



CVPS NEWS

Autumn 2 2023

Head's Welcome!

Well, September seems like a distant memory to us all now! It has been a long and busy autumn term and I know we are all looking forward to the holidays. This term has been packed with activities, visitors into school and educational visits outside of school. This has all been in addition to our staff working extremely hard to inspire our children through the curriculum. Our school continues to grow with additional children starting all of the time, which is a wonderful compliment and to all those who have joined us this term, we hope you have very much enjoyed your time as part of our community so far. We have had some incredible Christmas concerts and performances over the past few weeks and it was heart-warming to see the confidence in our children and the smiles on their faces. These events and experiences really help to enrich the curriculum and allow education to take place both inside and outside of the classroom. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well at this special time of the year and for those who celebrate, our whole staff team would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas. See you all in 2024!

Canteen Launch

Last month, we held an official launch of our newly decorated canteen and revamped menu. The event was a huge success, with many parents and pupils visiting to sample the range of hot and cold food we serve daily and chat with our chefs Jeanette and Barry. Our menus work on a three-week rotation, with meals such as chicken curry, vegetarian chilli, spaghetti Bolognese, brownies, flapjacks, fruit pots, jellies and cookies. For pupils in Years 5 and 6, we also have a deli option available, which has proven to be very popular. Feedback was incredibly positive and we would like to extend our thanks to the Olive Dining team for their excellent service and Mrs O'Brien for arranging to decorate the canteen during the half term break!



'Saluting our Sisters' Competition

To celebrate Black History Month this term, the children were given the opportunity to take part in a creative competition. Pupils were asked to produce a piece of work that celebrated a black woman who has made an impact. We received a large amount of entries that were all outstanding and with the help of the School Council, we were able to select winners across KS1 and KS2. Well done to all children who took part and a huge CONGRATULATIONS goes out to our 1st place KS1 winner, Lillian (1F) and our 1st place KS2 winner, Emily (6J)! Their amazing work will be display around our school, along with the other pieces create by our hard-working pupils. Well done everyone!



Fundraising

This half term we have had a few opportunities to support various charities.

At the beginning of November, we support the Poppy Appeal and are delighted to share we raised £763.72 for this wonderful cause. Thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy and donated!

Earlier this week, the children had a wonderful day taking part in our Elf Run in support of The Children's Trust! The final amount raised is still growing and we have already surpassed our target!!! Thank you so much for your donations and supporting this important cause. If you can, please donate here → [Just Giving - Elf Run](#)

During our Carol Concerts at St Aidans, we accepted donations for Purley Food Hub. If you are able to donate via our QR code this is a great cause.



Quiz Club

On Tuesday 21st November 8 children from KS2 took part in the General Knowledge Area Heat of the Nationwide, Quiz Club. There were 8 schools from the local area that took part in the first round, along with hundreds of other schools across the country doing the same, all hoping to win a spot at the National Finals in June 2022.

This year we decided to enter 2 teams and I'm delighted to say that both teams did incredibly well! Team 1, won the area heat with 1790 points and have been awarded a place in the finals that will take place in July. Team 2 came third with 1305 points. Due to Team 2 having such a high score, we will be finding out in the spring term if they have secured a place in the semi-finals! Both teams worked fantastically well together, answering questions on a wide range of subjects, some of which even the adults in the room struggled with!

We were so incredibly proud of them and want to wish them the best of luck for the next stages in the competition!

Well done to Team 1: Oscar, Anehan, Daniel and Arjan, and Team 2: Iza, Sean, Jaya and Dominic.



Chipstead Valley Team 1	1790
Smitham Team 1	1650
3 Chipstead Valley Team 2	1305
4 Keston	1255
5 Coulsdon C of E	1215



Global Learning

We are delighted to announce that we have a new partnership with a wonderful school in Cambodia. Treak Community Centre was brought to our attention by one of our kind-hearted parents, Catherine Tulley, who decided to spend 2 weeks cycling around Cambodia to raise much needed funds for this school.

To kick start our new partnership with Cambodia, we have already exchanged bunting to introduce ourselves. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring similarities and differences between their interests.

As we were approaching Christmas, we wanted to take this opportunity to exchange Christmas cards with the pupils at Treak. At CVPS, we created class Christmas cards, where the children worked as a class to create the front cover and the children wrote their own messages to the pupils at Treak. We have also had the pleasure of receiving Christmas cards back from the pupils at Treak. We were thoroughly impressed with their festive drawings!

