

INSET

Monday's INSET was extremely productive. We have commenced a review of the indoor learning environment to support reading and computing. Currently, our library is tucked away in the eaves and so we are keen to redevelop this, making it more accessible to all. In addition, we are also reviewing our outdoor spaces to support children's play. The curriculum teams have already been in consultation with the children and will be working hard to take account of their thoughts when developing plans moving forward. We are very excited to be looking at ways to further support teaching and learning in these curriculum areas as well as enhancing our outdoor provision to facilitate play - watch this space!

Outdoor Learning

Cold crisp mornings don't stop our children taking their learning outside. This week alone I have had the pleasure of seeing our Y5 investigating air resistance by running up and down the playground with sheets of cardboard as part of their science week; our Y1 learning about the properties of 3D shapes, whilst our Year 3 went outside to watch a volcano erupt and YR even ventured to the letter box to post their invitations for the party that they are holding today. This week's learning is best summed up by the children themselves.

'This week has been such fun!' Ewan, YR

'We've been planning a party and made cakes. We will be dancing too!' Pearl, YR

'We were looking for 3D shapes, we found points, corners, and flat sides.' Lola Y1

'Science week has been great fun; we have had lots of challenges.' Molly Y5

'I have enjoyed the experiments.' Amber Y5

PTA Bonfire - Sunday 4th November

We are all looking forward to this weekend's Bonfire Night at the Pleasure Ground. The PTA are busy making preparations for this much anticipated event. We do appreciate and depend on all offers of help to ensure this key event in the PTA calendar runs smoothly, so if you have yet to sign up for a slot please sign up online:

<https://goo.gl/forms/6KDuleBAAbQjE3Fc42>

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday the 17th of October, our school organised our annual event - Harvest Festival! All the year groups contributed to the morning with poems, prayers, songs and pictures. We enjoyed our old favourites including Big Red Combine Harvester and Mr. Scarecrow. All the children were asked to bring in harvest food including cans, packets and fresh produce. Some children even brought in some flowers. These were all made into parcels which the year 6 children delivered to local people who enjoy a visit. The rest of the food was taken to the food bank in Stroud. We would like to say thank you to everyone who donated.

Mason and Ben I. Year 6

School Council News

CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

As a fundraising event for Children in Need, you are able to wear non-school uniform for £1. At break time there will also be face painting for £1. 100% of the money will be given to Children in Need so please donate!

Laurie, Y6, School Council

Musical Instrument Request

Mrs Rosser-Smith is looking to build up our collection of musical instruments. If anyone has any good quality (not plastic) musical instruments such as recorders, guitars or triangles that they no longer want, please could you consider donating them to school by bringing them to the school office. If you have anything large, please could you talk to us first so we can make sure we have storage space. We would also be grateful for beginner recorder books. Thank you.

Poppies

To raise money for the Poppy Appeal, there will be various items going on sale before and after school until Friday 9th November.

Parking

It has been drawn to our attention that some parents/carers are continuing to block the entrance to properties surrounding the school during drop off and pick up time. We very much value the relationship with our neighbours and ask that everyone parks considerately, ensuring full access for the local residents to their properties at all times.

Reception Class

As part of their topic "Let's Celebrate", the Reception children had a party today. In preparation for this, they made and decorated cakes, designed wrapping paper and wrapped presents. You can see them enjoying their party on the website.

http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/yr/yr_fun.html

Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about volcanoes and have brought in their amazing creations. You can view some of them on the website. Thanks to Molly's mum and Uncle for providing the children with a spectacular erupting volcano in our school garden.

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y3/y3_fun.html

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been learning about forces as part of their Science week. They have learned about gravity, built parachutes to discover more about air resistance, moved jelly with chopsticks to learn about friction, dropped plasticine shapes into water to understand water resistance and looked at gears, pulleys and levers. Today they combined all their knowledge to make Rube Goldberg machines.

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y5/y5_fun.html

PTA News

The last collection of clothes, book and toys raised £87.13 so thank you to everyone who brought in their items for recycling. The next **Recycle with Michael** will be on **Monday 12th November**.

REACH

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded REACH certificates this week.

Year 1

Archie W - Achieve
George - Achieve
James - Achieve
Grace - Achieve
Mimi - Achieve

Year 2

Elliott - Respect
Fleur H - Effort
Harrison - Effort
Oscar - Achieve

Year 3

All of Year 3 for Effort for their wonderful volcano homework projects

Year 4

Zachary - Respect
Lauren - Effort
Maya - Achieve
Eddie - Challenge

Year 5

Kasper - Achieve
Ella - Effort
Lucas - Achieve
Eva - Effort

Year 6

Noah - Respect
Finn - Respect
Felix - Respect
Dominic - Respect
Samuel - Respect



Halloween biscuits from the kitchen



Y6 build the guy for Bonfire Night

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th November
Tuesday 6th November
Tuesday 13th November
Tuesday 13th November

Y1 and Y6 Jonathan's Jungle
Y2 at the woods
Open Morning for prospective parents
Y1 at the woods