

Learning & Well-Being - Playtimes & Outdoor Spaces

Over the past few weeks we have been busy reviewing our playtimes in order to improve our space, activities and children's wellbeing. We have spoken to the children and staff to find out what they enjoy most about playtimes and for ideas of how we can make playtimes even better. This has given us a long list of exciting ideas which we have put together in our Learning & Wellbeing (LWB) action plan.

Already we have maximized the outdoor space available both at break time and lunch time. In order to support the children with such changes, we have adapted our Golden Rules to suit the outdoor learning environment. Please see the attached poster. On Wellbeing Wednesday this week, our LWB team led an assembly on this with all staff and children to ensure consistency in our playtimes. The children will continue to be rewarded with golden tickets for showing what our golden rules look like in practice. Equally, if a child chooses not to keep to the golden rules they will be given a verbal warning, followed by a red triangle. If a child chooses to continue to break the golden rule this will result in loss of 5 minutes Golden time.

Golden time is a very special time on a Friday afternoon. At 2.30pm a wide range of high quality activities are made available, from which the children can choose. Children earn their golden time throughout the week by keeping to and following the golden rules. What is amazing about our older children is that so often they are willing to give their own time to run a club themselves.

As our LWB team work through their exciting action plan, they will let you know of how playtimes are developing. Thank you for your continued support.

Outdoor Learning

Both our Reception and Year 1 classes visited the woods this week. Y1 created some fabulous lantern structures linking with their English work on 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear.' Meanwhile, children in YR learned all about a badger sett and have even set up a camera to record what happens when we are all tucked up in bed. They are really looking forward to returning to the woods next week to find out what happens.

Start to the school day

We have recently noticed a number of children arriving late to school. Please be reminded that school starts for all pupils at 8.45am. Any pupils arriving after this time will need to sign in at the main office. It is really important that children arrive at school on time to ensure a smooth start to the day. Lessons start promptly and so when children arrive part way through a lesson it not only causes disruption to the flow of learning but can be unsettling for all concerned. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Uniform supplies

The Trutex shop that currently sells our school uniform is closing on 10th December. Uniform supply will be moved to Bateman Sports Ltd in Stroud. If you want to purchase second hand uniform, please contact the PTA on pta@chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk.



Tree Planting Ceremony

The final piece of the building works jigsaw was put into place this week. Despite the wet weather, the children were able to go ahead and plant saplings in the garden. In fact the ground was perfect for planting! Thank you to Tamsin from Stroud Valleys Project for all the preparations and overseeing the day, to Mr Blight for sourcing the saplings and of course to the children for doing such a great job with the planting. It was lovely to see a number of the children return to their trees at the end of the day to show their parents. Do take a moment to look through some of the photos.

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y3/y3_photos.html

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

Eco-council - Switch Off Fortnight

Earlier this week Eco-council members Dominic, Samuel & Felix (Year 6) led an assembly to raise awareness of saving energy by launching 'Switch Off Fortnight.' I was extremely proud of how they researched and put the presentation together themselves - well done children! They reminded us of the different ways in which we can all play our part in helping not to waste energy by remembering to turn off lights when leaving a room, turn off taps and close doors. It was good to be reminded of the part we can all play in conserving energy - thank you.

Sportshall Athletics and Netball

Please see the website for the sports write-ups and photos.

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

Year 6 watch an internet safety play

On the 23rd November, Year 6 visited the police HQ in Gloucester to watch an internet safety play called "CLICK". They talked to us about the dangers of spending too much time online. We learnt about not chatting to virtual friends and how to avoid cyber bullying. We now understand we should spend more time with actual friends and not just playing games. There were many other schools from Gloucestershire and lots of police. The most important message we took away was always remember to only put online what we would show or say to somebody in real life. It was very useful to be reminded that what people put on their sites is not always the real story. We spoke to Saxon in Y6 and he said "I found it very helpful to have such a positive reminder not to talk to people online that I don't know in real life."

Ben I and Mason

School Lunches

You should receive a letter today regarding the new menu for next term. Please read the letter carefully as it outlines some new procedures in place for ordering and paying for lunches. We will no longer be reminding parents when their child's balance is low so it is your responsibility to ensure that you keep their account topped up and do not get into debt. Please ensure all menu choices are returned to the office by **Friday 7th December**.

Photographs

A reminder that photographs can only be ordered online and orders should be completed by **Wednesday 5th December**.

Stroud Pantomime

Please see the attached poster for details of the Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs pantomime which some of our children will be performing in.

Letters

The following letter was sent out this week:

- School menu choices for next term

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

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

Y4 enjoy a Viking Workshop

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y4/y4_photos.html

REACH

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

Reception

Betsy - Respect
Pearl - Achieve
Plum - Achieve
Ollie - Challenge

Year 1

Jack - Achieve
Woody - Achieve
Aria - Achieve
Erin - Achieve

Year 2

Oscar - Achieve
Monty P - Respect
Milo - Effort
Millie - Effort
Felix - Effort

Year 3

Elsa - Achieve
Ava - Achieve
Harper - Achieve
All or Year 3 for Respect from the
Cleaning team

Year 4

All of Year 4 for Challenge for the
Viking Workshop

Year 5

Oscar - Respect
Rohan - Effort
Morgan - Respect
Kasper - Achieve

Year 6

Max - Achieve
Carys - Challenge
Charlie - Effort
Scarlett - Respect



Y4 enjoy a Viking workshop

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd December
Tuesday 4th December
Wednesday 5th December
Tuesday 11th December
Wednesday 12th December
Thursday 13th December
Monday 17th December
Tuesday 18th December
Tuesday 18th December
Wednesday 19th December

Y5 trip to We the Curious
Y2 trip to the woods
YR trip to the woods
Infant Dress Rehearsal
Infant Christmas Performance (2pm)
Infant Christmas Performance (6pm)
Whole school RE day
House Tournaments
Y2 trip to the woods
Junior Carol Service