We recently posted some questions onto our shared padlet with Cambodia, to ask for a further insight into how they celebrate Christmas and to see how their traditions align or differ to ours in the UK. We look forward to hearing their responses soon and sharing them with our children!

Our children are really enthusiastic about the opportunity to work on projects with the pupils at Treak Community Centre over this academic year. We look forward to sharing updates of our partnership with you!



Sport at CVPS

Gymnastics

On Tuesday 21st November, 22 Year 2 children from CVPS went out to compete at their first ever Inter School Gymnastics competition. It was a fantastic day with some amazing results. There were 3 schools and 60 children competing. Overall, Chipstead Valley was awarded 12 golds medals, 6 silver medals and 4 bronze medals. Three children were also awarded gold special awards from the judges. A big well done to Isla, Sophie and Henry for receiving these awards.



The Red Team won the overall highest scoring team of the day and were awarded the Inter-Schools winning trophy! A huge well done to Sofia, Sophie, Penelope, Isla, Sade and Florence for being a part of the winning team.

The gymnastics teachers, Danni, Ellie, Xai and Matilda are so proud of the effort and commitment from such young gymnasts and they truly did them and CVPS proud!

Cross Country

On Thursday 9th November, children from Years 1 - 4 took part in a Cross-Country competition at Lloyd Park. The children all ran extremely well and many came in the top 30 for their age range. A special mention to Daisy (1Y) who came 4th, Jenson (4M) who finished 7th and Cora (4N) who came 6th in their year group races.



Football

Year 5 and 6 have had another successful match against St Aidan's Primary School with the final result ending 2-2. Mr Thompson also took two football teams to compete in the Crystal Palace Football Tournament during November. The girls team came 4th in their group and the boys team came 5th. Unfortunately, despite their fantastic efforts, neither team made it through to the next round. Well done to all the children who played!



Athletics

Children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Sportshall Athletics Qualifiers at Royal Russell School. They all performed fantastically and made it through to the finals which are taking place on January 10th. Good luck to all the children who are competing – we look forward to hearing how you get on!



Netball

The school netball team has had a great start to the season, winning most of their matches. Early on in October the team beat local rivals Smitham! There was a great effort put in November when they took on Keston who's team play in the local weekend leagues as well as the school leagues. It was a well-played game and whilst Keston won one match, CVPS won against their 2nds and their coach came over to tell CVPS how much they had enjoyed the game and how they had been some of the strongest opposition they faced.



This month the team went to Hayes Primary school and played two matches winning one 3-0 and losing one 4-3.

The team's commitment has been excellent in training and we look forward to seeing how they get on next term. Netball club is open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and you don't need to have played before. Coach Clare has been the coach for over 30 years and opens matches to everyone, which creates a fantastic atmosphere and builds on the children's sporting skills and fitness. Netball club is on Fridays after school until 4.30pm. To join, contact Clare on: clare.nicholls62@gmail.com.



Music at CVPS

The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of musical events and performances, culminating in the two Christmas Concerts at St Aidan's Church. The choir and orchestra have been in preparation for their performances since half term. All of our children excelled themselves at the Christmas Concerts with their enthusiastic singing.

The Choir sang at The Christmas Bazaar, at Coulsdon Yuletide Magic and at St Margaret's Church in Chipstead.



Instrument lessons at Chipstead

This is the perfect time to apply for your child to begin music lessons in school. We offer lessons on piano, guitar, violin, trumpet, clarinet, flute and drum kit. To apply for lessons please see the link:

<https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/music-lessons>

Care Home Visit

To round off the festivities, Miss Sinclair and Mr Chapman took the Year 1 – 3 Choir to a local care home in Woodmansterne to showcase a number of songs. The choir did a fantastic job at the carol concert so, we wanted to share this with the local community too. They sang a few songs, enjoyed a chat and snack with the residents, and even played with their pet guinea pigs! The children had a lovely time and represented CVPS in the best way possible. The care home residents were blown away!



Eco Update

November was a busy month for the Eco Committee as we had our first school-wide initiative to reduce our carbon footprint at home. Cut Your Carbon was a great success and over 1,958 actions completed over the course of the month. Highlights included a whopping 283 children took a more sustainable journey to school during November! Additionally, 272 children took a shower instead of a bath. We want to thank everyone who got involved during November; it was great to see so many children so enthusiastic about the initiative.

