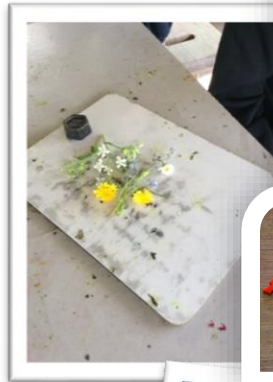
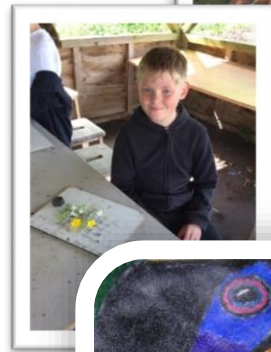
**Pirates of the Currybean – coming to a school theatre near you!**

Acting and singing auditions have taken place for the first Year 6 production in three years with rehearsals due to start after half term. Everyone is really excited to put on an amazing show!

## Microsocieties

Our topic going forward is Microsocieties which sees the children set up their own society within the classroom. The aim of this is to allow them to gain a greater understanding of how societies work and will take in subjects such as scarcity, currency, government, enterprise and everyone's favourite... taxes!

The children have been very enthusiastic thus far with different activities – such as a game of monopoly – taking place and names, a flag and currency now decided on for each class.



# Communication

Alongside Scopy 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.

## 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](#).

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)

## 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](#).

## Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
06.06.2022	Inset Day	
07.06.2022	Return to School	
07.06.2022	Y3 & Y4 Author Visit	
16.06.2022	Piano Concert	6pm
17.06.2022	PTFA	Bottle Donation
18.06.2022	Summer Fair	
20.06.2022	KS1 Choir Performance	Fairfield Halls 7pm
21.06.2022	Y5 Zoo Trip	
21.06.2022	KS2 Choir Performance	Fairfield Halls 7pm
22.06.2022	Nursery / Reception Sports Day	
23.06.2022	Y5 Sports Festival at Oasis	
23.06.2022	Reception Vision	
24.06.2022	Testing	

## Parking



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

The Midday Sun have kindly allowed use of their car park during drop off and pick up times, so please do make use of this agreement.

Thank you for your cooperation!

