

I trust that you all had a good half term break.

The children may well have commented on a number of significant changes to the school site upon their return. Most notably, the transformation of our old IT suite to a brand new library. As you will see from the picture, we are now able to take a whole class into the library, making it so much more accessible.



This has enabled the old library to be transformed into a multi-purpose space, housing desktop computers, the Y4 cloakroom, as well as a small group teaching space. With the purchase of a suite of netbooks we can teach computing much more flexibility throughout the school.



In addition, we have seen numerous additions to the activities available on the playground including; storage baskets containing small world toys, a selection of balls, stilts, colouring pencils/paper, a chalk wall, a music making station, as well as a remodelling of the reception playground and reorganisation of the gardening area.



We have also removed the dilapidated decking in the middle playground. A massive thank you to Chris Gardiner who was instrumental in demolishing this mammoth structure and to Nicky Knight who joined us to help transport and remove the wood.



However, having removed the decking, it revealed a large concrete structure that just wouldn't have been safe. At this point, our wonderful PTA came to the rescue and kindly funded its removal and a brand new tarmacked surface. Thank you all for acting so promptly, ensuring the playground was safe for the children's return!



Other improvements took the form of remodelling the cloakroom to house all of the home reading and guided reading books, as well as a further small group teaching space.



Remarkably, this was all achieved on our one INSET day at the end of last term. None of this would have been possible without our most amazing team of staff. I so often talk to the children in assembly about what makes a good role model and I have to say that we are so lucky to have such hardworking staff whose energy, enthusiasm and commitment to see everything through to completion is such an inspiration. I am exceptionally proud to be part of a team of such dedicated and committed individuals.



Bikeability

Well done to our Y5 children who completed the final part of their Bikeability course earlier this week. One of the instructors told me how impressed he was with both the children's behaviour and skill when out on the road. Congratulations children on working hard to achieve your goal and representing the school so beautifully!

Cross Country

Monday and Tuesday saw the Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 cross country competitions. Well done to everyone who took part.

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

Rocksteady Music Workshop

The school came alive with music today as each class took it in turns to take part in a workshop in which children worked together as members of a band. Details of further opportunities have been sent out in a separate letter.

http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/news_events/news/news.html

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

As a way of celebrating World Book Day, the adults in school will be pitching their favourite book. The children can then choose which extract they would like to listen to. In addition, we shall be running a Readathon over the next couple of weeks - more details to follow.

Letters

The following letter was sent out this week:

- Year 5 & 6 - Thomas Keble play
- Year 3 - Chedworth Roman Villa
- Year 2 - Multiskills

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

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

PTA News

Quiz Night 29 March 8pm. The PTA have organised an entertaining night of trivia to raise funds for new IT equipment for the school, we hope that you will be able to come. They will be serving a selection of chillies, and of course there will be a bar! Please buy your tickets (£10 including food) on line at www.ticketsource.co.uk - Event Name - Chalford Hill Quiz Night

Success Story

Congratulations to Esther (Y3) who won a gold and 2 bronze medals at a gymnastics competition recently. If your child has a success story they would like to share, please e-mail admin@chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk.

REACH

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

Reception

Leo Achieve
Rory Challenge
Arthur Challenge
William Challenge
Daisy
Mae Challenge

Year 1

Eliza Achieve
Elsie Effort
Grace Effort
Ted Achieve

Year 2

Fleur H Achieve
Arthur Respect
Finley Respect
Billy Achieve

Year 3

Noah Challenge
Ava Effort
Ozzie Effort
Molly Respect

Year 4

Noah Challenge
Jacob Achieve

Elliott Effort
Amelia Effort

Year 5

Maisie Challenge
Ella Challenge
Oscar Challenge
Laurie Challenge
Florrie Challenge

Year 6

Noah Respect
Bella Respect
Freddie Effort
Felix Effort



Success Story



Rock Steady Workshop

Dates for your Diary

Y2 & Y4 trip to Warwick Castle
Y2 Multiskills
Y5 & Y6 at Thomas Keble Play
Y1 trip to the woods
Y3 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
ALL – Parents' Evenings
Y3 Country Dance Festival

Monday 4th March
Friday 8th March
Monday 11th March
Tuesday 12th March
Wednesday 13th March
Tuesday 2nd April and Thursday 4th April
Tuesday 30th April, 6.30pm