



Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another academic year, it is always time to reflect on our pupils' many successes and achievements over the Summer Term, and the year as a whole. In recent weeks, the school community has been extremely busy in a variety of areas; from Film Festivals to Forest School, dancing to digging the garden, the Summer Fayre to South African visitors! The pupils and staff have clearly been working hard and putting in plenty of extra effort to ensure that we have ended this academic year in style. Even by Summer Term standards, this one has been unbelievably busy, so apologies if there isn't room to include everything! As always, the school website is the place to visit for photos and updates from your child's class.

Leavers 2019

Over the last week and a half of term, the pupils in Year 6 have celebrated and reflected on their time at Chesterton in the annual Leavers' Service and Collective Worship, along with their parents and the Year 6 staff. They have also performed their production, Hagbane's Doom, which showcased the talents of our leavers and gave us a glimpse of the future in the form of our fantastic actors and singers from Year 4 and 5. As is customary, I have written comments on the Year 6 pupils' end of year reports and I certainly wasn't short of things to say! I have been fortunate to be able to witness the entirety of their time in Key Stage Two at Chesterton and have certainly been impressed with the wide range of ways in which they have contributed to the school. Whether it is through performing arts, effort in the classroom, or sporting achievement, the Year 6 cohort have thrown themselves into every opportunity with enthusiasm, and no shortage of talent. We wish them well for secondary school and on into the adult world. We certainly hope that they will keep in touch and we look forward to hearing about how they are getting on.

A successful journey through school, for our Year 6 leavers and all our pupils, can only be possible through teamwork. Whether that be families, children, teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, Governors, the School Association or the wider community, the school wouldn't be the successful environment that it is without everyone working together for the benefit of the pupils.

At the end of my fourth year as Headteacher, I would like to thank all of you for your part in continuing to make this school such a rich and varied environment for the staff to work in. In the short term, we are all very much looking forward to some much-needed rest and relaxation over the summer break. However, before we know it, we'll be back in September and looking forward to the next chapter in the life of Chesterton School, striving to provide the best education that we can for our pupils.

I wish you and your families a healthy and happy summer together.

Iain Horner – Headteacher – July 2019



BACK TO SCHOOL DATES – AUTUMN TERM (see School Website for further dates)

Autumn 1st Half	Monday 2 nd September to Friday 25 th October 2019 INSET Days: Monday 2 nd September & Tuesday 3 rd September (Pupils not in school) October Half-Term Holiday: Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2019
Autumn 2nd Half	Monday 4 th November to Thursday 19 th December 2019 Christmas Holiday: Friday 20 th December 2019 to Sunday 5 th January 2020

AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

Gold Certificates

Our gold certificates, which are awarded for outstanding effort, are given out at the end of each term. Two children were chosen per class and received their certificates in Friday's celebration worship. Each gold certificate winner earned 5 points for their house.

Our chosen few in the Summer Term were:

1st Half:

Maple Class: **Charlie Rooks** & **Grace Tingey-Smith**

Beech Class: **Imogen Rossiter** & **Connie Brennan**

Ash Class: **Charlotte Lancaster** & **Joshua Reed**

Apple Class: **Charlotte Hornby** & **Amelie Barlow**

Oak Class: **Megan Allmond** & **Kyle Kernan**



Summer Term Winners (First Half)

2nd Half:

Maple Class: **Bella Pearson** & **Bea Abbey**

Beech Class: **Herbie Allmond** & **Ruby Blackman**

Ash Class: **Sean Mooney** & **Olivia Morgan-Griffin**

Apple Class: **Zayaan Khan** & **Bruna Viveiros**

Oak Class: **Jessie Ward**, **Caitlin Tingey** & **Josh Cresswell**



Summer Term (Second Half) Gold Certificate Winners

Amazing Authors

Writing has also been celebrated again this term, with our latest Amazing Author certificates for May and July being awarded. Congratulations to the following children for impressing your teachers with your writing in the Summer Term.

Month	Maple	Beech	Ash	Apple	Oak
May	Bella-Rose Pearson	Barney Taylor	Oliver Couling	Benjamin Isaac	Angelina Cerato
July	Elizabeth Nickson	Ted Thornton	Joshua Horseman	Amelie Barlow	James Gavrilovic

Examples of the children's work are on display in the school hall. **Mrs Salter**



Marvellous Mathematicians

Alongside our Amazing Author certificates, we have also recognised effort and achievement in Maths with two certificate winners for this term. The teachers have been keeping their eye out for impressive work in Maths lessons and extra activities at home and have chosen the following winners for May and July.

Month	Maple	Beech	Ash	Apple	Oak
May	Freddie Nunn-Reeve	Manny Donaldson	Grace Abbey	Oliver Rossiter	Lilly Bramham
July	Robyn Brandram	Haiqa Khan	Noah Sinclair-Pearson	Logan Malin	Myiesha Khan



Headteacher's Awards

Our ultimate certificate, which is awarded for: outstanding pieces of work; extraordinary effort over a period of time; other reasons where a pupil has performed significantly above expectations. These awards certainly don't come along too often and Penrose have certainly monopolised these awards this term, scoring 30 house points!

