



CVPS

CVPS NEWS

Summer 2 2023

Head's Welcome!

As our summer begins, I would like to express how grateful I am to be leading such a wonderful community of children, parents and staff. It has been an amazing year! I am so proud of all of the achievements and accomplishments of our pupils here at Chipstead Valley. From a number of highly successful sporting events, to successes in national academic competitions, to individuals' successes in the classroom and beyond, it is wonderful to be a part of and share with our children.

Reflecting on the past school year, we have had so many great memories and exciting events to look back on. We continued many successful traditions such as our fireworks night, Christmas bazaar, summer fair and annual World book Day, as well as many, many more. We also added many new experiences, such as the end of year assemblies for year groups who did not have annual performances, and the year 6 'Aspirations Day'. Our pupils really enjoyed all of these activities, adding to the wider enrichment programme we offer at our school. Our year ended with our end of year leavers assembly, filled with pride and celebration of our children's accomplishments. We are very proud of all of our children and their successes throughout the year.

During the summer, a new Computing Suite is being built to ensure we can provide our children with the absolute highest quality provision in terms of their computing curriculum. In the ever-changing and fast-paced world of technology we live in it is increasingly important that our children have access to high quality technology. As a school we will be working on this in terms of our own development as educators, as well as the curriculum and facilities for the children themselves. In addition, our new sensory room will be finished this week and will be ready for use from September. We are always focused on the improvement of our school in all aspects and strive to continually move forward.

A special thanks to you the parents, who have contributed in ways small, large and unimaginable! Thank you for the partnership between home and school and for placing your trust in us to look after and educate your children. Together, we've learned much and shared experiences that will remain with us for years to come. The passion and strength within our community makes our school a truly special place for our children. Finally, thank you to the children for all of their efforts and for making this such a wonderful school. Have a safe and fun filled summer! See you next year!



Sports Days

Nursery and Reception

It is always difficult to get to tone right for Sports day especially when the children are so little, wanting to make it competitive but without making children feeling despondent and disheartened. The children thoroughly enjoyed the carousel activities and did extremely well, as taking turns and following instructions is still very new to some of them. They enjoyed the fact their parents were cheering from the crowd in the middle and I believe the Rabbit parents won the 'prize' for loudest cheering!

We chose not to tell the children on the day their results as we did not want to detract from the enjoyment of the day. We wanted them to go away all feeling like the winners they were.

Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day

In June, Year 1, 2 & 3 took part in their Sports Day. This involved a carousel of activities aimed to demonstrate a variety of skills. Some of these activities were, a bean bag race, target throwing, a relay race, a water race, a hungry hippo challenge and many more! It is safe to say that all the children did a fantastic job and were very supportive of one another throughout the morning. Well done to all of the children, for such a wonderful morning. We are very proud of you!



Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day

On Wednesday 14th June, Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in their Sports Day. It was an exciting and sunny afternoon full of sporting events. Children took part in class events which included a carousel of ball pass, ball relay and the novelty challenge. They also competed in year group races including obstacle, sprint and relays. The afternoon ended with our highlight event, the tug of war! Although it was incredibly hot, all children tried their best and enjoyed taking part in the range of events and supporting their team mates.

We would like to thank all parents who came to watch and a special thank you to those parents who bravely took part in the tug of war too!

Well done to the children for taking part and representing their house teams so well! Congratulations to Water team who were the overall winners of the Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day!

Football Season 2022/23

This year, our year 5/6 football team had a rollercoaster of a season. We had some fantastic victories against the likes of Smitham, Coulsdon C of E and Keston. This then led to a three-way battle for the title of our local school's league, between ourselves, Woodcote and St Aiden's. This tight contest came down to the final game of the season. With Chipstead only requiring a point to lift the title, the team travelled to Woodcote Primary school eager to regain the title that had not been won by Chipstead for the last couple of seasons. Unfortunately, the team came away from the fixture losing 2-1 in a very tight contest in which the boys gave everything. This led to St Aiden's regaining the league title. Even though the season finished with disappointment, the team should be proud of all of their attitudes, performances and the way that they represented their school. I would also like to say a big thank you to all children that represented the school either in the A or B team this year, Mr Thompson and I are already looking forward to the 2023/24 season.

Quiz Club Finals

In early July, a small group of children had earned the opportunity to take part in the Quiz Club Finals at Oxford University.

Our children performed wonderfully at the General Knowledge Final, we came 13th (out of 40 schools) which is amazing and we are so proud of our General Knowledge team who performed brilliantly throughout the competition!

Our Maths Team stormed the Final and we are delighted to share that we **WON THE MATHS FINAL!** We are so proud of the team, they performed incredibly well throughout the competition!



