

My goodness, it might have been a short term, but we've certainly packed a lot in! Well done to Y2 who have now completed all of their SATs tests. We are extremely proud of the way in which they approached these end of key stage assessments.

Chicks!

This week, Year 2 have welcomed 11 new fluffy friends to their class. The chicks have taken no time at all to settle in; it has been wonderful to see the children's curiosity and inquisitiveness as they have watched them hatch and take their very first steps. Thank you Mr Gardiner for providing this wonderful opportunity for our children.

PTA - Band in the Barn

Words cannot describe the utmost respect and gratitude I have for our PTA. Seeing what they achieved last weekend at BITB was beyond belief. I feel so privileged to be able to work alongside such talented and resourceful parents. An event on this scale is quite something and I know that hundreds of hours were needed to see this through to fruition. Thank you to Chris Gardiner and family for allowing us use of their barn, to Matt (Ben and Sam's dad), Colin (Dylan and Luca's grandad) and Graham whose band warmed up the crowd; to Jules Arthur and Casual Six who kept everyone on the dance floor well into the night; to Jon Finch who kept the decks spinning until early hours and without doubt to each every parent who helped decorate, serve, sell tickets, source refreshments and tidy away - what an awesome effort! THANK YOU!

Our next PTA event will be the Summer Fete and is one of the biggest on the PTA calendar. The PTA are meeting the first Monday back after half term (Monday 3rd June) at the Old Neighbourhood at 8pm. We would love to see you there; the more the merrier. If you are unable to attend and you are able to offer some time please let your class rep know.

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_school/pta/pta.html

Governor Update

Following our full governors' meeting on Wednesday, I am writing to inform you all that after 5 years of service, Mr Graham Blight's term of office has come to an end. We have been extremely fortunate to draw upon his wealth of knowledge and experience in education and through his work at The National Trust during this time. On behalf of all the pupils, parents, staff and governors I would like to extend our sincere thanks for the dedication and professionalism he has shown to the role of governor and more recently Chair of Governors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Mr Tim Woodfine and Mr Chris Gardiner who were voted on as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. They bring with them a diverse range of skills that I know will help support the schools future development. We very much look forward to working with them to further enhance the provision here at Chalford Hill.

Wildlife Quiz

On Monday our Nature quiz team took part in the Stroud Area Finals, competing against Amberley and Chalford Christchurch. The standard displayed by all teams was really impressive; their in-depth knowledge and understanding of all things related to nature was quite something. Amberley and Chalford Christchurch were strong competitors, however Chalford Hill were able to secure a place in the semi-finals following a solid specimen round. Well done Meg, Charlie R, Dominic & Sam!

K'Nex Challenge

Congratulations to Max and Dominic (Y6) who took part in the county finals of the K'nex Challenge. Their task was to design and build a robotic arm. Over 43 schools were represented and we were delighted to find out that Max & Dom were awarded 2nd place overall. This is a wonderful achievement of which they should be truly proud. As a result, they were awarded a box of K'nex themselves and one for the school. Well done boys!

Artists in the making

I had great pleasure in visiting our Year 5 class this week to look at their wonderful artwork. This term they have been studying the artist Lowry and have been trying to create townscapes in his style. I was really impressed by the detail shown in their work and the way in which they worked in teams to create finished pieces. Great job children!

SPORTS DAY

Sports day was both action-packed and fun!

It was wonderful to see the children throw themselves whole-heartedly into each of the activities. It was inspiring the way in which the children challenged themselves, showing such grit and determination to achieve their very best. The Y6 team captains did a sterling job supporting and encouraging the younger ones as they moved around the circuit. Equally, it was wonderful to see how far our Reception children have come since the start of the academic year. Congratulations to Cowcombe who won the sports day cup and to Rack who earned the most points for demonstrating those all-important sportsmanship qualities that we look for.

We were delighted that so many parents and grandparents could join us throughout the day. The children really did rise to the occasion; we hope that you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered throughout the day - we really couldn't do it without you. Thank you also to Mrs Nesbit and the rest of the staff team for ensuring the smooth organisation of the day and finally to the PTA who provided the most welcome refreshments to help cool everyone down.

Please view photos from the day on our website and our notice board outside school.

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Year 1 Trip to Weston-super-Mare

This week year 1 enjoyed a visit to the beach at Weston-super-Mare. The children rode donkeys, played in the sand, paddled in the sea, walked along the pier and had ice-creams in the sun. The children and the weather behaved perfectly!

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y1/y1_photos.html

Music Assembly

During yesterday's music assembly, Mrs Bradshaw shared with the children her love of blues music. In addition, we enjoyed performances from Amelie, Evie & David (Y3) who played 'We will rock you,' on their guitars, Oscar B & Elsa (Y3) who played the piano and Clement who also played the guitar. Well done children!

24 Maths Challenge

Well done to Carys, Evie-May, Laurie and Noah (Y6) who took part in the area round of this year's 24 Maths Challenge. There were 11 schools competing - Sheepscombe came first with 202 points followed closely by Chalford Hill with 193. Both teams now go through to the county final at Linden Primary after half term.

Success Story

It was a busy night for Chalford Hill footballers at Cotswold Rangers presentations evening. In the Under 8's: Monty (Y2) was awarded Players' Player and Milo (Y2) got Most Improved Player. In Under 10's Falcons: Harvey (Y5) was Manager's Player and Jake (Y5) the Most Improved Player. In Under 10's Hawks: Lucas (Y5) was Manager's Player, Morgan (Y5) the Most Improved Player and Evan (Y5) the Players' Player.

Have a lovely half term break everyone. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Corinne Martin

Website Update

Please visit our website to see the latest photos of what the children have been up to this term.

Sports Day

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Year 1 trip to Weston-super-Mare

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99 Club

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

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Fleur H	Josie	Barnaby	Evan	Wilf
Sam	Ethan	Zachary	Lennie	Grace
Dexter	Ruby	William		Meg
		Amelia		Scarlett
		Chris		Emily
		Amy		Dom
		Jacob		Sam
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REACH

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

Reception

Pearl Effort
Eowyn Effort
Ollie Achieve
Arthur Achieve
Rory Achieve

Year 1

All of Year 1 for
Respect (manners and
behaviour at Weston)

Year 2

Lana Respect
Oscar Effort
Finn Achieve
Monty P Challenge

Year 3

Oscar Challenge
Olivia Achieve
Charlie Achieve
Ava Achieve

Year 4

Wyatt Achieve
William Challenge
Ben Effort

Liam Achieve

Year 5

Lucas Effort
Rohan B Effort
Marnie Achieve
Maisie Effort

Year 6

Ben R Respect
Dom Challenge
Max Challenge
Saxon Effort

Lunchtime

Dexter (Y2) Respect



Year 1 enjoy a day at Weston



Cotswold Rangers - success story



Wildlife Quiz Winners

Dates for your Diary

Half Term – Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

Y2 trip to the woods

Tuesday 4th June

New Reception parents' evening

Wednesday 5th June

Y1 trip to the woods

Tuesday 11th June