May 2019	Hallie Malin	Ash	Penrose	"For her outstanding contribution to P.E. and sport, along with excellent effort in all lessons. Hallie is a pleasure to teach."
May 2019	Nat Brelsford	Ash	Penrose	"For a wonderful all-round approach to school. Nat has been trying exceptionally hard in lessons, is extremely polite and helpful to adults and generous and compassionate to his peers."
June 2019	Connie Brennan	Beech	Penrose	"For showing fantastic determination in all aspects of your learning. You have a wonderful attitude, showing enthusiasm and perseverance. You also show great support for your friends and are an excellent role model in Beech Class. Well done Connie – we are all very proud of you!"



OTHER SCHOOL AWARDS

During the school year, all pupils have made important contributions to class life and many pupils have also contributed to the life of the whole school. Without these contributions, Chesterton would be less exciting and each day wouldn't run as smoothly. Many opportunities have been provided for pupils to 'take part' or represent their class in a number of ways, including the School Council, Eco Council and Worship Council. In our special end of term School Awards, achievements in these activities were celebrated, along with other awards, including 100% attendance awards.

100% Attendance Certificate Winners:

Maple Class: **Lily Simmen**

Beech Class: **Imogen Rossiter, Luca Steptoe & Ruby Blackman**

Ash Class: **Billy Brelsford**

Oak Class: **Finn Gauld**



The Collective Worship Council



The Eco Council



The School Council



HOUSE SYSTEM

Our house competition was still being keenly contested right up to the end of Term 6, with **Penrose** coming out on top in one of the closest races of the year.

The final Term 6 leaderboard is:

- 1st: **Penrose (Angelina Cerato / Mrs Leonard) 495 points**
- 2nd: **Buckle (Jessie Ward / Miss Barrett) 487 points**
- 3rd: **Squire (Chris Meek / Mrs Salter) 483 points**
- 4th: **Jersey (Charlie Newbery / Ms Bailey) 473 points**



This week also sees the culmination of the annual competition, with the winning house for 2018-19 having their name engraved on the house trophy. Nearly 10,000 points have been accumulated throughout this year and the race is incredibly close. Despite a very strong Spring Term showing from **Squire** and consistently high-scoring performances from **Jersey** and **Penrose**, **Buckle** have enjoyed a resurgence this term to secure the house cup for the first time.

- 1st: **Buckle (Jessie Ward / Miss Barrett) 2383 points**
- 2nd: **Penrose (Angelina Cerato / Mrs Leonard) 2317 points**
- 3rd: **Squire (Chris Meek / Mrs Salter) 2314 points**
- 4th: **Jersey (Charlie Newbery / Ms Bailey) 2289 points**



This was also the week for Jessie, Chris, Angelina and Charlie to pass on the mantle of house captaincy to their successors. These four have done a fantastic job in leading their houses this year and acting as excellent role models for the younger pupils. Their enthusiasm and amicable competitiveness has enlivened celebration worships and they have certainly picked up where Emma, Zac, Emily and Bobbie left off twelve months ago.

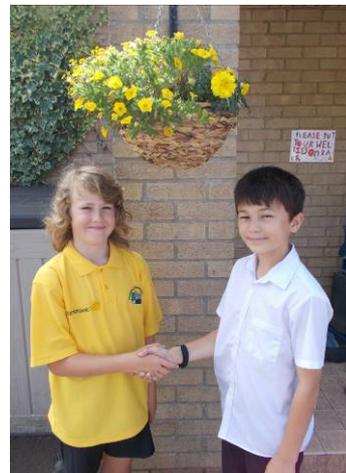
Following in their footsteps, the Year 6 house captains for 2019-20 will be... (seen below with their respective hanging baskets!).

Penrose – Josh Cresswell

Squire – Megan Allmond

Buckle – Myiesha Khan

Jersey – Toby Goddard



Taking over the Sports Captaincy from **Thomas Grenfell** and **Lilly Bramham** are **Ollie Kirby** and **Katie Smith**. Thomas and Lilly have certainly led our sporting teams by example this year, representing the school at just about every event, match and competition possible.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

After the success of the event in the last two years, our families and children again threw themselves enthusiastically into the various activities for Walk to School Week. I thoroughly enjoyed receiving photos of the wonderful ways to school (and witnessing some first-hand!) and it was great to see so many pupils and families taking part, some even surpassing their efforts from last year. I managed to complete my own walk without last year's two-mile detour and before a day of torrential rain. Meeting up with the keen 'Park and Striders' for the last little bit was a nice boost to keep me going until the end.



Along the canal from Kidlington – one of the nicest parts of the walk



The final distance!



At the end of my long walk to school, it was time to 'Park and Stride' with the pupils



The Rossiters crossing the fields from Kingsmere



Esme & Elissa – Our 'Super Scooters'