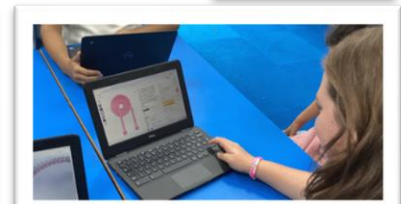
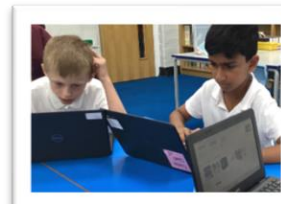
School Council

The summer term has been a busy but successful one for the School Council team. They started to look into something called restorative justice, this is like peer mentoring. They had a lot of wonderful ideas on this concept and therefore we will be revisiting in September. They also were kept busy by supporting the SLT team during various open mornings and governor's day by helping out and showing groups of adults around the school. Another particularly important role they had this term was being involved with the deputy head interviews. They thought about questions they would like to ask the candidates and were fully involved in the process, it was great to have pupil voice being a part of something so significant for the school's future! They demonstrated their maturity within all these tasks and have been such an asset to the school.

Their biggest project this term was the organisation of the second-hand book sale to raise money for new playground equipment. They did such a fantastic job and it meant that they raised over £350 which Mrs Rackham kindly matched, therefore we now have over £700 to spend!

The team have been busy the last couple of weeks researching what items children want to purchase, looking the costs and sending me links of items they have found. All the new equipment will be ready for playtimes in the first few weeks in September.

I want to thank all the school council members for their hard work and dedication so far this year, I have been so impressed with their ideas, contributions and enthusiasm, I'm looking forward to more of the same in September after they all have a well-deserved rest!



We are however sadly saying farewell to 3 of our School Council members from year 6. I would like to take this opportunity to say an extra big thank you and a huge well done to Zara, Lottie and Yuvi we are going to miss you all in September!

Global Learning

Global Learning is one of our school's core threads. It provides children with the opportunity to explore the world around them through the eyes of another community.

As a school, we are lucky to have a strong partnership with a school in Nepal, called East Horizon. Throughout this year, many of our children have participated in projects with the students in Nepal which we want to share with you.



In the Spring term, the Year 5 children completed their project, which was called, 'Culture in a Box'. It provided the children with the opportunity to explore what culture and identity means to them and to other people. The children created a box and filled it with items that expressed who they are as a person. Once they were made, we exchanged photos of our boxes with Nepal. This provided the children with

the opportunity to discuss similarities and differences between their cultures and traditions. A few children across the year group even got to attend a skype call to talk about their boxes with some of the students in Nepal! The children clearly articulated their ideas and we hope they enjoyed the session. Well done to all of the children in Year 5 who participated in the project, your boxes were incredible!



Towards the end of the Spring term, our Year 2, Reception and Nursery children began to work on their project with Nepal, which was called, 'A Day in the Life Vlog'. They worked extremely hard to make a year group video to explain what their day as a pupil is like here at CVPS. A few

weeks into the Summer term, we exchanged videos with Nepal. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching these and gained a huge insight into what a traditional school day consists of in Nepal. To share their feedback and to ask some questions, the children wrote postcards to the students. We received postcards back, which we found to be very exciting!



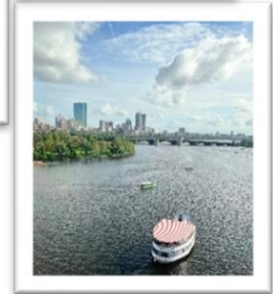
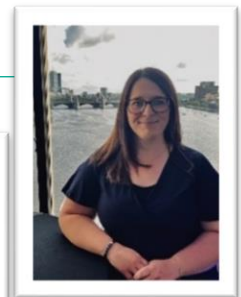
During the Summer term, Year 4 had the opportunity to create a video to demonstrate how CVPS is trying to tackle climate change. The children clearly articulated our initiatives to the students in Nepal and they even found examples of what we do at our school, which greatly supported their explanations. Our video has been shared with the students in Nepal and we are eagerly awaiting to see theirs, so we can make comparisons and suggest what each school could do to continue to tackle climate change.



We look forward to sharing more about Global Learning with you when we return in September!

Global Scholars – Boston Calling!

At the end of June, our very own Mrs Cherot was invited to Boston to participate in the launch of the Global Competency Codebook, which has been developed by Global Cities and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. As part of her work with Global Scholars, Mrs Cherot spoke on the educator panel at the launch event, sharing her insights in teaching Global Competencies at a primary school level. She was joined on the panel by educators from Canada, USA and Poland, who each brought their unique perspective and experiences of using the Codebook to teach and assess Global Competencies such as appreciation for diversity, cultural understanding, global knowledge and global engagement. Mrs Cherot was also interviewed for videos, discussing the value of the Codebook as a learning tool, that will be shared with educators across the world later this year.