The Eco Team have now decided on the 3 areas we would like to focus on this year; Energy, Waste and Litter. We took the opportunity to present to the senior leaders of the school to update them on our current plans and future aspirations. We celebrated the good things we currently do and the potential areas for improvement. I am so proud of the committee for talking so confidently and passionately about our eco plans to the leaders of the school!

We look forward to championing even more initiatives, competitions and schemes whilst making a difference to our school after Christmas.

Mr Chapman & The CVPS Eco-Committee



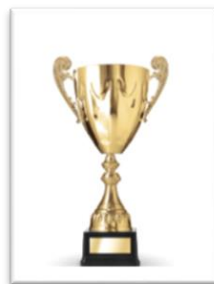
Attendance

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.*

	30/10 – 3/11	6 – 10/11	13 – 17/11	20 – 24/11	27/11 – 1/12	4 – 8/12	11 – 15/12
KS1							
1st	99.2% (1F)	97.9% (2S)	98.3% (1F)	98.3% (2S)	99.3% (RAB)	96.9% (RAB)	100% (TH)
2nd	97.5%	96.7% (HH)	97.2% (2S)	97.7% (2B)	98% (HH)	94.3% (1F)	96.1% (RAB)
3rd	(RAB & 2L)	96.5% (2B)	95.2% (1C)	96.6% (1C)	97.6% (1C)	93.1% (2S)	95.9% (2S)
KS2							
1st	99.2% (3C)	99.7% (3S)	98.5% (3M)	98.2% (5J)	98.2% (5A)	96% (4G)	97.7% (4M)
2nd	98.3% (3S)	98.7% (4G)	97.7% (4N)	97.3% (4N)	96.1% (5J)	95.4% (5J)	92.3% (4N)
3rd	98.2% (6F)	98.3% (4N)	97% (4M, 5M & 5A)	96.7% (5A)	95.6% (3M)	95% (4N)	91.4% (5J)



End of Term Winners – KS1	
1st	96.3% (Rabbits & 1F)
3rd	95.9% (2B)

End of Term Winners – KS2	
1st	96.5% (4N)
2nd	96.2% (4M)
3rd	96.1% (5A)

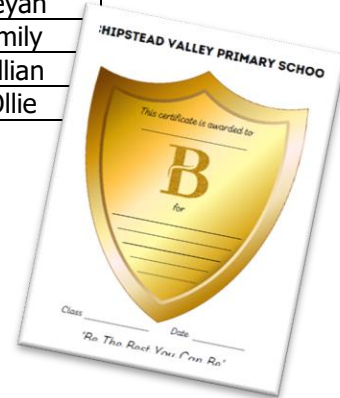
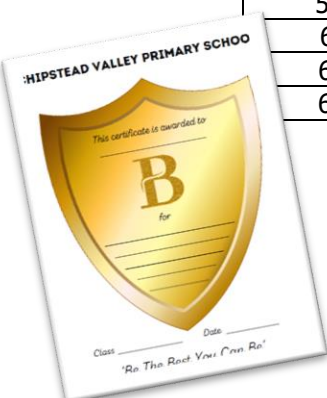


Badge Awards in Autumn 2



Class	03.11.2023		10.11.2023		17.11.2023		24.11.2023	
Rabbits	Joshua	Ezra	Charlie	Zayden	Cora	Teyanna	Ava	Sophia
Hedgehogs	Nancy	Kai	Millie	Archie	Lily	Daksh	Emma	Cohen
Foxes	Harley	Yonca	Alfred	Malha	Mariam	Sophia	Lara	Maya
1F	Linaya	Darcie	Brody	Ella	Frank	Rae	Sophie	Destiny-Rose
1C	Sylvie	Oliver	Yuri	Olivia	Theo	Dexter	May	Henrik
1Y	Lyla	Yukthi	Jace				Nova	Lincoln
2B	Marc	Aria	Chester	Oscar	Arthur	Asmara	Alyssa	Bobby
2S	Scarlett	Layla	Quinn	Lamisa	Ember	Matilda	Luca	Noah
2L	Hannah	Sade	Rian	Ronak	Thea	Nila	Sofia	Marcus
3C	Luke	Florence	Chloe	Milly	Ethan	Matilda	Sienna	Sophia
3S	Samuel	Ruby	Charlotte	Honey	Flo	Luke	Blake	Skylar
3M	Noah P	Yasmin	Milly	Emilio	Ethan	Rosie	Jayden	Finley
4G	Whole Class!		Emma	Kian	Oliver	Maryum	George	Isabella
4M			Charlie	James	Arianna	Emily	Sean	Amelia
4N			Ed	Oliver	Ashar	Anehan	Noah	Beth
5A	Lauren		Sophie	Harley	Connor	Dessie	Oscar	Darius
5J	Zaviyar	Maimie	Ostyn	Josh	Lois	Heidi	Niall	Bradon
5M	Jack	Zion	Callum W	Truly	Freddie	Inzi	Theo T	Truly
6J	Cherry	Aisha	Delila	Matilda	Isaac	Summer	Ophra	Harvey
6F	Ezekiel	Isabella	Noah	Keira	Ethan S	Isabella Ry	Reggie	Charlotte
6S	Alexis	Tommy	Dominic	Jack	Ellie	Sofia	Oliver	Olivia