Our Park & Striders making their way through the village



A three-legged walk to school



Eleanor, Edward (and Muffin) arriving in style

Walk to School Week 2019 Photo Competition Winners

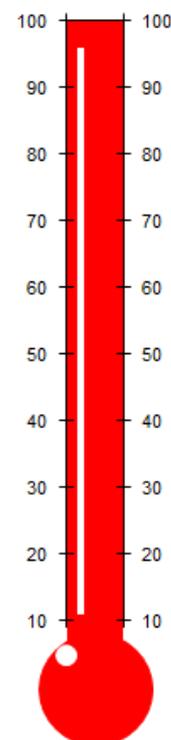
Award	Winner/s	Reason
<i>Happy Shoesday</i>	Lily Geenes	For the 'wheelie-good' photos of her Heelys and sparkly shoes!
<i>Eco Warrior</i>	Joseph Abbott	For his environmentally friendly walk from Bicester to Chesterton.
<i>Super Scooters</i>	Esme Eilertsen & Elissa White	For their excellent photos of a journey on two wheels.
<i>Super Siblings</i>	Joely & Manny Donaldson	For their pogo and scooter journey to school.
<i>Go The Extra Mile</i>	Jack Martin & Lewis Smith	For their general enthusiasm for the week; including a three-legged walk!
<i>Miles of Smiles</i>	Jacob Williams	For his determination to be involved in walking as much as possible during the week; all with a big smile on his face.
<i>Lead by Example</i>	Finn Gauld	For the lovely photos documenting his dog walking from Wendlebury.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The School Association have enjoyed another very successful year, both in raising valuable funds for the school and in organising fantastic occasions that bring the whole school community together. I would like to thank the committee for their tireless work throughout the year and the many parent volunteers who have provided valuable support at events. The School Association are always in need of volunteers so any offers of help, whether that's as a committee member or an 'ad-hoc' volunteer. Please get in touch in September. You will see below that they have nearly doubled the £5,000 target for the year, largely thanks to a wonderful profit of nearly £2000 from the Summer Fayre.

School Association Fundraising Totaliser, now at 193%!

Event	£
Disco (Sept 18)	£226.78
Bag 2 School	£124.00
Jumble Sale	£241.90
Christmas Cards	£236.50
Christmas Fayre	£1,331.34
Andy Reading Run	£213.85
Festive Film Night	£436.92
Disco (Jan 2019)	£213.71
Book Week Film Night	£418.59
Quiz Night	£478.31
Tesco Bags of Help (Blue coins)	£2,000.00
Easter Cake Sale	£141.70
Easter Dress Down Day	£106.10
Bag 2 School	£112.00



Bingo	£339.12
Sports Day	£144.47
Summer Fayre	£1,879.69
Summer Party	£299.53
Frosty Fridays	£156.02
Team Super Schools	£566.40
Achieved	£9,666.93
Goal	£5,000.00
School Association Totaliser	193%

new shed,
School Association

Our
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Summer Fayre 2019

Thank you for coming to support this year's Summer Fayre. It was a fantastic day and, with the warmest, sunniest weather in memory, everyone got into the summery spirit. For a change, Mr Horner had the best job of the day as the paddling pool looked like the coolest place of all.

Thank you to everyone who helped run a stall, including a large number of children who volunteered their time. You did a great job and we could not have done it without you. Another huge thank you to all of the people that came early to help set up or stayed late to help pack away. Every offer of help was much appreciated.

A big thank you to Mrs Rotherham and her dance club, who entertained us with two fantastic routines. There were also lots of happy faces from the children enjoying themselves on the different stalls, including: Coconut Shy, Beat The Goalie, darts and golf and much, much more.

The School Association

MARVELLOUS MUSIC

There has been plenty of musical activity again this term, with the sounds of preparations for the church service, play rehearsals and instrumental practice filling the air around school.

Our instrumental music teachers, Bethan, Flora, Ross and Frances, have continued to help our players improve their skills and, in some cases, work towards 'grade' exams. There have also been further music collective worships and we all really enjoyed the children's performances. It was lovely recently to see some of our pianists, who learn to play outside school, join Flora's protégés for a massed-piano medley.

We have a huge number of budding musicians and we look forward to seeing what they have in store next year. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please pop in to the office to find out more about what is on offer in school.

The choir have continued to work hard this term, showing great effort to prepare for the Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey. They learnt a large selection of songs with a 'blues' theme and joined together with a number of other Oxfordshire schools to perform to a large audience. It was a wonderful evening, the children sang beautifully and they thoroughly enjoyed this brilliant opportunity. They also led the school with a rendition of the song 'Father, We Adore You' during our Leavers' Service at Church. The choir should be hugely proud of their achievements and we hope to see the next generation performing next year.

We were really pleased to be able to take part in the BEFSA benefit concert held at St Mary's Church in Banbury, during the visit from Babalwa, the teacher from our South African partner school, Qugqwala. Despite being outnumbered by every other choir present, our fabulous singing trio of Caitlin Rogers, Charlotte Hornby and Jessie Ward, wowed everyone with their beautiful singing of 'We Are Marching In The Light Of God'. Singing at such an impressive venue in front of a large audience was no mean feat, and their performance earned them many compliments and a huge round of applause. **Mrs Salter**



READING

As you know, we encourage the children to read regularly throughout the year and they have been keeping a record of the number of nights that they have read. Each week we have continued to hold our Reading Raffle, giving the children the chance to win a book in recognition of their brilliant reading efforts. As we come to the end of the school year, we will be awarding prizes to children who have reached more than 200 nights of reading over the year. We have been really impressed by the amount of home reading that has clearly been taking place and we have seen a continued increase in the number of children receiving awards. We would like to say a big 'well done' to all of those children (and their families) for reaching significant milestones in their reading records, but we should also say an extra 'congratulations' to the two children in each class who have reached the highest number of reading nights in their class: **Charlie Rooks** (302 nights) and **Beatrice Dancer** (301 nights) in Maple Class, **Harold Lane Fox** (334 nights) and **Luca Steptoe** (313 nights) in Beech Class, **Oliver Evans** (322 nights) and **Finlay Haynes** (319 nights) in Ash Class, **Beccy Ellacott** (322 nights) and **Oliver Rossiter** (317 nights) in Apple Class, **Jessie Ward** (324 nights) and **Josh Cresswell** (323 nights) in Oak Class. These children have been presented with a reading book prize for their fantastic efforts.