Global Scholars continues to be a successful part of the Year 5 curriculum at CVPS and we are delighted to continue to work on this international digital exchange programme in September. For our current Year 5 pupils this year, the theme was 'World of Water'. They have created videos, guide books, surveys, infographics and news reports, sharing them with their international peers in the e-classroom. Our Year 5 pupils have communicated with children from across the globe, including Poland, USA, China, Kazakhstan, Japan, Spain to name a few! Next year, the theme is 'Nature in our Cities' and we look forward to sharing the digital projects and learning the children do throughout Year 5.



Gardening Club

The Gardening club would like to thank everyone who bought plants or made donations for produce at the Summer Fair and on the stall by the office this term. We have raised over £300 to be spent in the allotment area next year.

The Gardening club this year has "bloomed". The children have grown a wide range of vegetables and have successfully tended the new fruit cage, where our first blueberries, currants and raspberries are ripening.

This weekend we entered the Chipstead Flower Show and won prizes for our rhubarb, marrow, lavender and plate of 3 vegetables.



Chipstead Flower Show

We had another great turn out at the Chipstead Flower Show on Saturday. Well done to the all the children who entered this year. We had prize winners from every year group varying from 1st place to 3rd place prizes. In addition to this, a trophy was awarded to a child in Year 4 for their 'Rainbow Art'. Assemblies are being done this week to award the children their prizes. Another fantastic year for CVPS.

Author Visit – David Fuller

On 6th July, children in Y3-6 had the pleasure of a special assembly with David Fuller, author of the 'Alfie Jones' series of books. David shared his experiences of school, including his personal challenges with Dyspraxia, and his journey to become an author. The Alfie Jones series follows the adventures of an aspiring footballer, who meets the mysterious Madam Zola. David entertained the children (and staff) with his stories and the importance of editing in the writing process. The children had the opportunity to ask David questions and enjoyed learning more about being an author. He read some extracts from his books and signed copies to those pupils who had ordered some of his stories.



Summer Reading Challenge

Croydon Libraries have launched their latest Summer Reading Challenge, 'Ready, Set, Read!', to encourage children to read throughout the summer holiday. Did you know, almost a quarter of young people in the UK today say they do not enjoy reading for pleasure? With this in mind, we want to encourage as many CVPS pupils as possible to complete the challenge and read 6 books of their choice over the summer holiday. By signing up to the challenge through your local Croydon library, your child will be given incentives such as smelly stickers, a bookmark, a certificate and medal, as well as entry in a prize draw. Prizes include entry to Godstone Farm, Croywall, a brand new Kindle, swimming sessions, Flip Out vouchers and much more!



Attendance

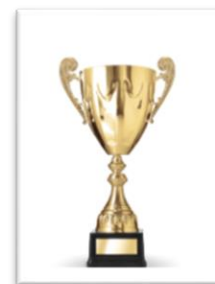
As you know, it is a legal requirement for all children to be in school. This is more important than ever in order to minimise, as far as possible, any longer-term impact of the pandemic on our children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Please can we take this time to remind all parents to 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!

	6/6 – 9/6	12/6 – 16/6	19/6 – 23/6	26/6 – 30/6	3/7 – 7/7	10/7 – 14/7	17/7 – 21/7
KS1							
1st	99.6% (3C)	98.8% (2K)	98.8% (2K)	99% (HH)	100% (3C)	100% (1C)	99.2% (1S)
2nd	99.2% (HH)	98.7% (RAB & 1S)	98.7% (1S)	97.7% (1C & 3C)	98.8% (1W)	98.2% (1W)	97% (3D)
3rd	99.1% (2L)		97.9% (2F)		98.7% (1S)	96.9% (2L)	95.8% (HH)
KS2							
1st	99.2% (6S)	99.5% (5C)	100% (5C)	97.2% (5J)	100% (5J)	97.7% (6S)	97.9% (6S)
2nd	97.5% (4H)	97.7% (6M)	99% (5O)	97% (6M)	98.3% (4G)	97.6% (5O)	96.7% (6M)
3rd	97.4% (5O)	97.2% (5O)	97.3% (5J)	95.7% (6S)	97.1% (4H)	96.7% (6M)	94% (5O & 5C)

*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.*

End of Year Winners	
1st	96.7% (1C)
2nd	96.4% (3D)
3rd	96.3% (2L)



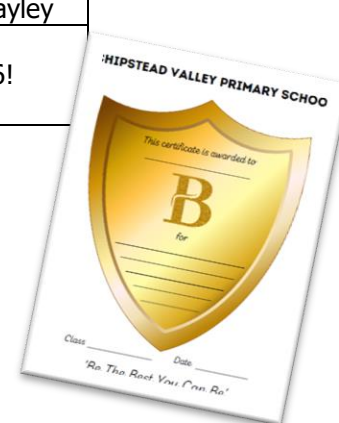
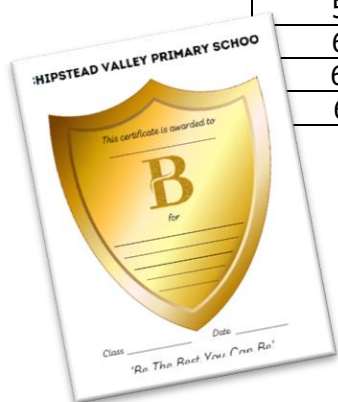


