

Online Safety Parents Evening

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to join us on Wednesday night for the Online Safety presentation by Alan Earl from the South West Grid for Learning. It was good to see so many families keen to work with the school to support your child in developing the skills needed to use the internet safely. One of the key messages Alan talked about was the importance of adults maintaining a strong dialogue with children - talking about their choices, how parents can monitor online activity and links / suggestions on how to do this. Leaflets providing advice / suggestions relating to Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter were also distributed. There are a few left over. These have been placed in the entrance, please feel free to help yourselves. A final thank you to our PTA who kindly funded this opportunity. We had lots of positive feedback on how useful parents found this session, however if anyone has any further comments / feedback please do get in touch. This information will help us when planning future events both for children and families.

Scooters

The introduction of scooters to playtime provision has been well received by the children. It is great to see them creating circuits and getting active during break times.

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

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A Personal Thank You

I would like to send a massive thank you to Chris Gardiner, Sam Lord and Michelle Cole who kindly joined me on Saturday to help re-organise the Arches. Despite the wind and rain, we managed to clear so much - I really couldn't have done it without you!

Bikeability

This week our Y5 class have commenced their bikeability training. They have been learning how to check their bikes are roadworthy, as well as starting to think about how to navigate safely around the roads within the village.

Y3/Y4 Netball Festival

Following on from the success of our Y6 team last week, on Tuesday it was the turn of our Y4's to take part in the Atlas Sports Y3/Y4 Netball Festival at Stratford Park. Chelsey, Martha, Lauren, Freya, Amy, Louie, Lennie and Jacob did an absolutely tremendous job! This was their first ever netball tournament. The skill and focus they demonstrated on court was truly amazing, resulting in them coming 2nd in their group! This meant they took part in the 3rd / 4th place play-offs. Our team kept their composure and energy levels high right until the end, narrowly losing out to Callowell for 3rd place. The standard of play and teamwork, considering this was their first ever tournament was brilliant - well done all involved!

Sportshall Athletics County Final

On the 21st of January, following our success at the first round of Sportshall Athletics, some of the Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Cheltenham Ladies College to compete for the gold medal. The children took part in different events which included running, jumping, throwing, vertical jumping and speed bouncing. It turned out that we did fairly well in the running and very well in the field events which resulted in us achieving 4th place overall. This was out of approximately 108 schools in the county that entered the competition. As always, great fun was had by all and well done to everyone who took part. Thank you to Mrs Atwood and the parents who accompanied us.

Ben and Mason. Year 6

Teaching & Learning

Last week Mr Baird and I spent time looking through the children's Maths books and it was pleasing to see lots of evidence of children developing their reasoning skills. In addition, Mrs Attwood and Mrs Wynn undertook a book look in English and were really impressed with the wide ranging vocabulary used by the children and their increasing accuracy when structuring their writing.

INSET - Friday 15th February

Today has seen the start of the transformation of our existing IT suite into our new library and learning centre commence. We have ordered a suite of netbooks, enabling us to teach our computing curriculum in the classrooms. Books and book cases will be moved down to the new library and Y4 will return after half term to see their cloakroom located next door to their classroom. In addition, we will be continuing to make adaptations to our outdoor play spaces as we seek to increase the range of activities available to our children at break and lunchtimes. All in all, it will be a hive of activity and we very much look forward to sharing the fruits of our labour when the children return to school on Monday 25th February. I wish you all a great half term break!

Letters

The following letter was sent out this week:

- Year 6 - Internet Safety

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

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

Website Update

Reception have fun in their igloo and try out their scooters

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

Y2 have fun on their scooters

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Y3 go outdoors to learn English prepositions, make stone houses and experiment on rocks and soils

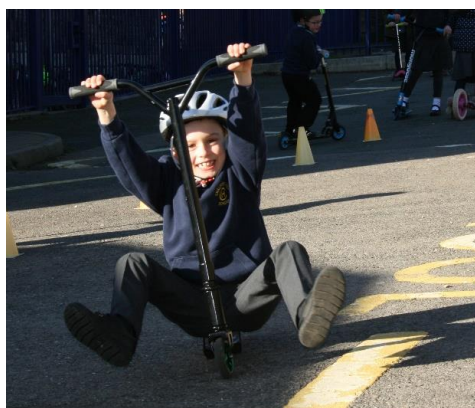
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Y4 - Mr Baird!

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

Netball for Years 3 - 6 and Sportshall Athletics County Final

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



Dates for your Diary

Y5 Bikeability

Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th February

Y5/6 Cross Country

Monday 25th February

Y3/4 Cross Country

Tuesday 26th February

Y2 & Y4 trip to Warwick Castle

Monday 4th March

ALL – Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 2nd April and Thursday 4th April