

World Book Day

Yesterday, as a way of celebrating World Book Day, the children got to listen to extracts from a selection of the teacher's favourites books. It reminded us of the importance of just taking time out to share a story and the absolute pleasure that can be had. If the children wish to continue reading any of the books in their own time, we have included the titles below.

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver

Superworm by Julia Donaldson

Winnie the Pooh by AA Milne

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl

Pirates Love Underpants and Aliens Love Underpants

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

The Lion & the Unicorn by Shirley Hughes

Dirty Beasts by Roald Dahl

Staffing

Mrs Saunders has recently informed us of her intention not to return to Chalford Hill following her maternity leave. We are very sorry to see her go and would like to take this opportunity to wish her well for the future. We are, however, pleased to inform you that Mrs Ahmad will be continuing in Year 3 until the end of the academic year. I wish to thank her for her flexibility and ongoing commitment in ensuring consistency for our children. The governors and I will be making a permanent appointment in due course and will obviously update you as appropriate.

Warwick Castle

This week, Year 4 visited Warwick castle to find out about medieval technology and inventions. As well as exploring the castle, we had a workshop on 'attack and defence' which involved a walking tour around the castle to look at how a castle would have been attacked from outside and defended from the inside. We found out about: 'murder holes', portcullises, moats, draw bridges, catapults, Trebuchets, ballistas and cannons!! After lunch we were given the chance to get close to the largest working Trebuchet in the world - but unfortunately we didn't get to fire it! We had a brilliant day and the children were, despite being very excited, very well-behaved and keen to get as much as they could from this amazing trip. Mr Baird (Photos to follow).

Year 2 also visited Warwick Castle and our Year 6 reporters; Ben I and Mason, decided to interview both classes about this trip.

On Monday the 4th of March, Year 2 and Year 4 visited Warwick Castle as part of their current topic work. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the day which was packed with lots of things to do and learn. We decided to interview some children from both classes to find out more. Here's what they told us... "We looked at all parts of the castle and got to climb up the tower", said one Y2 pupil excitedly. We also chatted to Year 4 who described how much they enjoyed the Horrible Histories workshop and going to the time tower.

"We had a great day and found out lots about the castle to help us in our learning", explained the children.

All the people who went on the trip agreed that it was a very successful and enjoyable day out.

Ben I and Mason. Year 6

Spelling Bee

Children in Y5/6 took part in a Spelling Bee this week. It was good to see the children challenging themselves and working hard to learn their spelling in preparation for this. Thank you parents for all your support with this also.

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

The school council will be finalising arrangements for Red Nose Day and will send out a parentmail on Monday giving further details of ways we can support this fundraising event.

School Lunches

Just a reminder that if you want to make any changes to your child's choices for the next 3-week lunch cycle (commencing Monday 18th March), we will need them by 9.00am on Friday 15th March

Letters

The following letter was sent out this week:

- ALL - Readathon

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

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

PTA News

Recycle with Michael - Monday 11th March. Please bring in your unwanted clothes, shoes, books, toys, bedding and DVD's by 9am. (Next collection: Monday 29th April).

Quiz Night - 29th March 8pm.

REACH

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

Reception

Ewan Effort
William Effort
Eva Effort
Eddy Effort

Year 1

Immy Respect
The whole class for their Achievement in maths and for wonderful planning and writing of a story.

Year 2

Edie Respect
Faye Effort
Jude Achieve
Rosie Challenge

Year 3

Leo Effort
Elsa Respect
Harrison Achieve
Paige Effort

Year 4

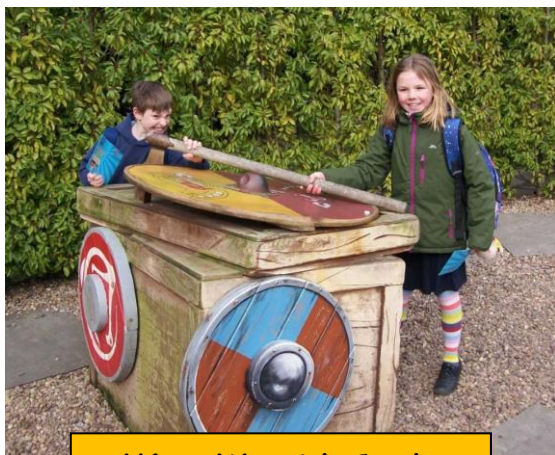
Barnaby Challenge
Eddie Respect
Noah Effort
Martha Achieve

Year 5

Molly Effort
Lennie Respect
Morgan Effort
Jake Effort

Year 6

Rihanna Effort
Evie-May Respect
Meg Respect
Sam Respect



Y4 at Warwick Castle

Dates for your Diary

Y5 & Y6 at Thomas Keble Play Monday 11th March

Y1 trip to the woods Tuesday 12th March

Y3 trip to Chedworth Villa Wednesday 13th March

Y2 trip to the woods Tuesday 19th March

Book Fair starts Friday 22nd March

ALL – Parents' Evenings Tuesday 2nd April & Thursday 4th April

Y3 Country Dance Festival Tuesday 30th April, 6.30pm