Badge Awards in Summer 2

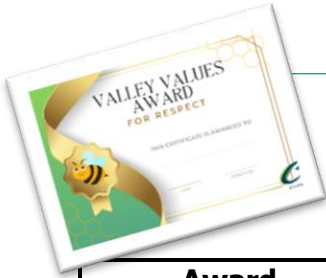


Class	09.06.2023		16.06.2023		23.06.2023	
Treehouse						
Rabbits	Isabelle	Lilly	Kaiyan	An	Evelyn	Teddie
Hedgehogs	Esmee	Theo	May	Yuri	Ada	Zachariah
Squirrels	Esme	Ruhaan	Lincoln	Nzinga	Malika	Raia
1W	David	Oscar	Marc	Jenny	Sridha	Maya
1C	Anthony	Isla	Sebastian	Isabella	Quinn	Lamisa
1S	Isla	Lia	Nathan	Billie	Skylar	Joshua
2F	Jazmin	Milly	Devanshi	Alisha	Nino	Emilio
2K	Michael	Finley	Oliver	Ethan	Sophie	Milly
2L	Noah A	Leo	Florence	Sofia	Kiera	Sara
3B	Ava	Joshua	Leon	Samantha	Oliver	Roseannice
3C	Emily	Dominic	Seanna	Ozzy	Benjy	Raaina
3D	Maryum	Toby	Spencer	Kian	Emma	Jamil
4G	Jack	Arianna	Whole Class – Multiplication Checks and Sports Day		Whole Class - Assembly	
4H	Algirdas	Zaviyar			Charlotte	Eleanor
4S	Tegan	Daniel			Whole Class - Assembly	
5C	Zohra	Ezekiel	Zaine	Freddie	Luke	Eleanor
5J	Tommy	Hannah	Sofia	Julius	Mary	Masha
5O	Henry	Emily	Millie	Ayden		
6H	Manahil	Emma	Ashley	Zinedine	Jack	Whole Class
6M	Iris	Flora	Isobel	Faris	Harry	Milo
6S	Jaiden	Ewan			Liam	Eshan

Class	30.06.2023		07.07.2023		14.07.2023	
Treehouse	Alexis					
Rabbits	Rithwik	Sophie	Oliver H	Zain	Alfie	Joshua
Hedgehogs	Sophie	Olivia	Musa	Neevah	Oliver	Hallie
Squirrels	Grace	Anaya	Nova	Astrid	Ruhaan	Arlo
1W	Sridha	Maya	Taliyah	James	All of Year 1!	
1C	Sophie	Ryan	Scarlett	Dylan		
1S	Joshua	Skylar	Mason	Teddy		
2F	Myles	Iza	All of Year 2!		Oscar	Chloe
2K	Esmee	Herbie			Elliot	Matilda
2L	Skylar	Charlotte			Oscar	Mariam
3B	Finlay	Cora	Avianna	Cole	George	Amber
3C	Emily	Anson	JJ	Joshua	Max	Amelia
3D	Finley	Oliver	Jenson	Elsie A	Seb	Zenon
4G	Oliver	Ella			Inzi	Callum J
4H	Ostyn	Elsie			Heidi	Ella
4S	Jotham	Mia	Mikey	Harley	Matteo	Kabir
5C	Eleanor	Stanley	Sofia	Dylan	Jack	Ethan H
5J	Anton	Victoria	Aleksander	Oliver	Alexis	Florence
5O			Serena	Matilda	Shahina	Hayley
6H			Juliana	Deimante	All of Year 6!	
6M	Emilio	George				
6S			Amerah	TJ		



End of Term – Valley Values Awards Summer 2023



Award	Name	Class	Award	Name	Class
Morality	Amina	Ladybirds	Enquiry	Archie	Bumblebees
	Nzinga	Squirrels		Joni	Hedgehogs
	Wilberaslan	Treehouse		Tobi	Treehouse
	Sofia	1S		Nathan	1S
	Poppy-Mae	2K		Jessica	2F
	Talia	3D		Jamie	3C
	Benjamin	4S		Arianna	4G
	Cherry	5O		Finley	5J
Respect	Luna	Butterflies	Resilience	Kaifeechi	Ladybirds
	Isabella	Rabbits		Arlo	Squirrels
	Hashim	Treehouse		Daisy	Treehouse
	Finn	1S		Chester	1W
	Heidi	2K		Poppy	2L
	Benjamin	3D		James	3B
	Elsie	4H		Oliver	4G
	George	5J		Florence	5J
Communication	Laurence	Caterpillars	Thoughtfulness	Lily	Bumblebees
	Archie	Hedgehogs		Beatrix-Belle	Rabbits
	Serena	Treehouse		Alexis	Treehouse
	Christos	1C		Sridha	1W
	Ryley	2K		Precious	2L
	Sean	3C		Isla	3B
	Oliver	4H		Ella	4G
	Ella	5O		Luke	5C
Cooperation	Kelsey	Caterpillars	Adaptability	Djalilah	Butterflies
	Leo	Hedgehogs		Teddie-James	Rabbits
	Jason	Treehouse		Alman	Treehouse
	Henry	1C		Quinn	1C
	Iza	2F		Layla	2F
	Seanna	3C		Anirudh	3B
	Ella	4H		Mia-Rose	4S
	Sienna-Sofia	5C		Amaya	5C

