



CVPS NEWS

Summer 1 2023

Head's Welcome!

As we come to the end of another half term, I am writing this looking out of the window and marvelling at the outdoor learning taking place across the grounds. The sunshine and laughter of the children as they immerse themselves in the lessons and activities is truly a joy to be a part of. This last month has seen a coronation, exams, celebrations of learning across the school and preparation for summer events to come. We are incredibly proud of our year 6 children and what I am sure by now you have come to realise were incredibly challenging exams. Their resilience, determination and support of one another each day proved that the values and morals of our children and the people they are becoming is ensuring they are a future generation who will make a difference to the world. As important as academics are, tests at any level do not account for the whole child or their abilities and successes on a individual and personal level beyond maths and English. We see the children in our school as individuals, all with their own unique way of learning, all with skills and abilities they can each be proud of and every one of them with their own unique way of looking at the world. We are so proud of the children at Chipstead Valley and will never lose sight of them as individuals.

Wishing you a wonderful half term!

Kings Coronation

The whole school enjoyed a week of celebration leading up to the Kings Coronation. We saw some wonderful writing and art work created over the week which the children were able to showcase to their peers at the parade on Friday 5th May and also at the Coronation Exhibition on Tuesday 9th May. Thank you to everyone who came into the Halls to have a look at all the wonderful creations!



Quiz Club – General Knowledge

Another huge congratulation is in order for the General Knowledge Quiz Club team this term! After their success back in November, they then took part in the virtual area heats on 26th April. They were up against 43 schools across South London and came in 10th. This secured them a place at the national finals, which is on Monday 3rd July at Oxford University. Good luck to our team, Amar, Truly, Liam and Joshua!



Quiz Club - Maths

On Friday 19th May our Quiz Club maths team headed to Cheam Park Farm Primary School to take part in the first round of this year's Maths Quiz. This is the first year Chipstead Valley have entered so the children went in open minded and incredibly eager! They managed to secure a top 3 position for the first 3 rounds until round 4 saw them at 1st place.

I can proudly say that the team maintained the top slot and won the quiz with an impressive 1515 points, 285 points clear of second place! They worked unbelievably hard, enjoyed every minute and answered complicated mathematical questions in some very impressive times.

The team will now be taking part in the virtual semi-finals on Tuesday 13th June to fight for a place at the national final at Oxford University. A huge well done and good luck to our maths quiz club team, Amar, Arjan, Oviya & Liam!

Rank	Team	Points
1	Chipstead Valley	1515
2	St Dunstan's	1230
3	Cheam Park Farm Team 1	1225
4	Brookfield	1210
5	Aberdour Team 1	1200
6	Seaton House	1180
7	Abadour Team 2	1160
8	Cheam Park Farm Team 2	1020



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!

*Should your child be absent from school, it is important that this is reported to the school office **before 9am** (absence line opens at 8am). If the office staff are unable to receive a response concerning absence this may be referred to our Attendance Officer and Safeguarding Lead.*

	17/4 – 21/4	24/4 – 28/4	1/5 – 5/5	8/5 – 12/5	15/5 – 19/5	22/5 – 26/5
KS1						
1st	99.4% (1W)	99.3% (RAB)	100%	100% (2L)	99.7% (3B)	99.6% (2L)
2nd	99.3% (3C)	99% (2F)	(HH & 1S)	99.6% (3D)	99.3% (3D)	99.2% (2K)
3rd	98.7% (1S)	98.8% (1S)	98.9% (2L & 3D)	98.1% (2K)	97.9% (2K)	97% (3B)
KS2						
1st	97.7% (6M)	99.3% (6M)	100% (5J)	100% (6S)	100% (6S)	95.5% (4S)
2nd	97.2% (4H)	97.4% (5O)	98.9% (6S)	99.1% (5J)	98.6% (4S)	94.6% (6S)
3rd	96.9% (4G)	96.7% (6S & 6H)	98.3% (6M)	98.8% (6M)	98.3% (4H)	94.2% (4H)

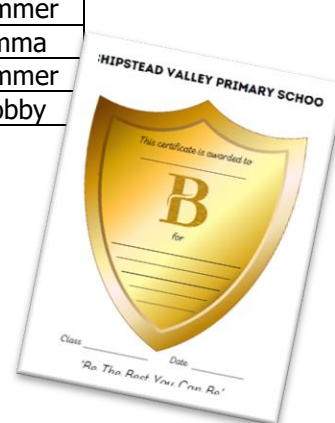
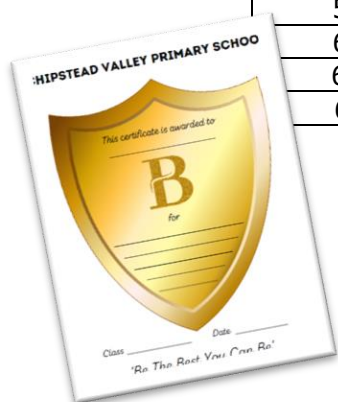