Class	01.12.2023		08.12.2023		15.12.2023		
Rabbits	Matthew	Enaya	Faith	Halle	Jorge	Jack	
Hedgehogs	Zayn	Safura	Sophia	Ezra	Joshua	Evie	
Foxes	Zarnab	Arlo	Amina	Ali	Hazel	Finley	
1F	Joshua	Kaiyan	Jacob	Iliya	Oliver	Isabella	
1C	Musa	Samuel	Ada	Ciaran	Archie	Ciaran	
1Y	Finlay	Malika	Arlo	Astrid	Jesse	Raia	
2B	James	Jack	Taliya	Gargi	Harry	Jenny	
2S	Penelope	Sebastian	Isla	Sienna	Sophie	Henry	
2L	Hendrix	Nathan	Teddy	Edward	George	Joshua	
3C	All of Year 3!		Ryley	Archie	Oliver	Esmae	
3S			Obaid	Ruby	Mariam	Precious	Sofia
3M			Luca	Noah T	Luca	Devanshi	
4G	Henry	Samuel	Jake	Toby	Annabelle	Frankie	
4M	Anson	Finley	Joshua	Edward	Dominic	Holly	
4N	Cora	Finlay	Kiyan	Ava	Annabel	James	
5A	Yuvann	Bella	Jaya	Orla	Kabir	Demi	
5J	Ilakkiyan	Leyth	Emilia-Rose	Oliver	Adam	Owen	
5M	Lineysha	Caitlyn	Tito	Max	Daania	Keyan	
6J			Matilda	Shahina	Ella	Emily	
6F	Amar	Kaylen	Dhaksha	Amaya	Stanley	Lillian	
6S	Arjan	Maddy	George	Hannah	Tommy	Ollie	





End of Term Awards Autumn 2023



Award	Name	Class	Award	Name	Class
Morality	Malha	Foxes	Enquiry	Awara	Foxes
	Evelyn	1F		Samuel	1C
	Nyla	2B		Thea	2L
	Jack	3C		Kiera	3S
	Chloe	4M		Joshua	4N
	Clara	5M		Heidi	5J
Respect	Jacob	Rabbits	Resilience	Falaq	Rabbits
	Yuri	1C		Sydney	1C
	Oscar	2B		Sebastian	2S
	Chloe	3M		Samuel	3S
	Jenson	4G		Anirudh	4N
	Ostyn	5J		Bella	5A
Communication	Mariam	Foxes	Thoughtfulness	Nancy	Hedgehogs
	Iliya	1F		Daisy	1Y
	Aria	2B		Scarlett	2S
	Kareem	3C		Oscar	3S
	Edward	4N		Elsie	4G
	Caitlyn	5M		Connor	5A
Cooperation	Ariana	Rabbits	Adaptability	Archie	Hedgehogs
	Sophie	1F		Rudy	1Y
	Tommy	2L		Tiam	2S
	Rose	3M		Ryley	3C
	Max	4M		Sara	4G
	Oliver	5M		Algirdas	5J

Year 6 Awards



Award	Name	Class
Charlotte Wicker Award	Delila	6J
Charlotte Wicker Award Runner Up	Sienna-Sofia	6F
Charlotte Wicker Award Runner Up	Dominic	6S
Writing	Ellie	6S
Reading	Tommy	6S
Mathematics	Cherry	6J
Science	Mia	6F