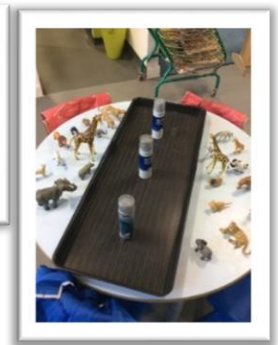
End of Term - Year 6 Awards Summer 2023

Award	Name	Class
Charlotte Wicker Award	Iris	6M
Charlotte Wicker Award Runner Up	James	6S
Charlotte Wicker Award Runner Up	Dharmik	6H
Writing	Mia	6S
Mathematics	Ava	6H
Science	Milo	6M
Music	Mabel	6H
Drama	Leo	6S
Sport	Jack	6M
Reading	Amerah-Angel	6S
Friendship	TJ	6M
Computing	Zinedine	6H
Art	Chloe	6M

EYFS Update

Nursery

Nursery started the last half term of the year looking at the topic 'The Jungle'. We enjoyed visiting the Digiverse to investigate an African elephant in 3D which helped to immerse us in the theme. We role played with Small World jungle animals and created our own masks and safari scenes.



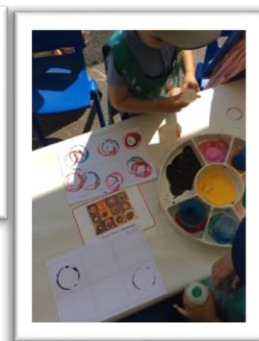
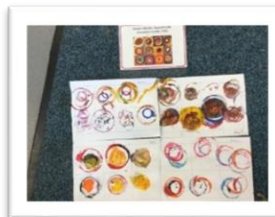
Next we looked at 'Dinosaurs' and had lots of fun hunting for dinosaurs in the school grounds, where we came across dinosaur bones and even a nest of eggs that hatched in the classroom at lunchtime! This really captured the imagination of the children and then this flowed into their own narrative in the classroom.



We enjoyed Sports Day on the field and the Nursery children participated beautifully and loved joining in with a variety of fun sporting events. Thank you to all our spectators.



For our Artist of the Month, we looked at the work of Wassily Kandinsky and had a go at our own interpretation of the Famous work 'Concentric Circles'. We used various circular shaped bottles and cups and coloured paint to make patterns on a 10-frame grid. The work created by the children was very impressive!

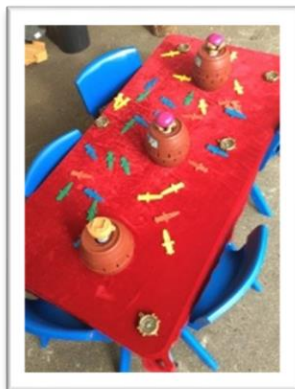
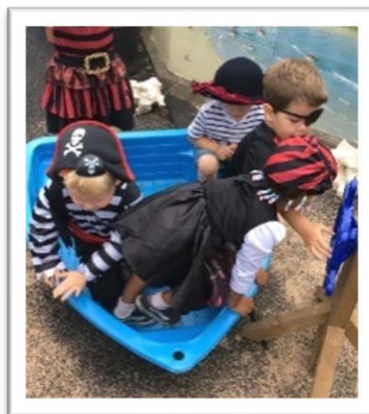


The circus then came to town and visited us at CVPS. We watched a fun show and then we were able to have a go at the activities ourselves. These included tightrope walking, plate spinning, juggling, baton twirling and miniature bike riding. The children were engaged throughout and displayed wonderful gross motor skills. Well done to all for participating.



Our final topic this year was 'Pirates' and we have had so much fun with this. We had a pirate dress up day and a fantastic time was had with a variety of engaging activities including, role playing in our pirate galleon, digging for treasure in the sand, fishing in the water tray and creating our own treasure maps. We invited the children to walk the plank over crocodile infested waters all were brave enough to have a go!

Our Pirate themed end of year celebration was a great success, thankfully the rain stayed away and the children performed the 'Pirate Pete' poem and pirate song beautifully. Nursery displaying great confidence on the outdoor stage for the parents. Well done children we have had a wonderful year with you and wish you all the best for September.



