

Mock Trials

Yesterday I had immense pleasure in accompanying our Y6 team to Stroud Magistrates Court to take part in this year's mock trial. All of the children involved worked exceptionally hard in the lead up to the event and I have to say that I was exceptionally proud of each and every one of them. They researched the case thoroughly, giving up their own time, both at home and school, to rehearse. They put forward a strong case for the defence; ultimately leading to a not guilty verdict. The children performed with such composure and confidence, behaving beautifully and were a real credit to the school. Well done to Evie, Lola, Wilf, Bella, Amy, Finn, Nieve, Meg, Emily, Dom, Ben I Grace, Carys & Noah; a real team effort! Thank you to all of the parents who assisted with transport and supported the children, they certainly looked and acted the part in their costumes.

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

99 Club

As part of our continual drive to improve standards in Mathematics, we are focusing on improving children's recall and fluency with their times tables facts. You will shortly receive a guide booklet which we hope will provide you with some information and resources that may help you to better support your child at home.

We have introduced a really exciting new initiative called the '99 club'. The '99 Club' is designed to improve the children's speed, motivation and confidence when learning their times tables and developing their quick mental recall. The club will initially involve all children from Year 2 to Year 6 (Year 1 will join in after Easter) and has proved very successful in other Schools across Gloucestershire.

Children will complete a special, timed test every fortnight and, from different starting points, can progress from 11 club to 22 club, 33, 44 and 55 clubs etc. By year 5 or 6, children may end up at 99 club, which means that they must complete 99 questions in just 3 minutes! Each time children progress to a new club, they will receive a special Chalford Hill 99 club badge to wear on their school jumper as well as a mention in assembly and in the newsletter. We hope that this initiative will really engage and motivate children and look forward to seeing them progress.

Y3 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

On Wednesday the 13th of March, we visited Chedworth Roman Villa as part of our work on the Romans. We thoroughly enjoyed the day which was packed with lots of fun things to do and learn. We made Roman medicine bags, dressed up as Roman slaves, handled Roman artefacts and saw amazing Roman rooms with very intricate mosaic designs, we also learned about the hypocaust system and the Roman Baths. We were so well behaved that all the adults in the Villa praised us and said that 'This was the best class they ever had.' We were so organised that our guide Stephan said that we worked like 'a well-oiled machine'. No wonder Mrs Ahmad gave us 4 marbles in the jar!

It was a great day out.

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

Music Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Rosser-Smith who led an interesting music assembly on orchestras to introduce the children to different instruments. She played music from Harry Potter and the children watched a flash mob orchestra. Jack, Emily and Zachary played beautifully on the piano. Thank you to Mrs Godwin for leading Ben, Lucas, Laurie P, Ella, Oscar B, Clement, Evan and Nieve in the brass band.

Book Fair

From Friday, 22nd to Wednesday 27th March our school will be having a book fair. It will be open from 3.15 to 3.45pm. We will also be taking part in a competition and the school that wins gets come books for the school. You can use your £1 World Book Day voucher. We hope you can come. **Year 5.**

Parking Plea

Firstly, I would like to thank the many, many parents who consistently park considerately at both drop off and pick up times. Every school finds that the start and end of the school day can be hectic considering the number of people arriving/leaving at the same time. Parking in a safe place not only ensures the safety of our children but helps maintain good relationships with our neighbours. Unfortunately, we continue to have a small minority of parents / carers who continue to block driveways and, at worst, are seemingly unapologetic when approached by the house owner. We have even received reports of parents being verbally abusive and threatening, often in the presence of our children. This far from reflects our school ethos. As a result, the governors and I will be looking at ways of improving safety in the school's vicinity. I have attached for reference the school parking map. In the meantime, we ask for your cooperation and consideration when parking.

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) & World Poetry Day (WPD)

Next Thursday, 21st March, the children and staff are invited to recognise WDSD by wearing different socks to school. Mrs Smith & Mr Jarvis will be raising awareness in assembly and challenging the children to write a sock poem in response to this. We look forward to seeing how creative the children can be.