I hope that enthusiasm for reading continues during the summer and that the children will enjoy reading lots of new books during the holidays. **Mrs Salter**

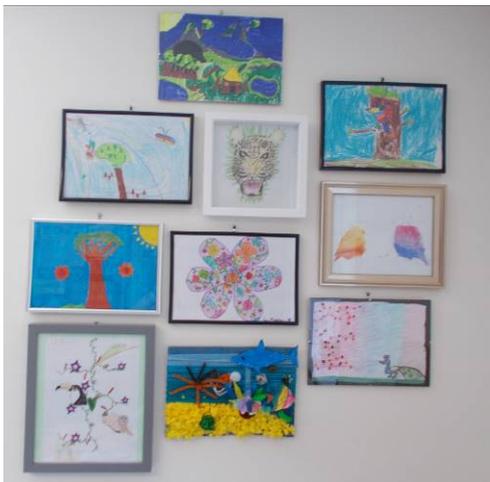


RECENT READING RAFFLE WINNERS – **LUCY**, **NOAH**, **LUKE** & **CONNIE**

OFFICE ART COMPETITION

The school office ran a competition to coincide with Art Week for the children to produce a picture, based on the environment, nature or focussing on colour. A big thank you to all those children who entered. The winners' art work is now proudly displayed in the office for all staff and visitors to enjoy. **Mrs Durham and Mrs Pull**

The winning entries were as follows:



Class	Winner
Maple	Bea Abbey
Beech	Louis Hornby
Ash	Joshua Reed
Apple	Honour Woodrow
Oak	Jack Martin
Class	Highly Commended
Maple	Beatrice Dancer
Ash	Manasvi Abhilash
Oak	Luke Gavrilovic
Oak	Megan Allmond
Oak	Will Reeves

MAY DAY

It seems a long time since our annual May Day festivities on the 23rd May, which followed a similar plan to previous years: walking down to the village green opposite The Red Cow and gathering at 1.30pm. We then undertook the usual procession back to school, led by Year 6 to the school playground, where the May King and Queen were crowned by Miss Robb, before the dancing and merrymaking.

The sun shone and all the pupils looked very smart in their Sunday best. The May King and Queen (Will Reeves and Lilly Bramham) and Jack O' The Green (Jack Martin) were selected from the Year 6s who volunteered. The classes took on some really challenging dances this year and wowed the watching families with everything from the Hornpipe to the Spider's Web. With the help of a bumper crowd, we certainly made merry, enjoying a lovely cream tea afterwards in the sunshine.



UPPER SCHOOL'S STAGE STARS EXCEL IN HAGBANE'S DOOM PERFORMANCE!

Last week, our incredibly talented Upper School children put on a fantastic performance of the dark and mysterious Hagbane's Doom, brilliantly directed by Miss Crockett and Miss Barrett. They were supported by the excellent creativity of Miss Norman, whose scenery and prop making skills are second to none. Our actors and actresses certainly entertained and delighted the audiences over two nights with their engaging acting and singing, in a classic good versus evil battle. A special mention to Phoebe Hutt, who was so committed to be part of the show that she flew back early from her family holiday to take her part as the evil witch, Hagbane!



SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

As always, the sporting opportunities have been coming thick and fast at the end of the school year. We have played cricket, competed at Quadkids athletics, swum in two galas and held Sports Day amongst many other things.

Headlines:

- Our amazing visits from Mike Mullen – BMX World Champion – and Kristian Thomas – Olympic medal winning gymnast.
- The school football A team put in one of the finest collective performances that I have witnessed to sweep aside Langford Village 9-0 in the league semi-final. Unfortunately, we couldn't overcome Fritwell in the final, but it was still a season to be proud of.
- After three years of trying, Buckle were the house to finally topple Jersey as Sports Day champions. Jessie and her team owed a great deal to Maple Class' Beatrice Dancer and Alexander Holmes, who took their first Sports Day by storm, winning a large haul of points for the blues.
- Chesterton's Year 5/6 swimming team retained the Inter-Villages gala trophy with an impressive victory at Bicester Leisure Centre – crowning the victory by winning all the relay events. We also competed for the inaugural Hannah Barnes Swimming Gala Trophy, where Luke Gavrilovic and his Piranhas were too strong for the competition. This event will certainly become an annual fixture in our sporting calendar.

Date	Event	Year/s	No. of Chesterton teams/competitors	Results	Certificate Winners
25 th April 2019	Sportshall Showdown	All Years	5 teams	Champions – Leonard's Lions	Frank Ryan Will Reeves Katie Smith Clemmie Watson Evie Walford (Self-Belief)
8 th May 2019	Bicester Tennis Tournament	Year 3/4	3 teams	3 rd Place	Bruna Viveiros (Self Belief)
17 th May 2019	Inter-House Football	Years 3/4/5/6	8 teams	Champions – Real Jersey Runners-Up – F.C. Buckle	Emin Gurbanov Logan Malin Katie Smith Thomas Grenfell (Teamwork)
22 nd May 2019	Bicester Quadkids	Years 3/4/5/6	4 teams	Year 5/6 A Team – Runners-Up Year 3/4 A Team – 4 th Place Charlotte Hornby – 2 nd Place Jessie Ward – 3 rd Place	Zayaan Khan Isla Brayshaw Will Reeves Joely Donaldson (Determination)
17 th June 2019	Intra-school Swimming Gala (Hannah Barnes Trophy)	Years 3/4/5/6	4 teams	Champions – Piranhas (L. Gavrilovic) Runners-Up – Barracuda (L. Smith)	Sophia Shirvell Jessica Honour Isla Brayshaw Toby Goddard (Passion)
19 th June 2019	North Oxfordshire Quadkids Final	Years 3/4/5/6	1 team, 1 individual		Angelina Cerato (Determination)
11 th July 2019	Inter-House Cricket	Years 3-6	4 teams	Champions – Jersey Jets Runners-Up – Buckle Buccaneers	Amy Miles Josh Cresswell Toby Richings Walter Lane Fox (Respect)

