

Jonathan's Jungle

On Monday, we were very excited to have Jonathon's Jungle visit Y1. The children had the opportunity to meet and, in some cases, handle a range of exotic creatures including a boa, a gecko, a giant African millipede and a pink-toed tarantula. The visit supported science work on variation and classification. The children have been following up with artwork, models, writing and reading. Interesting facts we discovered included finding that snakes' tongues are quite tickly when they sniff you; that tarantulas lift their legs in the air to check for predators; and that a Malaysian Leaf insect can hide utterly undetected in a plant in Y1 despite being the wrong colour!

Many thanks to the PTA, whose support made the visit possible.

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y1/y1_photos.html

On Monday 5th November, Jonathon's Jungle visited Year 6. Here in Y6, we saw a Madagascan ground boa snake, a Peruvian pink-toed tarantula, a Madagascan fire millipede, a tailless whip scorpion and a gecko called Yoda. Jonathon talked to us about their lifestyle and we discovered lots about their habitat and diet as well as some more unusual information. The visit helped us to understand more for our science lesson topics. Everyone in the class had a go at holding the snake! Quick Fact! The tailless whip scorpion can not only feel in front of itself but it can bend its antennae behind its back and detect prey from behind. We got to ask lots of questions about his fascinating animals and how they live. We certainly learnt a lot from our morning spent with them.

Mason and Ben I. Y6 reporters.

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y6/y6_photos.html

PTA Bonfire & Fireworks Night

It was great to see so many people Sunday evening. Our amazing PTA, once again, ensured that both the school and wider community were able to enjoy this fabulous event. My sincere thanks to the bonfire builders, gate keepers, cooks, servers, sellers and set up/put away team - we couldn't do it without you! Equally, I know the time spent beforehand was key in making sure everything ran safely. Thank you also to Mrs Brooker for organising on-line tickets sales, this really did make such a difference. The PTA raised over £2,000 on the night - a super achievement, well done all!

Children in Need

Don't forget that our school council will be organising a non-uniform day next Friday, 16th November. Children are asked to donate £1 for the privilege of wearing their own clothes to school for the day. In addition, school council reps will offer face-painting for an additional £1 during playtime

FGR - Skills School

Please see attached a poster giving details of a skills school opportunity for any boys in Y1 and/or Y2.

PTA Christmas Card Fundraiser

The children have designed their own cards this year and you are able to purchase a variety of gifts with their design. If you were not able to pick up your child's design and order form today from the PTA, your PTA year rep will try and make contact with you. Anyone not able to collect their order form by this method should contact the school office. Orders should be returned with the money to the box in the office by **Friday 16th December**.

Don't forget that the next **Recycle with Michael** will be on **Monday 12th November**. Please bring in your unwanted clothes, shoes, toys and books by 9.00am.

Website

Class photos have now been updated so to see if your child is in one of these, please go to:

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

Letters

The following letter was sent out this week:

- Y2 & Y4 Westonbirt trip

If you missed it, please look on our website for copies:

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/news_events/letters/letters.html

Y2 make scotch pancakes in the woods

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y2/y2_photos.html

Y6 Leadership Roles

When children move into Year 6, all children take on a leadership role. These varied roles help support wider aspects of the work of the school and include: IT support, Playground Buddies, Sports Captains and House Captains. As part of this process, the children are asked to complete an application form and attend an interview in order to be designated a role. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to contribute to our immediate community whilst developing essential skills for later in life.

Photos of the children can be found on our website:

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y6/y6_leadership_roles.html

Success Stories

Has your child achieved a personal target or goal outside of school they are particularly proud of? This could be in music, art, drama or sport, for example. If they have a success story they would like to share with teachers and other parents, please send it to admin@chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk and we will aim to put it in the newsletter when we have space. If you would also like to send a photo, then please do so. We like to publish success stories all year round, so keep sending them!

REACH

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

Reception

Rory - Achieve

Erin - Achieve

Eva - Achieve

Eddy - Achieve

Daisy-Mae - Achieve

Year 1

Lucy - Respect

Evaneer - Effort

Elsie - Respect

Tabitha - Achieve

Year 2

Jacob - Respect

Theo - Achieve

Monty E - Respect

Vinnie - Effort

Year 3

Amelie - Achieve

Olly - Effort

Harrison - Respect

Harley - Respect

Year 4

Lennie - Respect

Floey - Effort

Clement - Achieve

Jacob - Challenge

Year 5

Lucy - Challenge

Molly - Achieve

Marnie - Respect

Esme - Respect

Year 6 (Team Award)

Nieve

Max

Saxon

Rihanna



Y6 children light the bonfire



Jonathan's Jungle visits Y6

Remembrance Poem - The Arctic Wind By Dominic, Year 6

Beneath the sky, the poppies grow
In the arctic wind they blow
Just like the soldiers, when they fall
The fire of guns it is like a call

We do lie, beneath the ground
We should've known that's where we're bound
Where we fought for country and king
Goodbye home, the bullets sing

We are gone for all they care
Though we once lived, and breathed fresh air
We lie still forever and ever
We stride further, never, never.

Beneath the sky, the poppies grow
In the arctic wind they blow

Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th November, 7pm

Tuesday 13th November

Tuesday 13th November

Thursday 15th November

Thursday 15th November

Monday 19th November

Tuesday 20th November

Wednesday 21st November

PTA meeting - all welcome

Y1 at the woods

Open Morning for prospective parents

Y3 swimming

Y4 Brass lesson

Y2 and Y4 go orienteering at Westonbirt

Y2 at the woods

Whole school photos