Award	Name	Class
Music	Mary	6S
Sport	Lainey	6J
Computing	Harry	6J
Friendship	Hannah	6S
Art	Ethan	6F
Drama	Jack	6S
Kindness	Kye	6F

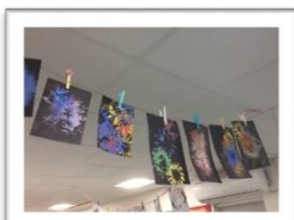
EYFS Update

Nursery

Our first topic this half term was 'Autumn, Colour and Light' and within this theme, we looked at the Hindu festival of Diwali and learnt about the story of Sita and Rama and that good defeats evil. We created rangoli patterns from sand and glitter and made diva lamps from clay.

We also looked at the land and nature artist Andy Goldsworthy and created patterns out of leaves, sticks and stones, drawing on his famous works as inspiration.

We visited the Digiverse to look at fireworks in 3D, made firework explosive pictures from metallic paint and created arrangements with shapes on our light box. We talked about onomatopoeic words for firework sounds such as bang, sizzle and woosh.



Next, we looked at 'Being Healthy' and talked about exercise and healthy eating and had a fun PE session with Mr Thompson in the hall, which the children adored! We also discussed oral hygiene and the importance of cleaning our teeth.

The final topic for this half term was 'Winter and Christmas'. We had lots of fun role-playing with Olaf and Sven in the Winter Igloo and experimented with winter animals that had been frozen and using shared thinking with our peers to free the animals trapped in the ice!

On 1st December, the children were delighted to see the arrival of the cheeky elves Eli and Esme. They have been up to so much mischief each night in Nursery and the children could not wait to find out what they have been up to when they arrived each morning!

We were busy practicing our Christmas singalong songs, which the children performed beautifully to their important adults. We learnt about the story of the First Christmas and the baby Jesus and why we give and receive presents at this time of year. We were also lucky enough to watch Reception's nativity play.

We have also participated in created a wide variety of Christmas craft projects, making items for the Winter Bazaar and had a go at making hats, cards, baubles, Christmas angels and snowflakes to practice our fine motor ability.

The Nursery Team wish you a very peaceful Christmas break.



Reception

The children have worked extremely hard this half term and have fully settled into school. The children are confident with the routines, especially with Phonics and Mastering Number. They have developed relationships with their peers and are beginning to work collaboratively with some tasks. This was also extremely evident in our fantastic Nativity called 'Barmy Bethlehem', where they supported one another with their lines and feeling confident to get onto the stage. We are so proud of all the children and feel they have all developed their resilience towards new experiences.

Over the past few weeks, we have looked at lots of Autumnal and Winter stories. These stories were Pumpkin Soup, Leaf Man and Stick Man. We have done many great learning activities linked with these stories. The children really loved creating their own Stick Man/Lady and writing about all the different things he or she saw on their journey! The children have made great progress with Phonics and are beginning to read and write CVC words. They are beginning to learn 'red words' and are learning these through songs. Most of the children in Reception are now able to independently write their names. We are still working hard to ensure the children are forming the letters using the correct formation and with an appropriate size.

In maths, the children can confidently subitise numbers to 5 and are starting to compose them in different ways. Through the support of morning work, the children are now more confident with writing numerals to 10 and are beginning to recognise and order numerals to 10. Next half term, we will be expanding our knowledge of the composition of numerals to 10 and the children will begin to learn more number bond knowledge. Well done to all the children in Reception, you all deserve a good rest as you have worked so hard. We look forward to all the fantastic learning in Spring term.

Treehouse

Treehouse children have been so busy with their learning. In English we have been reading a story called 'The Snowman'. The children then made Snowmen Christmas cards from the story. We have also had our carol concert. The children practised so hard and were amazing with their singing and their signing, especially in front of so many people in the church.



Key Stage 1 Update

Year 1

Can you believe another half term has passed?! The Year 1 children have worked extremely hard in the lead up to Christmas and we are so proud of them. Our topic this term has been 'Brilliant Britain' where the children learnt the continents of the world, countries that make up the UK and exploring the town of Banstead. We travelled on the 166 bus to look at the different parts of the town and the amenities it has. They have also loved our computing lessons on replicating artists' work on the Paintz app.