Recent Football Results

Date	Match	Home		Away		Chesterton Scorers	Player Of The Match
26 th April	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	0	Launton Girls	0	-	Jessie Ward
2 nd May	Girls' Friendly	Robb's Rampage	0	Barrett's Broncos	5	Brayshaw 3, Goddard 2	Isla Brayshaw Hallie Malin
17 th May	League Semi-Final	Langford Village B	0	Chesterton	9	Kirby 4, Grenfell 3, Williams, O.G.	Thomas Grenfell
6 th June	Lower School Friendly	Craven's Champs	5	Phillips' Phenomena	2	Haynes 3, B. Brelsford 2, Horwood 2	Nat Brelsford Isabelle Goddard
13 th June	Friendly	Eynsham Primary A	2	Chesterton A	4	Kirby 2, Richings, Kernan	Oscar Williams
13 th June	Friendly	Eynsham Primary B	6	Chesterton B	1	Nix	Luke Bowkett
14 th June	Girls' Friendly	Barrett's Broncos	0	Robb's Rampage	4	Allmond, Rogers, H.Woodrow, O.G.	Bruna Viveiros Jessica Honour
18 th June	Friendly	King's Meadow U-10s	2	Chesterton U-10s	2	Kirby 2	Toby Richings
18 th June	Girls' Friendly	King's Meadow Girls U-10s	1	Chesterton Lionesses U-10s	4	Brayshaw 2, Woodrow, Hawes	Isla Brayshaw
9 th July	League Final	Chesterton	0	Fritwell	4		Toby Richings

Football Top Scorers 2018-19

Player	Games	Goals
Ollie Kirby	15	23
Amelia Hawes	16	17
Honour Woodrow	16	17
Thomas Grenfell	11	11
Isla Brayshaw	4	5
Lilly Bramham	9	5
Oscar Williams	13	5
Toby Richings	15	5
Finn Gauld	7	4
Charlie Reeve	12	4

Finlay Haynes	1	3
Noah Sinclair-Pearson	2	3
Isabelle Goddard	8	3
Kyle Kernan	10	3

Sports Day 2019 Photos (courtesy of Cliff Reeves)





SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Our 4th Annual Sports' Awards were held on Monday 22nd July. This special occasion celebrates all our sports participation, team successes and individual pupil achievements in sport over the year. In these yearly awards, there are prizes presented in several different categories. The first is the Sports Personality of the Year, for fantastic effort and attitude during school PE lessons. Club Medals are then given for outstanding commitment, effort and performance at various sports clubs throughout the year. We also award a trophy and medal to our Girls' and Boys' Footballers of the Year.

The final award is for Outstanding Contribution to Sport. These awards are given to two Year 6 children, who have demonstrated exceptional effort, a positive attitude and fantastic ability in all aspects of sport during their time at Chesterton. As you may remember, we decided to name these final trophies the 'Andy Reading Cup' in memory of our much-loved and fondly-remembered headteacher. Mr Reading was headteacher of Chesterton from 1979-1991. Amongst other things, he had a great passion for sport and outdoor activity and we felt that it was fitting to name the prize in his memory.

We were delighted to welcome back last year's Andy Reading Cup winners – Zac Powell and Holly Mclellan – to help present the prizes. Our deserving winners for 2019 – **Thomas Grenfell** and **Jessie Ward** – were presented with an impressive trophy each.



See below for a full list of the other winners.

Class Sports Personality of the Year Winners	
Maple Class	Beatrice Dancer & Alexander Holmes
Beech Class	Emin Gurbanov & Sophie Happell
Ash Class	Hallie Malin & Nat Brelsford
Apple Class	Katie Smith & Oscar Williams
Oak Class	Carissa Murfitt & James Gavrilovic

Club Medal Winners

Gymnastics	Bea Abbey & Ruby Blackman
Quidditch	Finn Gauld
Girls' Football (Mr Horner)	Charlotte Hornby & Amelia Hawes
Girls' Football (Flare)	Grace Abbey & Hallie Malin
Running	Connie Brennan & Kit Carry
Dance	Ollie Kirby & Megan Allmond
Club Energy	Esme Eilertsen & Thomas Grenfell

Football Award Winners	
Boys' Player of the Year	Kyle Kernan
Girls' Player of the Year	Angelina Cerato

OUR 2019 SPORTS AWARD WINNERS



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' CAMP OUT



As you can see, the Year 6 Leavers had a fantastic time at their camp out last Friday despite the torrential rain. An enormous thank you to Jo Martin, Abigail Grenfell, Vanessa Johnson and Kath Gavrilovic who bravely pitched their tents on the school field for the night and chaperoned the children until Saturday morning and also to Miss Crockett and Miss Barrett who gave up their Friday evening to join the children up until bedtime.