Badge Awards in Summer 1



Class	21.04.2023		28.04.2023		05.05.2023	
Treehouse	Daisy					
Rabbits	Teddy	Brody	Bebe	Henry	Haris	Zain
Hedgehogs	Connie	Leo	Musa	Dexter	Ada	Henrik
Squirrels	Arlo	Milo	Halle	Daisy	Rudy	Millie
1W	Bobby	Henry	Harry	Charlie		
1C	Christos	Sienna	Matilda	Kiara		
1S	Muvvaz	Flinn	Sade	Marnie		
2F	Eva	Iza	Asher-River	Myles	Nino	Mollie
2K	Arthur	Ellis	Jayden	Katherine	Isabel	Lily
2L	Eli	Zoha	Eden	Vinny	Isla	Ariana
3B	Darcie	Anirudh	Isla	Shaka	Beth	Anehan
3C	Ishtah	Anson	Jacob	Willow	Jamie	Charlie
3D	Xanthe	Jake	Oscar	Samuel R	Anya	Annabelle
4G	Ella	Vaishno	All of Year 4!			
4H	Zaviyar	Owen				
4S	Bella	George			Mariam	Connor
5C	Charlotte	Kye	Austin	Noah	Zane	Ezekiel
5J	Alexis	George	Conor	Arjan	Florence	Finley
5O	Ella	Sammy	Shaye	Lenny	Zac	Shivani
6H	Tyler	O'Rion	Neve	Alexis	Ruby	Mabel
6M	Millie	Keyala	Logan	Jack	Iris	Harrison
6S	Macie	Solomon	Rosie (6M)	Eva	Alex	James

Class	12.05.2023		19.05.2023		26.05.2023	
Treehouse			Hashim		Alman	
Rabbits	Momo	Rae	Frank	Molly	Isabella	Ella
Hedgehogs	Amin	Hallie	Joni	Samuel	Ambra	Joshua
Squirrels	Anaya	Zendaya	Summer	Lyla	Rio	Callum
1W	Amber	Aria	Keya	Phoebe	Arthur	Gargi
1C	Tiam	Luca	Arman	Penelope	Layla	Anaysh
1S	Tommy	Oscar	Yasmin	Marcus	Anaya	Shalini
2F	Finley	Chloe	All of 2F!		Mollie	Luca
2K	Poppy-Mae	Ryley	Luisa	Chloe	All of 2K!	
2L	Luke	Obaid	Precious	Jocelyn	All of 2L!	
3B	James	Kenan	Jordan	Aaheli	Ashar	Edward
3C	Emily	Dominic	JJ	Kayen	Joshua	Chloe
3D	Elsie H	Aria	Neve	Henry	Benjamin	Samuel
4G	Inzi	Rae	Jack	Arianna	Jasmine	Keyan
4H	Charlotte	Emelia	Maimie	Brandon	Saanvi	Jacob
4S	Orla	Fahad	Katerine	Demi	Zoe	Oliver
5C	Amaya	Keira	Jack	Isabella	Ava	Kaylen
5J	Adam	Oliver	Julius	Sanaa	Caleb	Madison
5O	Aisha	Matilda	Shahina	Harrison	Lainey	Summer
6H	All of Year 6!		Andreas	Jayden	Matthew	Emma
6M			Chloe	Lottie	Brody	Summer
6S			Sophie	Ariana	Sophie	Bobby



EYFS Update

Nursery

We started this half term by looking at 'The Farm' and 'Growing'. We enjoyed a range of practical activities including milking a cow (watery white paint!) and growing grass from seed which we then used in a variety of sensory activities. We collaged sunflowers using paper and glue and enjoyed potion making with some fragrant herbs.

We celebrated King Charles's coronation with lots of fun and engaging activities related to the amusing story 'The King's Pants'. This included washing the pants and decorating pants! We wrote a letter to the king asking him about his new job and lots of questions about his special crown. We hope we get a reply!

We also role played a coronation ceremony and learnt how to bow and curtsy. We also enjoyed a coronation party and played a variety of games including musical thrones.