Reception

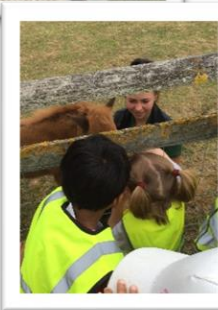
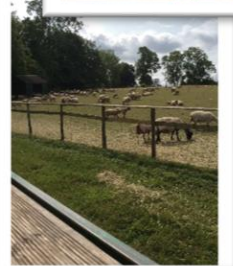
As we finish the year, Reception has had a busy summer term! Our topic has been 'Wonderful World' and we have enjoyed learning about the flags, languages, food, animals and culture of the seven different continents of the world. We have read lots of stories linked to these continents such as Handa's Surprise, We're Roaming in the Rainforest, Namaste Mumbai and The Koala who Could and have enjoyed retelling these stories with puppets and drawing out story maps. As part of our learning about Europe, we went on our school trip to Bockett's Farm and had lots of fun visiting lots of animals including pigs, sheep, cows, goats, horses and donkeys! We also enjoyed going on a tractor ride to see the animals in the field, visiting the bigger animals and having a small animal session where we could stroke guinea pigs, rabbits and chickens. To finish our day, we loved exploring the outdoor playgrounds and watching the pig race where the purple pig won!

Over the past few weeks we have been preparing the children for their upcoming transition to Year One by having lots of discussions and circle time around questions or worries they have. We then had a couple of visitors from Year One classes who shared their experiences and the children were given the opportunity to ask them questions. They had great questions like 'Do they do Science?' and 'How did you feel when you went into Year One?' and the visitors answered these brilliantly. As part of our writing, the children reflected on this year and have been thinking about all the things they have achieved like being able to write their name, read sentences or count up to 20 and beyond. They have also written about all the things they are looking forward to in Year One, like having playtime on the field and having music lessons with Mr Vinten! We have had a fantastic year together and are so proud of the progress the children have made! We wish them all the best for Year One and hope that everyone has a lovely summer holiday!

Treehouse

The children in Treehouse Class have really enjoyed the 'Paws, Roars and Whiskers' topic this half term! They really enjoyed exploring the text 'Monkey Puzzle' and learning the Makaton for the different animals. The children were enthusiastic when they received a 'Help, I've lost my Monkey' letter from Monkey's Mum and all engaged in mark making or writing to write their own letter in reply. The children also really enjoyed the very humorous 'Farmer Duck'. They learnt lots of Makaton and names for the animals and many were able to join in with the repeating phrases in the book. On numerous occasions the children engaged in role play and it was very funny to watch them pretending to be the 'lazy Farmer' being chased out of the farm by the animals! In Science this term Treehouse Class have been learning about plants. They have planted their own Sunflowers and watched these grow – comparing the different heights of the plants and communicating what the plants need to thrive. Some of the children have learnt the names for different parts of a plant and many of the class learned the Makaton for flower and Sunflower. We hope to send lots of Sunflowers home (and we are sure you will really like the children's own hand painted pots!)

In Art this half term the pupils responded to the piece 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'. The children were enthusiastic to paint their own backgrounds after looking at the art work in detail. They then enjoyed collecting and using natural materials to add to the background and painting their own tigers to go on top. As always, the children have been encouraged to give their own opinions on this famous art work, communicate what they can see and then respond to the piece using different materials and processes. It is wonderful to see the children working hard at their art and thinking carefully about the piece they have been shown. Treehouse Class have continued to work hard during their Maths lessons this half term. Some of the children have worked hard to explore different quantities and to use the Makaton for 'more' and 'lots' during their play or structured tasks. Many of the children have made huge progress in their counting and using the language and knowledge to calculate 1 more or 1 less in practical problems. A few of the children have been very interested in learning their number bonds to 10 or 100 and also learning to count in 2s and 10s and apply this to number problems. Super work Treehouse Class!



Key Stage 1 Update

Year 1

It's the end of the year! We cannot believe how fast the time has gone and now our Year 1's are well and truly ready to take the step up to their new year group. The children have grown so much and learnt new things. Us teachers couldn't be prouder! It has been a busy final term and we recently returned from our last trip of the year, Drusillas Park. It was great for the children to put all of their knowledge from our 'Roars, Paws and Animal Claws' topic into action. We saw a range of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds as well as carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We even had a splash in the water park to end the day! The children had a brilliant time and represented Chipstead Valley fantastically.

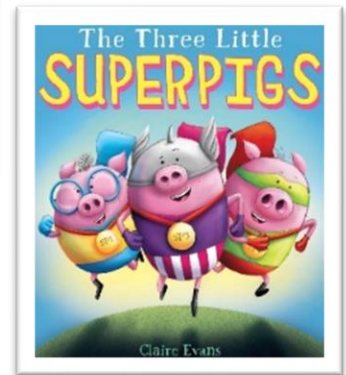
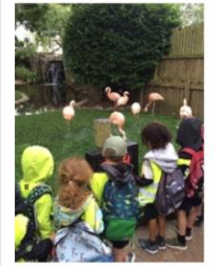
We also had our end of year assembly where we showcased all of our learning from the year. It was a great celebration made better by the children's wonderful singing and loud and clear delivery of their lines. Great job everyone! Sports Day was a success and the children worked well as teams to complete the 9 activities. Another proud moment, well done!