YEAR 6 ARTICLES

Our leavers have been putting their journalistic writing skills to good use one last time for these accounts of many of the exciting activities that have been taking place recently.

May Day by Jack M and Harry

May Day is a traditional event which happens every year in May. It is where every class performs a May Day dance. For example, this year, the single plait has been trusted to Beech Class whereas it would normally be performed by Upper School.

With posies in hand, we walked down to the green where our parents were waiting for us. They then took pictures of us. After that, the Jack-of-the-Green rang the bell to signal for us to all walk back to school, where we walked under the arch that was being held up by the Year 5s.



Every year, a May King, May Queen and the Jack-of-the-Green are chosen. It is always picked by the teachers and it must be a Year 6. This year, the May King was Will Reeves, the May Queen was Lilly Bramham and the Jack-of-the-Green was Jack Martin. Before the dancing began, the May King and Queen had to be crowned; for this ceremony, we sing the song May Morning. This year, Miss Robb was lucky enough to have the honours of crowning our royalty. The crowns were carried by the two youngest children in the school (Edward and Edith).

Hagbane's Doom Musical by Angelina and Chris

This year, Upper School started working on a play called Hagbane's Doom. For auditions, we each had a few lines to learn off by heart and then recite them in front of Miss Barrett and Miss Crockett. We also had the opportunity to perform a song to have a chance to sing in the play. Doing this would help the teachers to decide on parts.

Days later, we were given our scripts. From now on, our homework was just to learn our parts and cues. To keep it fair, main parts were split between two different people. This meant that no one had over 30 lines. For the first few weeks, we got together and practised songs, as it is a musical where songs are really quite important. The song that most people like was Fire, as it got us all together to echo each other. "We've got to know all of the songs before we can go on learning the lines," said Miss Barrett.



On about the third week of a new term, we all got together in a circle and read our lines as none of us knew the play. This helped us to know how our parts fitted with the rest of the play. We then learnt who was fighting for good, and who was pure evil! The Grims and Groggs needed great acting skills, as they had to tell the audience that they were on Hagbane's side using 'show me don't tell me' expressions.

Along the way, Miss Crockett changed the script to make this play the best it can be. This included only putting the people that had lines or are important on stage. We also had to make up a few stories about how Grims and Groggs get

resurrected by their great leader, Hagbane. The biggest problem we faced was between Jessie and Angelina where Jessie was on stage and tied to a post but then Angelina her split part had to sing a solo. In the end, we decided to have them wearing the same clothes so they looked as close as they can be.

Now, the time had come for our scripts to be taken away, which was a big change for everybody since it would be harder to know when your cue is but we knew it needed to happen. Lots of people struggled at first, not on what their lines were, but when they needed to be said.

This play wouldn't have been as good without Miss Barrett (music), Miss Crockett (Director) and Miss Meaney and Miss Norman (Props). Thank you for being so patient with us as we learnt our lines.

Summer Fayre - Soaking Mr Horner by Thomas and Will

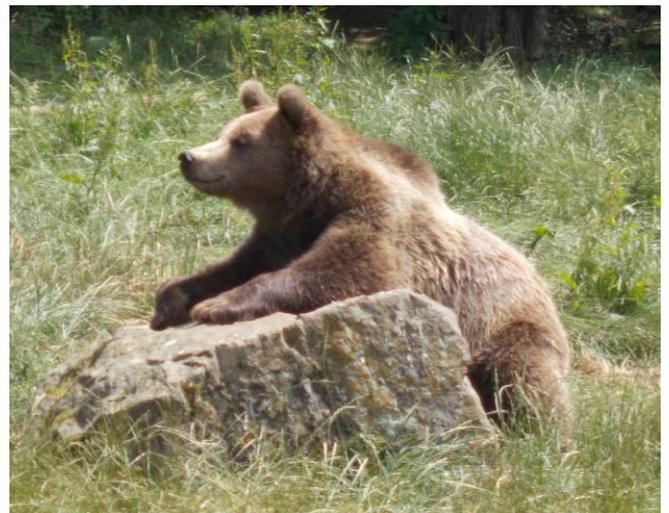
After a couple of hot hours on the field and in the tea room, Mr Horner finally decided he was going to be soaked by the cold water of the sponges. Firstly, Mr Horner said that he was 'going to warm up' in the hook a duck pool. After he had got comfortable in his chair, the first person lined up for their three throws. Looking at Mr Horner for a couple of minutes; his face, smart shirt, tie and trousers were soaked. Once around 30 people had had a go, Mr Horner decided that he had had enough and went inside with a towel!

Upper School's trip to Whipsnade Zoo by Lilly and Carissa

On the 3rd of July 2019, the whole of Upper School (Apple and Oak Class) went on a visit to Whipsnade Zoo as part of their rainforest topic. They were split into groups – each with an allocated adult.

Before beginning their tour of the zoo, Oak and Apple divided into their classes and had a workshop on different animal classes. They studied the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates and mammals, amphibians, fish, birds and reptiles. Once they had reached the end of the learning section of their workshop, they were all given the chance to stroke a live corn snake. The zoologist who was leading the workshop explained that corn snakes are constrictors – meaning that they carry no venom and rely on wrapping themselves around their pray to strangle it to death. The children then went around large tables of different animal types, whilst trying to figure out the animal classes based on warm/cold blooded scans.