Next we looked at 'Minibeasts' and used magnifying glasses and mathematical language to investigate bugs and insects. We played with green slime with minibeasts and created symmetrical butterflies. We went on bug hunts around the school grounds and talked about what we had observed with our teachers and friends. For our Artist of the Month we learnt about the French artist Henri Matisse and focused on his work 'The Snail'. The children had a go at creating their own interpretation of this famous painting.



Our final topic for this half term was 'Jungle & Safari Animals' - We have enjoyed exploring this topic which has included learning some jungle themed songs, dances and a range of craft activities including tiger masks, snake making and visiting the Digiverse to look at safari animals in 3D!

After half term we will be looking at Dinosaurs!



Reception

In Reception, we have been exploring the world around us in our topic 'Amazing changes' and learning about the changes that animals and plants go through. We have been reading stories including Oliver's Vegetables, the Hungry Caterpillar, Aargh Spider and Superworm. We have explored a range of writing styles. The children have had a chance to retell the story of the Hungry Caterpillar and they enjoyed creating their own actions to retell the story. The children were able to be imaginative and decide the different things their spider would do and the places they would go. We enjoyed writing lists of our own favourite vegetables and fruit and creating our own recipe books of how to make different foods. We have also been looking at doubling using minibeasts, such as butterflies and ladybirds, to support our learning.

In Maths, along with doubling the children have enjoyed learning about addition and subtraction. They learnt how to read number sentences too. We used a bus tens frame to add and a number line to subtract. The children have also developed a deeper understanding about the composition of numbers to 20. As part of our Understanding the World, have enjoyed planting cress seeds and discussed what plants need to grow well. We have continued to enjoy 'Fresh Air Friday' and with the dry weather, have been able to visit our pond to see if we could spot any wildlife. We have been lucky enough to see some frogspawn and tadpoles up close in tanks in our classroom, and were mesmerised by watching them start to grow! We are so proud of Reception's achievements and look forward to the last half term together!

Treehouse

This half term the children in Treehouse class have been enjoying the topic 'The Things Below My Feet'. This topic has mainly focused on the world around us - including lots of learning about nature and growth as well as learning about different natural textures and what may be below us - including parts of the Earth, Fossils (with this leading onto the very well-liked Dinosaurs). The children have really enjoyed going on walks around the school setting and thinking about the different things beneath their feet. They have been looking carefully at the flowers, grass, trees and shrubs in our outside area and we have been learning the names for different natural species and objects.

We have been enjoying learning about plants and many children have been able to plant their own Sunflowers and begin to watch these grow. The children have enjoyed drawing different plants, labelling their features and even doing a growing plant dance.

During the first weeks of the term the children were very enthusiastic to explore the text 'Superworm' which features many different insects and minibeasts. Treehouse class enjoyed hunting for worms, using play-dough to make their own worms and writing about the character Superworm.

More recently, the children have begun to learn about Dinosaurs and Fossils. They enjoyed the Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs stories as well as Dinosaur Roar and Dear Dinosaur. The children have been working hard to develop their understanding of these texts by describing the Dinosaurs, learning the signs for different characters and writing letters to a Dinosaur similarly to the text Dinosaur Roar. We have also been exploring Non-Fiction Dinosaur and Fossil themed books to broaden our knowledge.

In addition, Treehouse class had a fabulous time learning all about King Charles and the Coronation - we hope they were able to share their wonderful, expanded vocabulary of Makaton signs when communicating about the Coronation with you!

Key Stage 1 Update

Year 1

What a busy half term Year 1 have had!

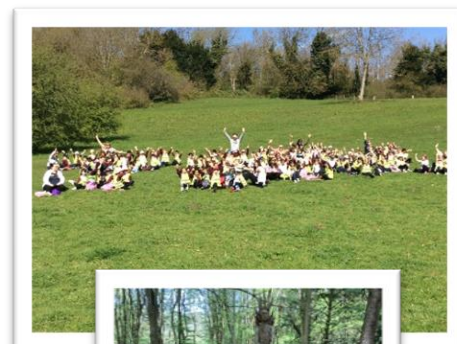
The children had a wonderful walk to Banstead Woods, with glorious weather. They set off to learn all about plants and explore the local woodland area. Here the children had the best day swinging from trees, climbing tree stumps, plant scavenger hunts and swinging from rope swings. It was such a heartwarming feeling for the staff watching the children smiling and laughing all day!

In addition to this, as part of our Religious Education curriculum, the children were learning all about Hinduism so they took a stroll to the local Mandir Temple. Here they had a chat with Nabi who explained to them Hindus beliefs. In addition to this, they were able to share fruit and stories from people in the local community who visit the temple regularly. Again, they had a wonderful morning!