Sport Update

On Wednesday the 5th of March, some hockey stars from Year 5 and Year 6 competed in a tournament against other local schools. It took place at Stratford Park on what turned out to be a very wet and windy day! The tournament consisted of lots of short matches, each lasting approximately six minutes. We played five games- winning two, drawing two and losing one. We came 4th in our group which meant we didn't get into the semi-finals but we were still very proud of our result-particularly because we were competing against much larger schools. Thank you to Mrs Nesbit for coaching us and encouraging us all the way.

Mason and Ben I. Year 6

For more sports reports, go to:

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

Recycling Bins

As part of the redesign of our garden area, we will be looking for a new home for our recycling bins. In the meanwhile, we have had to move them to a more sheltered place due to the windy weather. As they are not currently accessible you are very welcome to bring your recycling (in bags and sorted please) to the school office. As a reminder of what we recycle, the list is attached with this newsletter and we have recently added bread bags and Air Wick, Finish and Vanish flexible plastic packs.

All these recycling schemes raise invaluable funds for the school via the PTA but they also take a lot of time to organise and keep running. The PTA are looking for more parents to help with the recycling and if you could spare some time, please contact them on pta@chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk or leave your name with the office.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported today's non-uniform day in aid of Comic Relief. The children thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to wear their own clothes to school for a change. As a result, we raised £180 for this worthy cause.

Communication with Childminders

We would like to invite Childminders to register their contact details with us so we can keep them up to date with any relevant alerts such as stranger danger information and school closures. If you use a childminder and they would like to take advantage of this, please ask them to contact the office with their name, mobile number and e-mail address. Information sent will only be whole-school messages and not pupil-specific.

Website Update

YR make shapes in the garden

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

Y2 visit to Warwick Castle

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

Y3 visit to Chedworth Roman Villa

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

Y4 visit to Warwick Castle

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

Y6 participate in mock trials

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

Sports update - Gifted and Talented Netball, District Hockey and Archery

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

PTA News

This week's Recycle with Michael raised £82 for the school. Thank you to everyone who brought something in. The next collection will be Monday 29th April.

Quiz Night 29 March 8pm.

99 Club

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded badges as part of the 99 Club.

Year 3

Joe	33
Elsa	33
Harper	33
Owen	33

Year 4

Barnaby	66
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Year 6

Rebecca	44
Izzy	44
Meg	55
Evie-May	55
Scarlett	55
Emily	55
Ben R	55
Finn	55
Sam	66

Mason

Mason	66
Ben I	66
Bella	66
Felix	66
Carys	77
Noah	77
Laurie	77
Darcy	77

REACH

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

Reception

Lara Achieve
Luca Achieve
Casey Achieve
Jacob Challenge

Year 1

Anna Effort
Lucy Respect
Caelyn Achieve
Archie H-M Respect

Year 2

Dylan Respect
Arthur Achieve
Finn Challenge
Ella Respect

Year 3

All of Year 3 for Respect during their trip to Chedworth Villa

Year 4

Wyatt Respect
Lennie Effort
Toby Achieve
Jacob Effort

Year 5

Phoebe Challenge
Eva Challenge
Amber Achieve
Morgan Achieve

Year 6

Nieve Respect
Grace Respect
Mason Respect
Charlie C Effort

All of Year 6 for Respect from the cleaners



Reception enjoy a visit from the fire service



Year 6 at Mock Trials

Dates for your Diary

Y2 trip to the woods

Y5 Dance Workshop

ALL – Book Fair

Y1 trip to the woods

ALL – RE Day

PTA Quiz Night

ALL – Parents' Evenings

Y3 Country Dance Festival

Tuesday 19th March

Friday 22nd March

Friday 22nd – Wednesday 27th March

Tuesday 26th March

Thursday 28th March

Friday 29th March

Tuesday 2nd April and Thursday 4th April

Tuesday 30th April, 6.30pm