Once the classes' workshops were complete, the children headed outside to reunite with their allocated groups. For a few hours, everyone wandered around – checking out the large variety of species including: Asian elephants, giraffes, rhinos, tigers and a range of other species. At one point, some of the groups were able to enter the butterfly house but Ms Bailey waited outside because she doesn't like things flying at her!



After lunch, the children all joined together again to watch a bird show. The show began with a hawk showing off his wings. Next, they flew a female and two male birds with a similar look to the hawk. They were the only birds of their kind that hunted as a group. They do this by the males tiring out the prey so that the female could swoop

in and kill it. The next birds were three hornbills (like Zazu from the Lion King) who showed the children how the female blocks herself into a tree stump nest with wood. She leaves just enough space for her beak and the male must feed her. Then, Upper School watched as the female demonstrated breaking out of her nest because her chick was too large to be in the nest. Afterwards, a grey owl and some parrots drew the show to a close with some birds of paradise.

Finally, Years 4, 5 and 6 watched as sea lions showed off their fins and their incredible swimming ability. The keeper threw in a plastic bottle and one sea lion faked dying due to chewing it. The other sea lion grabbed the bottle and tossed it in the recycling bin. Then the sea lion show ended with the pup coming out and playing with its mother.

Amazing Art Week by Charlie N and Charlie R

In this small space of four days, our school created lots of extraordinary creations. Upper School made some extravagant plastic fish. It wasn't just the older children who made a mass of art, as Maple Class drew some vivid drawings of animals that are found in Australia. They also invented some salt paintings. As well as this, all of Lower School made some images crafted out of all sorts of materials.

Upper School

In Upper School, we crafted some plastic bottle fish. We used: plastic, recycled bottles, scrap card, papier mache and various colours of paint. Once we finished the fish, we hung them from the ceiling with blue tissue paper to make an underwater scene. Our parents came in to see our art projects at the end of the week.



Beech Class/Ash Class

In Beech and Ash, we crafted some images that represented a coral reef. They were made from white and blue string that wrapped around a piece of A4 card to imitate waves and water. There was screwed up tissue paper (various colours) stuck on the bottom of the card to be the coral. On top of this, they used paper springs to boost the fish out of the paper into real life. It was very life-like and the whole school would agree.

Maple Class

Maple Class drew some pictures related with Australian animals (e.g. kangaroos, duck-billed platypus, koala and porcupine) and used all sorts of colours. They also made salt paintings using: salt, paper and water colours. They made these by dropping salt onto the paper, gluing it down and dropping water colour paint onto it making a wonderful image and making it 3D as well.

Conclusion

During our short 4 days for Arts Week, our whole school found their creative side and have started to completely embrace it. We have all enjoyed the Art that we have created and I am sure that all the parents and teachers would agree with us.

Sports Day 2019 by Kyle and Jessie

Sports Day is a day for all ages to join together and celebrate the rare English summer heat and competitive athletics! Every one of our school houses - Buckle (blue), Penrose (green), Jersey (yellow) and Squire (red) – compete against each other to gain the most points overall, which will earn them the ultimate prize: their name engraved on one of the plaques on the Sports Day trophy. Although all were hopeful of their house attaining the trophy, nobody would know who won until the end of the very last race, when all of the points had been added together. For the first sporty activities, our year groups (Year 6s helped out with Reception Year to Year 5) went around the field, stopping at the many stations and doing the required work-out motions:

- Standing long jump
- Speed bounce
- Beanbag throw
- Vortex throw
- Bench step-ups

After completing all of these activities, the first races took place: long distance. Many of the children's seemingly relentless energy levels were descending slightly, but they still had the resilience to finish their designated amount of laps of the field, according to their year groups. Maple Class had to do one lap, whereas the rest of the school had to do two laps. The Year 6s were supposed to do 3, but they didn't have enough time, as everyone's special Sports Day lunch lay in wait for us. It was a barbecue, after all!

After a delicious lunch, we did more races (a choice of two each and the sprint, which we all had to do).

- Obstacle race (going through tunnels, balancing quoits on our heads etc.)
- Skipping race
- Sack race
- Egg and spoon race
- Sprint

At regular intervals between races, the House Captains would show updates on the scores to all of the parents watching and the children. One of the children said, "I don't care who wins, as long as they show humility." Eventually, we were finished and the House Captains, brimming over with excitement, came up to the front and produced their scores. Buckle had won! The previous three years of our Sports Days had been won by Jersey, so everyone was just pleased that someone had managed to beat them! It was a tough competition, but everyone did well, even though Buckle emerged triumphant. They will have their name on the trophy this year!



[The Science Oxford Competition by Finn and James](#)

On the 4th July, five pupils called Pheobe, Finn, James, Thomas and Ollie visited the new Science Oxford Centre in Oxford. 60 lucky children in 11 groups from different schools in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire competed against us in the finals. Read on to find out how we got here.

[The Science Week](#)

In Term 3, we had a Science Week in our whole school and our class theme was balloons. We were split up into different groups and made up an investigation question. We ended up having an investigation for 'Does the size of the balloon affect the length of time it takes to pop over a

candle?' A term later we found out that we had come top of our class (Oak Class) and top of our school, although this was just the beginning.

[Getting visited by Libby](#)

In Term Five, we were visited by Libby, a member of Science Oxford, to judge us on our scientific facts and poster including questions asked by her. She was very impressed with what we managed to find out and how we answered her questions. Out of all the schools that competed in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, we were one of the 11 groups who qualified.