This half term the children's topic was 'Hidden Heroes.' The children have learnt all about Mary Anning (a famous fossil hunter) and have well and truly been immersed into the learning. Members of the Year 1 team will regularly watch the children during break and lunch times and they are all trying to find fossils in the school grounds. The children had a brilliant workshop, where they were visited from 'Mary Anning.' Through acting, dancing and immersive activities, she explained the story of her life to the children. The children and staff had a wonderful time. It was wonderful to see how captivated the children were during the work shop!

Year 2

During our English lessons this half term, we have been busy writing our own informal letters. We started with reading the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and enjoyed role-playing different coloured crayons! We were then shocked when we entered our classroom to find our own glue sticks and whiteboard pens had quit! We wrote our own informal letters (in role!) and our teachers were amazed with all of the wonderful language we used, as well as the use of question marks and exclamation marks. In recent weeks, we have been learning about persuasive texts and we have been writing persuasive leaflets all about pollution. We didn't enjoy being surrounded by litter during one of our research lessons – but it did give us lots of ideas to help us with our writing!



In maths, we have all been working extremely hard on a range of new topics. We began the term looking at 2D and 3D shapes and focused on recognising the sides, edges, vertices, and faces on these. We also looked at sorting these shapes based on their properties. We then moved onto looking at telling the time. The children made their own clocks and learnt how to tell the time to quarter past, half past and quarter to the hour. We also celebrated National Numeracy Day by completing an exciting investigation using tally charts and block diagrams. The children had to count how many vehicles passed the school in a given time and use this data to create their own block diagrams.



This half term we have also been learning about Jessie Raulet, an artist who creates brightly coloured abstract paintings! We completed an artist study where we looked at her life and her inspiration for her paintings. We explored mixing colours and different brush strokes and used her paintings as inspiration for our own final pieces.



We all enjoyed celebrating King Charles' Coronation. The children completed a range of activities such as writing letters to the King, collaging, and looking at different toys we have now compared to when the King was young. We then had a fantastic street party where we had music and tasty treats!



We have been so impressed with the children's resilience and hard work this half term and we are looking forward to starting rehearsals after half term for our upcoming production.



Key Stage 2 Update

Year 3

The start of summer term has brought lots of sunshine and outdoor activities, which we have all enjoyed.



The children have recently carried out a bean investigation, where the children were testing the conditions that are best for plants to grow. The children designed and led this investigation independently, which was wonderful to see. We have been making close observations since planting and recording our findings.

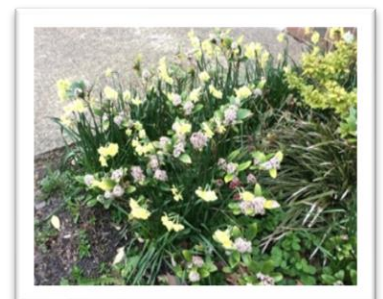
In English, we have been studying the book 'The Promise'. The children have really enjoyed learning about the importance of plants and how they can transform a city. In English, we have been re-writing the story in the first person and we have been so impressed by the children's ability to describe the changes and up-level their vocabulary choices.



In Maths, we have been looking at fractions and time. We have been understanding the importance of both and how they would like to real world situations. We have been impressed by the children's confidence in attempting challenges and their resilience in working their way through some tricky investigations- keep it up Year 3!

We were lucky enough to have a lovely trip to Banstead Woods this half term as part of our science topic on plants.

We are really looking forward to the second part of summer term!



Year 4

A few weeks into the start of the summer term, our children took part in our Year 4 Survival Camp. Throughout the camp, they participated in a range of exciting activities, such as pizza making, den building, bug hotel making, rounders, friendship bracelet making and they even completed some observational art of our school grounds. In the evening, we had the privilege of watching the Year 4 talent show and what a huge range of talents we have from comedy, to drama, dancing and singing. Their determination, resilience and adaptability made us extremely proud, well done Year 4!

To introduce our new topic, 'Eco Heroes', we created our own environmental posters to show how we can have a positive impact on our environment. They looked incredible and showcased lots of practical solutions! After this, we turned our attention towards different climate zones and we identified where some of these can be found across the world using an atlas. Using shoe boxes, the children had a fantastic time creating climate zones within a box to show their knowledge of the different characteristics that each climate zone has.



In the middle of this term, we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Coronation of King Charles. The children enjoyed writing letters to the King, making their own crowns, creating posters about sustainability and completing a timeline of his Majesty's life so far. We even made a collective piece of artwork, which every child in Year 4 contributed towards! To end the week, we proudly wore our crowns to the CVPS street party, where we indulged in donuts and popcorn, sang the national anthem and took part in a parade.

