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Head Teacher's Update



Dear Parents,

This has been another very productive and eventful half term with lots of exciting events. The teachers have completed the termly pupil assessments and analysis of this data is underway.

Ofsted

As I am sure you are aware on 6th March the school received a section 8 one day inspection. It was a very positive experience and the staff and I were very keen to share all the progress we have made since the last inspection. We were also excited to share all the fantastic opportunities we provide for your children. I wanted to thank you for the amazingly positive parental feedback the inspector received. The Inspection Letter was sent to parents on 21st March, it is also available on our website. I think that my favourite part of the letter can be summed up by a parental quote that appears: 'Chorleywood makes kind, considerate, ambitious and inclusive children'.



Talent show

On Monday 26th we held the final of the talent show. After a very lengthy audition process a selection of acts were chosen to perform in the final. Parents were invited to watch the acts and at the end all pupils, staff and parents voted for their favourite act. I am delighted to announce that the winning act was Josie Y2 who performed a poem. James Y6 came second and Lexie, Sofie and Sophie Y6 came third. Well done to all the finalists.



Dream Big - Science and Engineering

Renewable Energy - Evie B and Tiya

"This session was delivered as a very interesting assembly.

In this session we listened to a man who taught us about wind

turbines. The impact of this session was that we learnt about how much work and time it takes to make wind turbines work.

We most enjoyed learning about the wind turbines and how high up they are and how important they are."



Civil Engineering (Bridges) - Rida and Rosie

"This session was delivered as a workshop.

In this session we built strong bridges to hold up full water bottles. The impact of this session was that we learnt of different materials and how people test the bridges.



I most enjoyed making our robust bridges and transcribing our designs on vast paper."

Engineering (Rollercoaster) - Maya, Maija, Sadie

"This session was delivered as a fun workshop.

In this session we built rollercoasters using paper-cut-outs.



The impact of this session was us learning about friction and how gravity pulls the cart.
We most enjoyed using the rollercoasters at the end.”

Bobsleigh Challenge - Rubie and Kirsten

“This session was delivered as a workshop at St Clement Danes with girls from other local schools. In this session we built a bobsleigh using k'nex. We



then pumped it using a football pump, and the team with the bobsleigh that went the furthest won!



The impact of this session was that we have learnt how to make a bobsleigh that works. We most enjoyed working in a team with other children.”

Many thanks to Dr Hirschberg who came to talk to KS2 about her work in Cancer Research and Mr Fawcett who shared his career as an engineer in the Royal Airforce.



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Egyptian day

On Friday Year 3 had Egyptian Day, where they learned about what life was like in Ancient Egypt during 14th century BC. In the morning, the children visited a street in Thebes that had lots of different workshops. Here they could make bread, amulets, wax perfume cones and ink. They also practised embalming, painting and carving. The afternoon was spent at a Royal Banquet with the Pharaoh Akhenaten and his wife, Nefertiti. Entertainment was provided by the children for the 'Celebration of the Festival of the Nile' and





refreshments were served by the slaves. All the children were enthusiastic about every activity and were completely engaged throughout. We all learnt so much and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to come in and help make the day so successful.

Shakespeare workshops

We celebrated Shakespeare week on 15th & 16th March. KS1 performed A Midsummer Night's Dream & KS2 performed Macbeth. All the children rehearsed their parts and prepared props throughout the day. They performed to an audience which was well



attended by parents.



"I really enjoyed playing Lady Macbeth. It was great fun performing to an audience."

Kiera Yr 4

"I loved taking part in Macbeth. I watched KS1 perform A Midsummer Night's Dream

which was really funny". Sophie Yr 6



Sports Relief - "danceathon"

For Sports Relief this year Chorleywood primary school decided to have a danceathon for every year group. Each class had 30 minutes to express themselves through dance movements. This included dancing on the spot, dancing with a partner, group dancing, follow the leader and many more. Everyone who took part in the danceathon stuck to the one rule for the day which was 'Dance like



nobody is watching'. This allowed the children to have fun and not worry about who is the best dancer or who can do the latest dance craze. A huge well done to all of the children and staff who joined in. I think some of the staff want Sports Relief every Friday!

Year 5 tag rugby festival

Year 5 took part in the annual tag rugby event held at St Clement Danes School on Thursday 15th March in the afternoon. We took 3 teams to the event and all took part in a competition against other schools from the area. With some great tries and handling, it was a fun day all round. Well done to all of the year 5 students who took part.



Tag rugby 15th March 2018- after school.

Maple Cross 0-4 Chorleywood

The second league game of the week saw us take on Maple Cross knowing a win will push us towards the top of the table. An early start saw us 3-0 up at half time. The second half was much like the first with some good handling, footwork, defensive lines and tries. Well done to the tag rugby team who beat Maple cross 4-0.

Athlete Visit

Olympic Athlete, Daniel Lewis came to visit us at Chorleywood Primary School on Friday 9th March. Daniel is a Triple Jumper who has been to the Olympics and the Commonwealth games over the years. First of all, Daniel started with a talk to the Year 6 children before he put them through their paces with some circuit training. Year 6 were first up, followed by, Year 5, Year 4, Year 3, Year 2, Year 1 and then Reception. All classes had to do 4 different activities which lasted for 1 minute:



Press ups
Spotty Dogs
Star Jumps
Leg drives

Once all classes participated, it was time for Daniel to do an assembly for the whole school. He spoke about how he got into triple jumping, what he had to give up, his dreams and where he finished in major championships.

Daniel also challenged some children to a jump off, where children had to jump as far as he did from a standing jump position. It wasn't just children who got challenged, but also some teachers were asked to take on the Olympic athlete. To finish off the day the whole school got to see just how far 16.31 meters is, as Daniel completed a triple jump in the hall.

World Book Day

On
Thursday
8th March
we
celebrated
World Book
Day with



great enthusiasm. All the children and staff participated by dressing up and took part in different activities that were organised by Mrs Beg.

"It was great fun and exciting. We enjoyed all the activities Mrs Beg had organised especially the Big Fat Book Quiz".

Evie & Katie Yr 2.

"I had lots of fun and enjoyed making bookmarks. I thought the Big fat book quiz was something different". Neve Yr 3.



I enjoyed dressing up and all the activities we did during the day." Lexie Yr 6.

Film award winners

Huge congratulations to Kiera, Kian and Ameia for winning a film award for their video about the heart. Follow the link to see their short film <http://heartbasel.ch/en/filmaward/>

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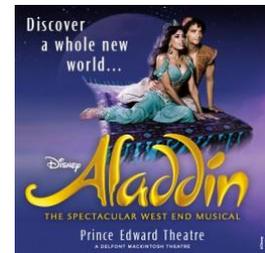
I would like to thank the governors for their hard work this term, particularly during our Ofsted inspection. Their partnership in the strategic development of the school has played a significant factor in our achievements.

PTA

Huge thanks to the PTA for their continued work this term. They have led various fundraising activities. This year they have raised £9,000. Many thanks to Tania and Laura for coordinating the PTA.

Trips

We have booked a whole school trip to see Aladdin on Thursday 28th June, additional information to follow. This trip will be heavily subsidised by the PTA to reduce costs. We are also planning our whole school attendance trip for any pupil who has attendance over 97%.



Music News

On Wednesday 28th March, children who learn piano at school performed in a Piano Concert in the school hall. We all enjoyed listening to a variety of pieces. Mrs Stanway, their piano teacher, said "The children were so brave to agree to even perform in the concert. Amidst nerves and a huge audience they played admirably and I'm very proud of them all."



I hope you all have a fantastic holiday. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 16th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs R Roberts
Headteacher