[Redoing our results](#)

Two days before the competition finals, we had decided to redo our investigation making changes to make our results more reliable. We successfully ended up with matching our prediction when the balloon is bigger it makes it pop quicker. We thought that re-doing the investigation would help us get higher marks for the finals two days later.

[The day of the finals](#)

When we arrived at the big Science Oxford centre, we weren't presenting our investigation in the morning. Instead, we were able to look around in the workshop and do some fun, hands-on science activities. After that, we went to the theatre and we were told how the day would work and when our group were presenting. After that, we had a pompom investigation, where we have to make a container that was made of paper and could fit exactly 130 pompoms. Afterwards, we had break and looked around in the science garden, which was beautiful.

Then, we performed our presentation in the lecture theatre first which was not as nerve-racking as we expected. There were a few judges listening and asking questions that we had answered easily. Once we completed our presentation, we listened to the other groups that hadn't presented theirs yet. After lunch, we went into exploration zone where there was a ton of different activities which were really exciting and cool. We stayed there for an hour, waiting to hear our results in the competition. When we went back in to the lecture theatre, we found out that we were highly commended (second place) and we were proud that we managed to do something like that. We were also given loads of science goodies!

Conclusion

Overall, we were really proud and happy of what we had accomplished and to come joint second out of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire was really big to us. We hope that more Chesterton pupils get a chance to end up like us or better!

Quadkids Athletics by Will and Thomas



At the beginning of June, a few of the Chesterton pupils went to the Quadkids athletics competition at Cooper School. This is where schools from all around Bicester compete to not only gain points for themselves but for their team. We were put in separate teams by Mr Horner and Mrs Rotherham. The events that the children competed in were: Long Jump, Speed Bounce, Vortex Throw, Sprint and Long Distance.

When we got there, we were surrounded by lots of other children from schools and a few people doing GCSE P.E training who were going to help us through the day. Firstly, the children went off in their teams to do the field events. After a team had finished an event, they moved on to the next event. Once the teams had finished the field events, they moved on to the track races.

During the track races, we realised that the other schools were very quick and good at preserving their energy. This told us that we needed to up our game a little bit! Off the track, all the children were shouting to support their peers who were running round. Everybody stayed to watch the last race of the day.

After the Bicester Event, we qualified and went through to the same competition but this time it was all of North Oxfordshire! It was still at the Cooper School. Only the Year 5 & 6 A team qualified, although Zayaan Khan (Year 4) came with us, helped us out a lot and did really well. We would also like to congratulate Charlotte Hornby on qualifying as an individual Year 4 girl too.

Overall all, everybody who went had a great couple of days doing athletics and representing our school.

Babalwa's visit to Chesterton School by Tyler and Lewis

At the end of June, a South African teacher from our partner school (Qugqwala Primary School) came to visit for the week. The teacher's name was Babalwa and she teaches Year 1 in South Africa. Babalwa stood on the playground talking to children and getting to know them and the children got to know her by asking lots of interesting questions.

Babalwa helped in the younger classes in the school and saw how we were taught in class. Her positive energy made everyone happier while they worked. Babalwa joined in with some clubs and loads of activities. One club she joined in with was dance club and by the end had nearly perfected one of the dances. She always smiled wherever she was and made anyone smile that was down and made them feel cheerful.

On Friday, Babalwa came into worship and helped hand out certificates to the children and awarded the winners of the office art work competition. As it was her last day at the school, Babalwa received a certificate and some gifts from the whole school. Each class also gave her a card signed by everyone in the class. We then gave her three cheers and a round of applause.

Greatest Gala by Luke

On the 17th June, a brand-new swimming competition was competed for by 32 pupils from Year 3-6. In this gala, the races took place in the Bicester Leisure Centre, with the help of Sharon and Gill – our swimming teachers.

'It's not about winning, it's about having fun,' Mr Horner.

In this competition, the event was just for Chesterton Primary School. Hosted by Mr Horner and held in memory of Hannah Barnes, the children of the school were put in one of the four teams, which were organised each by the Year 6 captains: Barracudas (Leader: Lewis Smith), Piranhas (Leader: Luke Gavrilovic), Stingrays (Leader: Jack Martin), Swordfish (Leader: James Gavrilovic).

The places of the teams were calculated by the amount of points given to them for a number of individual races and relays.

The results were as follows:

1. Piranhas Points: 79
2. Barracudas Points: 60
3. Stingrays Points: 52
4. Swordfish Points: 49

In conclusion, the Piranhas won the first gala Hannah Barnes Swimming Gala Trophy.

Gladly, there was nothing fishy about the points! :)



AN ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES AND A VARIETY OF VISITS!

Here are some fantastic photos to chart the Summer Term in the classes across the school.

MAPLE CLASS



Meeting a lemur at Woburn Safari Park



On the red carpet at the Bicester Film Festival



Being creative during Arts Week in June

BEECH CLASS



Beech Class ready for May Day



Learning the didgeridoo on Aboriginal Day



Great Barrier Reef art

ASH CLASS



Meeting a snake at Longleat!



The Ash Class Barber's Pole



Practical skeleton Science

APPLE CLASS



Our learning session at Whipsnade Zoo



Our talk from the Police



Gardening Club and their harvest

OAK CLASS



Oak Class sessions with the cricket coach



Thomas in uniform!



Our amazing Science Oxford team

Thank you for reading – see you in September!

Best wishes,

Mr. I. Horner – Headteacher

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