In English, the children had the opportunity to carry out their own research to write a non-chronological report to raise awareness of the negative impacts of climate change. They were an absolute joy to read, as the children included lots of interesting, factual information. After this, we were able to apply our knowledge to write persuasive letters to King Charles to request he support us to tackle climate change. We were amazed by the children's ability to use persuasive devices to encourage the King to take our suggestions seriously. Towards the end of this term, we turned our attention towards Myths. We have been astonished by the children's use of powerful vocabulary and figurative language to write their own myth.



In maths, the children have shown immense resilience as they continued to work hard on our topic of decimals. They have developed a strong understanding of these and can now write, compare and order decimals. We are currently working on our next topic of money. The children are enjoying making connections between decimals and money! For National Numeracy Day, Year 4 had to crack the code, using a range of clues, to escape from the Lavender playground in time for lunch! We were amazed by the children's cooperation skills and their mathematical knowledge, as they worked tirelessly to solve 12 tricky clues.

We are immensely proud of all of the Year 4 children, particularly with their resilience towards their times tables. We have been really impressed with the progress that they have been making. Keep up the hard work Year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 have completed lots of brilliant learning this half term and we cannot believe it is coming up to our final half term!

It has been a very busy but fun half term in year 5. At the start of the half term we concluded our Victorians topic with a in class Victorian day. The children were able to experience what lessons were like in the Victorians times, for example by learning poems of by heart, practicing handwriting, practicing drills and the children got to create their own peg dolls.

For the King's coronation, we focused on the book, It's Up to Us, A Children's Terra Carta by Christopher Lloyd, which is all about saving our planet. This linked very well to our Global Scholars learning about water pollution. We used the book to help us create some meaningful pieces of English work and art that reflected the books purpose. The children wrote poems about a piece of rubbish and how it makes it ways into the ocean, they create unique watercolour paintings of a turtle and also contributed to whole year group display.

We have started out new topic; Jungle Fever and the children have been learning about different biomes and climates around the world and comparing them to one another. They have been identifying where these biomes can be located and what characteristics they have.

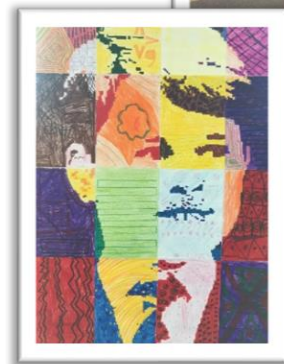
Linking to our topic, we have begun reading the book, The Explorer, which the children have been really enjoying! They have used this book to help us create imaginative and captivating setting descriptions of rainforests!

In maths, we have started to learn about angles, we have looked at different types of angles, how to measure angles, how to draw angles and also angles in different shapes. The children completed a maths investigation outside, where they worked in groups to locate different angles and crack the code word! Well done Year 5, one more term to go!

Year 6

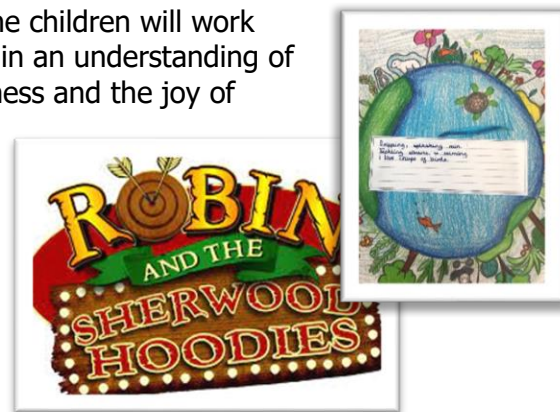
What a busy term we have had! For the first few weeks, the children worked extremely hard preparing for their SATs exams. They should be proud of how dedicated and motivated they remained throughout the process as we know that it wasn't easy at times. Well done!

We then joined in with celebrating King Charles' coronation where we wrote Haiku poems and we created collaborative pieces of art inspired by Chuck Close. The children finished the week off with a whole school picnic where they got to have some ice lollies and doughnuts in the sun!



We have also introduced our new topic for this term, Microsocieties. The children will work collaboratively to create their own societies which will allow them to gain an understanding of how the real world works, from government to starting their own business and the joy of paying taxes.

Finally, Year 6 corridors are buzzing with excitement as it has been announced that our end of the year production is 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies'. This week, the children have been auditioning and the roles have now been assigned. Watch this space for more about our performance!



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.

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.

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Twitter

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Padlet

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Makaton Signs