In our English lessons, we have retold the story of Handa's Surprise. The children learnt the actions and remembered them in order to tell the story in chronological order. They did a great job! Later on, we made a jam sandwich and wrote instructions to tell someone else how to make it. We were blown away at the number of adjectives the children used to describe the butter, jam, bread and knife.

In maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and what makes them different. We went on a shape hunt around school to identify different shapes in reality. We learnt about sides and corners for 2D shapes as well as faces, edges and vertices for 3D shapes. We even made 3D shapes with spaghetti and marshmallows.

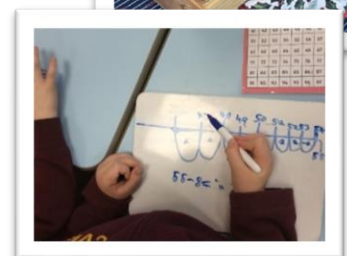
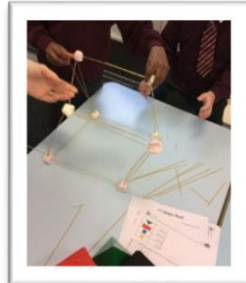
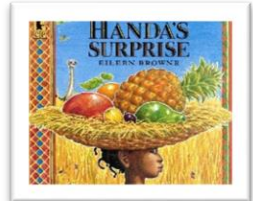
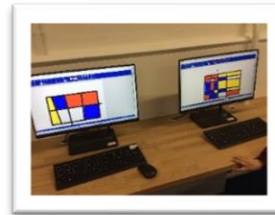
We'd like to say a massive well done to all of the Year 1 children for their hard work in the lead up to the Christmas Carol Concert at the church. It's a tough job learning the words to multiple songs at once and we couldn't be prouder of the performance they gave! We hope that the children have a well-deserved, restful Christmas break and we cannot wait for the fun to continue in the new year!

Year 2

In the final few weeks of the term, the children worked very hard on planning, designing and making the flapjacks for the Christmas Bazaar as well as performing in the Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Carol Concert. Both events were the perfect way to kick start the festive season, we hope you all felt the same!

In maths, the children have been finishing off addition and moving onto to subtraction on a number line using ones and tens. They have also started to recap money; we have been using coins to shop in Santa's Grotto!

In English, the children wrote their own versions of Mr Wolf's pancakes. We created our own characters such as Mr T-Rex, Mr Tarantula, Miss Bunny and Mrs Leopard. We are so impressed with the stories the children have written, using a variety of punctuation and their own imaginative adjectives to make it exciting! We then created our own Winter Acrostic Poems linking to the festive season.



We have thoroughly enjoyed the first term in Year 2 and the children have been brilliant; they have settled in and are making great progress. We have so much to look forward to in 2024: lots of outdoor learning, 2 trips and a Year 2 end of year production!

On behalf of the whole Year 2 Team, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!

Key Stage 2 Update

Year 3

How can it already be the end of the autumn term? The children have settled into year 3 fantastically, we are so proud of them!

In maths this term, we completed addition and subtraction. The children mastered the column method and are now able to apply this method to solve word problems. After this, we started to look at multiplication and division and we have learnt how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. As part of our outdoor learning, we used natural resources to make our own arrays. This week, we completed an investigation on favourite chocolates in celebration boxes.

In English, we started off with poetry with a focus on autumn. The children wrote three amazing poems using lots of poetic devices. We then began to use 'Icky Doo Dah: The Royal Bling' as our stimulus. From this text, we wrote our own adventure stories and completed a set of instructions on how to draw Icky Doo Dah. We were wowed by their ability to structure their own stories and then even began to use fronted adverbials to link their paragraphs.

In science, we finished our unit on light where we carried out an investigation exploring how the size of a shadow changes. Towards the end of this term, we started our new topic on forces and magnets. The children have carried out an investigation exploring the role of friction.

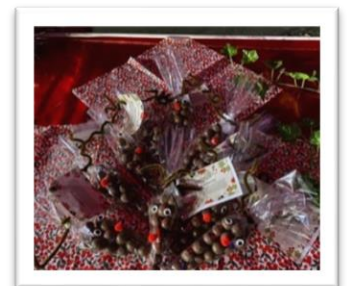
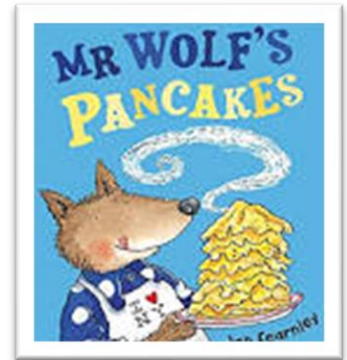
This term, the children have been focusing on completing their own animations on iPads. We have been amazed by their ability to create an animation from their own storyboards!