For our final piece of writing, we retold the story of 'The Three Little Superpigs' with our own characters. Some chose kittens, others chose tortoises, dolphins and horses. We had a range of characters but the children blew us away with the quality of their work and remembering to include full stops, capital letter and finger spaces throughout. Keep up the good work in Year 2!

We would like to wish the children the best of luck in Year 2 and thank them for a brilliant, fun-filled year!

Year 2

This half term we have continued with our 'Land Ahoy' topic. In English, we read the book 'The Pirate's Next Door' and the children have enjoyed writing their own pirate descriptions as well as coming up with ideas for their own pirate adventure stories! This linked well to our school trip, where all of the children went to Goring beach. What a brilliant trip this was! During the day, the children wrote postcards to family members (which they decorated themselves) and they had the opportunity to post these. Following on from this, the children and staff had a wonderful day taking part in a number of activities on the beach. This included building sandcastles, collecting shells, making pebble towers, jumping in the waves in the shore line and enjoying an ice lolly. Not only did members of the public comment on how wonderful the children were but the children had lots of fun too! We couldn't have asked for a better day.



During our science lessons, we started a new topic on plants. We carried out an experiment to find the best conditions for our watercress to grow. We discovered that the plants need both sunlight and water to grow healthily! The children really enjoyed taking care of their own plants by watering them regularly and they made daily comparisons!

Throughout July, the children in Year 2 have been very busy, working hard on their amazing production, 'Sir David Hattenscarf and the Wonders of the World'. The children worked tirelessly to learn their lines, several catchy songs and their corresponding actions. In addition to this, the children made a number of the props and decorations, that were used to decorate the hall for their performances. The hall looked incredible and we are so proud of the children for all their hard work. We would also like to thank the parents for all their support with this!



Overall, Year 2 have worked extremely hard, not only throughout July but during their time in Year 2. We have had a fantastic year and all the children should be very proud of their hard work. The Year 2 team would like to thank you for all your support and encouragement this year, which has made our job even more rewarding. We hope everyone has a fantastic summer holiday!

Key Stage 2 Update

Year 3

Summer 2 has absolutely flown by!

This half term, we took a trip back in time to the Viking ages for a day. We learnt all about what life was like, the armour and weapons they used and the games they played to entertain themselves. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and loved designing their own shields and book marks, using Viking runes (Viking alphabet).

In English, we have been studying the poem 'Beowulf'. The children have really enjoyed the mythical aspect of Viking legend and the creatures involved. They have been extremely innovative this term by creating their own mythical creatures and constructing their own free verse poetry, based around these creatures.



In Maths, we have been looking at geometry and mass. We have been building on our prior knowledge of shape to help us understand the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, along with attempting to build these shapes. We did some practical tasks together, learning about quarter, half, three-quarter and full turns. This half term, we also conducted a problem-solving investigation on volume and capacity where the children had to identify patterns to help them create different volumes of liquid.



We have also looked at mapwork in our Geography field work. We have created sketch maps of the school to help identify the safest routes in the event of a fire. We also used an overhead map of the school grounds to help us conduct a treasure hunt throughout the school grounds, which we all found very exciting.

We hope the children have loved Year 3 and that they enjoy their well-earned summer break!



Year 4

To kick start the last half term of the academic year, we took part in sports day. Even though it was a hot summers day, the children eagerly took part in all of the carousel activities, the races and tug of war. We were so impressed by their cooperation and agility skills!

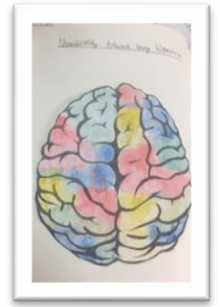
A week after sports day, we had our Year 4 assembly. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines in a short space of time. We were so proud of them for having the courage to clearly project their voices for all the parents and carers to hear. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase all the hard work that they have put into their Eco Heroes learning!

In maths, the children have been consolidating their understanding of time, where they have had to turn 12-hour clocks into 24-hour. Although this was a tricky concept for some, the children never gave up and have developed an excellent understanding. Once this topic was complete, we began to turn our attention towards statistics. The children explored different types of graphs including pictograms, line graphs and bar graphs. The children can now effectively interpret different graphs using the data provided. To show their understanding, they drew their own line graphs using a key! Towards the end of the summer term, we have been looking at geometry where we have discussed angles, different types of triangles and polygons.