In November, we had our annual Christmas Bazaar and the children made a fun and festive product which sold out within 25 minutes!

On the last week of term, we had a silent gallery to showcase the children's excellent history homework. We were thoroughly impressed with their creativity and we look forward to seeing what they manage to make in our next history topic: Through the Ages.

Finally, the children did a fantastic job at the Carol concert, particularly those who were readers. We were very proud of all of them!

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming you back in 2024!



Year 4

During the autumn term, Year 4 have been well and truly engrossed into their, 'Terrifying Tudor' topic. During Autumn 2, we all had a fantastic trip to Hampton Court. The children absolutely loved exploring King Henry VIII's Palace and grounds.

In addition to our wonderful trip, Year 4 have also been learning about Christianity this half term. We explored the Nativity story, made Christingles and learnt all about the different symbols, that represent Christianity.

In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 & 1000. We then linked this to our learning all about converting centimetres to metres and metres to kilometres. During English lessons, we have linked a lot of our learning to our history and RE topics. We have also written recounts and sets of instructions.

We have been very impressed with the large amount of 'Discovery' homework that has come in and the children have loved seeing each other's projects. Well done Year 4! Keep up the hard work!



Year 5

Throughout this half term, Year 5 have been working incredibly hard in all subjects. Within English, they have been basing their writing on the film 'Coco' and they have produced some amazing pieces of work. They were able to see the Traditional Mexican Day of the Dead celebrations come to life in the Digiverse.

In addition to this, children have been working on their addition and subtraction by using the column method. They have been learning about area and perimeter, where they were able to complete their own investigation on perimeter.

Within science, children have been continuing to learn about forces and in November, they were able to visit the Science Museum and see some of this learning in a different environment.

In geography this term, Year 5 have been using atlases to learn all about the geographical features of Mexico, for example looking at mountain areas, population and the climate differences within Mexico!

Well done Year 5 for all your hard work so far and we hope you have a lovely break!

Year 6

Visit to Woodmansterne Baptist Church

As part of the Year 6 RE curriculum, we visited Woodmansterne Baptist Church to discuss what Christmas means to Christians. We were treated to a wonderful puppet show by Pastor Dave Sunman. The children were able to look around the Christian place of worship and were able to ask lots of questions about the Christmas story and how it supports Christian understanding of Jesus.



Tim Burton Portraiture

The children have been developing their understanding of different methods for creating light and dark tones. We researched techniques used by illustrator and director Tim Burton and had a go at creating some self-portraits using his style. We created some rules to follow and then used our own creative ideas to enhance the portraits. We think you'll agree that they look spook-tacular!

Computing

The children have had the opportunity to create their own websites in computing lessons this half term. They have designed and produced the websites on google slides about a subject of their choice. They have developed skills in inserting images, creating links and creating content. We are really proud of their progress!

Creative Writing

The children have been learning how to create suspense and tension in their writing. They have used flashbacks and a range of features to create atmosphere. First, they wrote about a girl called Alma, who became trapped inside a doll for life and then about the amazing story of Aron Ralston, whose arm was trapped by a boulder in Blue-John Canyon for 127 hours! All the children have done a great job!



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.

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As always, you can follow us on X! @ChipsteadPri

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



Road Safety, Parking & Our Neighbours

We have been informed, that cars are not always stopping at the Zebra Crossing outside the school, please remind children they are to wait on the pavement until vehicles have come to a stop before crossing.

As we strive to maintain a warm and considerate community atmosphere, we kindly ask everyone to be mindful of their impact on our neighbours. Please be considerate when parking around the school premises, ensuring driveways remain clear and access points unobstructed. Please also avoid stopping on the zig zag lines outside school.

Additionally, we urge you to avoid using our neighbours' bins for disposal – there are bins available on all playgrounds

Let's work together to foster a spirit of respect and cooperation within our community, extending courtesy to those who share our neighbourhood. Your conscientious actions contribute to the positive environment we all value at Chipstead Valley Primary.