On the last week of the first summer term, the children had the pleasure of sowing Wildflower seeds with Mrs Rogers. To showcase their understanding of this process, they wrote clear and formal instructions during their English lessons at the beginning of this term. We were very proud of them for using technical language, adverbs of time and imperative verbs to make their instructions clear for the reader to follow. After this, the children turned their attention towards poetry writing. For this poetry unit, we looked in depth at riddles. The children loved the challenge of working out different riddles! In order to write our own, we looked around our school grounds for inspiration of interesting nouns and clues that could be used to describe them. Once the children had written their own riddles, we shared them and tried to work out each other's riddles, which we all thoroughly enjoyed!



In the middle of this half term, we had the pleasure of celebrating Neurodiversity Week, where we discussed what it means to be neurodivergent. The children produced some excellent fact files for homework, which they enthusiastically shared with their peers in class. We also looked into an artist who is neurodivergent called Stephen, who is able to draw landscapes, in detail, from memory. In class, we had the opportunity to memorise a picture and draw it ourselves from memory, which we found rather tricky! The children went into the creativity suite and did some amazing watercolour artwork of the human brain. They also used patterns and shading to create a piece of artwork that represented the connections and functions of a brain. We were wowed by their stunning creations!



The week after this, we were delighted to have an author called David Fuller, who is also neurodivergent, come to visit us. He gave us an excellent insight into what it was like growing up with dyspraxia. He gave us some really useful tips on how important it is to plan a story and to edit our writing. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to some extracts from his books.

As part of our geography learning, we took part in a fieldwork project, where we compared different maps of our school and grounds. The day began with exploring our grounds and trying to draw our own maps of the school. After this, we explored an aerial view, a street view and a google maps view of our school and groups. We annotated these to show what could be seen of our school from different maps and we compared how useful each map was. We were very impressed with the children's comparison skills and the way they effectively communicated their thoughts and opinions.



It has been a pleasure to teach the children of Year 4 this academic year, they have remained enthusiastic and resilient. We also wanted to say a massive thank you to all of the parents and carers for your support with the children this year. We hope you all have a fantastic and restful summer break and we look forward to seeing you as well as the children, around the school, when we return in September!



Year 5

Rainforest in a box!

We have been making rainforests in a box! We used the school grounds to collect sticks, leaves, stones and bark. We decorated the inside of a shoe box in small groups and then started to add the details! The children enjoyed the whole process and incorporated their knowledge of the layers of the rainforest and the creatures that live within it. They look great!



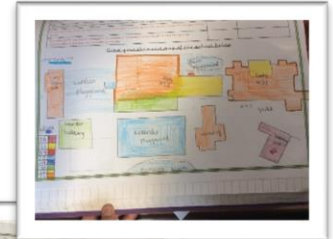
Oasis Academy

We were very lucky to have two days out of school this half term to visit Oasis Academy. The first day, a sports festival, was enjoyed by all. The children competed in teams across a range of disciplines. It was a very hot day, but the children behaved beautifully and represented CVPS well!



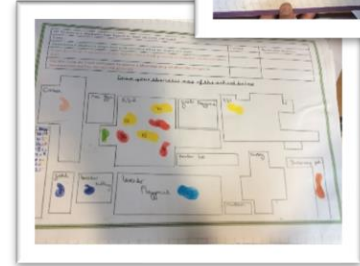
Global Scholars Assembly

Year 5 completed their Global Scholars work this term with a 'Community Action Project'. The children shared their learning with the community by showing an assembly to their parents and sharing useful information with the rest of the school about water security and conservation. As a celebration, we teamed up with other schools in the trust to share all of our projects and congratulate each other!



Fieldwork Fortnight

We took part in Geography Fieldwork Fortnight by creating a thematic map of the school. We used thermometers to map the hottest and coldest areas of the school and presented the data on our own hand drawn maps of the school. The information has been passed on to Mrs Rackham to assist her in future heating and cooling decisions!



Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic last term at CVPS! Obviously, the main talking point has to be the production! All three classes worked hard and put on brilliant performances of *Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies*. This year was the first year where each class has played the leading roles with the other two classes in support. Whilst this has led to some difficulties with rehearsing at times, the children have adapted superbly and loved being able to take on more speaking roles. We are all so proud of how well they did! With one week to go, and rehearsals out of the way, the children were treated to a water fight out on the field! Unfortunately for them, Mr Cheeseman and Mr McMurray cheated with their fancy water pistols! They had a brilliant time and we think the children did too...

This year, the leaver's party took on a tropical theme with everyone making an effort to look the part. Food was had, games were played and some interesting dance moves were displayed finished with the usual emotional goodbyes before their final day at C.V.P.S. We are sure the evening will stick with them for many years to come.

On their final day, the children took part in the leaver's assembly attending by parents along with every child and member of staff in the school. Awards were handed out for the final time, as well as the customary leaver's songs and the traditional lap of honour around the playground.

Everyone has worked incredibly hard this year and we are so proud with how well they have all done. The Year 6 team wish them the best as they move onto secondary school. We know you will all continue to be the best you can be.



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

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

Padlet

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Makaton Signs

