



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, here we are again – the end of another extraordinary year at Chesterton Primary School! After the disruption that we all faced in the Spring and Summer Term of 2020, it was hard to imagine that, another 12 months down the road, this pandemic would still be having such a profound impact on all of our lives. Education and schools have obviously been significantly affected by the strange and worrying circumstances that we have found ourselves in but, as last year, I am incredibly proud of the way that our whole school community has responded. Our school value of Resilience has never been tested to such an extent before, but the way in which Chesterton staff, pupils and parents have managed to meet challenges with energy and positivity has been a joy to see. We feel that, whilst every facet of school has had to adapt again this year, we have managed to retain so much of what we love about primary school and ensured that 2020-21 has been filled with learning, adventure and activity. The staff and I have definitely missed being able to hold whole-school events over the past 16 months, and also the opportunity to invite parents into school. However, this term, I have been delighted that some of these have been able to return and we certainly hope that this will continue when the new year starts in September.

As always, it is not possible to include everything in the newsletter, but remember that the school website is the place to visit for all the photos and updates from your child's class.

Leavers 2021

Over the last few weeks, the pupils in Year 6 have celebrated and reflected on their time at Chesterton in many different ways. Miss Crockett, Miss Barrett, Miss Norman and Miss Faulkner have definitely gone 'above and beyond' in order to retain as much as possible of the usual leavers' program of events and our oldest children have again risen to the challenge.

The attitude that they showed to Home Learning Part Two, and the way in which they took the return to school in their stride, has been a credit to both the pupils themselves and their families. When the 2021 Leavers look back at their final two years at primary school, I hope they do so with justifiable pride.

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 their many achievements.

A successful journey through school, for our Year 6 leavers and all our pupils, can only be possible through teamwork – especially during these strange times. 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.

I would like to thank all of you for your invaluable support and positive feedback, particularly given the sacrifices that you and your children have had to make. I would also like to thank everyone for their kind messages following the birth of my daughter. It has been a memorable year for me for more than one reason!

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

Iain Horner – Headteacher – July 2021



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

Autumn 1st Half	Thursday 2 nd September to Thursday 21 st October 2021 INSET Days: Wednesday 1 st September 2021 & Friday 22 nd October 2021 October Half-Term Holiday: Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October 2021
Autumn 2nd Half	Monday 1 st November to Friday 17 th December 2021 Christmas Holiday: Monday 20 th December 2021 to Monday 3 rd January 2022

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 for Term 6 in this week's celebration workshops. Each gold certificate winner earned 5 points for their house.

Our chosen few in the first half of the Summer Term were:

Term 5	Lucy Kerswell-Jensen Erin Steptoe	Edith Haynes Evalyn Wyatt	Ivo Szkonter Michael Tingey-Taylor	Joseph Abbott Esme Eilertsen	Oliver Couling Anabelle Meek
Term 6	To be announced on the last day of term!				



Some of our Summer Term Gold Certificate Winners

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 don't come along too often and Penrose have certainly come out on top this year, scoring 50 house points for their five certificates! A special mention also to our February winners who earned their Headteacher's Awards during Home Learning 2.0.

November 2020	Jessica Honour	Oak	Squire	“Jessica has shown more confidence this year and contributes interesting ideas to all class discussions. She is working especially hard in Maths and is really challenging herself. In English, she listens carefully to feedback about her writing and is showing a Growth Mindset.”
February 2021	Eleanor Messum	Rowan	Penrose	“For working like a trooper throughout home learning. Miss Barrett is very impressed with how much work Eleanor manages to complete. She also joins all of the Zoom sessions, sends Miss Barrett her work regularly and always put 100% effort in.”
February 2021	Jacob Taunton	Ash	Squire	“Jacob has produced excellent, high-quality work and has been so enthusiastic towards his learning, contributing lots during all of the Zoom sessions. All in all he has been an excellent home learning role model!”
February 2021	Lucy Billington	Oak	Penrose	“Lucy has really impressed Miss Crockett throughout home learning by challenging herself with activities, taking part in boosters, attending lots of live sessions, submitting a wide range of work – not to mention keeping everyone's spirits up with her sense of humour!”

February 2021	Maisie Wilson	Beech	Penrose	"Maisie has had the most wonderful attitude to home learning! Your enthusiasm is fantastic to see, as is your perseverance and determination with any challenges. You are a brilliant role model for all. Well done Maisie!"
February 2021	Ethan McDonald	Maple	Squire	"Ethan has done fantastically well with all the home learning work and has tried really hard in the Phonics and reading sessions too. He's also thought of lots of his own creative ideas; for example, making a set of Numberblocks models."
July 2021	Millie Micallef	Maple	Jersey	"For her incredible enthusiasm during Walk to School Week, especially combining it with her Eco Council duties to clear up lots of litter!"
July 2021	Charlie Rooks	Ash	Jersey	"For his exceptional effort during the 'Top of the Rocks' challenge. Charlie's incredible 22,345 points was the 5 th highest total in the whole of Bicester and easily the most at Chesterton."
July 2021	Joely Donaldson	Oak	Penrose	"For being unfailingly polite and thoughtful to those around her. Joely has also really been showing a Growth Mindset in lessons. A great first year in Oak Class!"
July 2021	Sean Mooney	Oak	Squire	"For facing his fears at swimming and for ending the sessions 'feeling amazing'. Sean's confidence has also really grown in the classroom. Finally, he is a fantastic friend to his peers."
July 2021	Olivia Berridge	Beech	Penrose	"Well done for working so incredibly hard this term. Miss Phillips and Mrs Tuffrey have been so impressed with your effort and determination. They have loved seeing how your confidence is growing. Keep up this good work!"



HOUSE SYSTEM

Our house competition has been keenly contested throughout this year, even during lockdown and Home Learning. In Term 4, **Daisy** and **Squire** finally managed to get the red ribbons on the House Cup with the narrowest of victories over **Buckle**.

Benjamin and **Jersey** then bounced back to finish first in Term 5 and close the gap on overall leaders **Penrose**.

The final Term 5 leaderboard was:

- 1st: **Jersey (Benjamin Isaac / Ms Bailey) 257 points**
- 2nd: **Penrose (Amelie Barlow / Mrs Leonard) 249 points**
- 3rd: **Buckle (Bruna Viveiros / Miss Barrett) 225 points**
- 4th: **Squire (Daisy Collett / Mrs Salter) 206 points**

The current Term 6 leaderboard is:

- 1st: **Buckle (Bruna Viveiros / Miss Barrett) 343 points**
- 2nd: **Jersey (Benjamin Isaac / Ms Bailey) 310 points**
- 3rd =: **Squire (Daisy Collett / Mrs Salter) 301 points**
- 3rd =: **Penrose (Amelie Barlow / Mrs Leonard) 301 points**





This week also sees the culmination of the annual competition, with the winning house for 2020-21 having their name engraved on the house trophy. Nearly 8,000 points have been accumulated throughout this year and, at the time of going to press, the scores are as follows...

- 1st: **Penrose (Amelie Barlow / Mrs Leonard) 2011 points**
- 2nd: **Jersey (Benjamin Isaac / Ms Bailey) 1992 points**
- 3rd: **Buckle (Bruna Viveiros / Miss Barrett) 1985 points**
- 4th: **Squire (Daisy Collett / Mrs Salter) 1884 points**

Can any of the other houses snatch the victory from Penrose in dramatic fashion in the final few days of term?

This was also the week for Amelie, Daisy, Bruna and Benjamin 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 Toby, Megan, Evie and Josh left off twelve months ago.

Following in their footsteps, the Year 6 house captains for 2021-22 will be...

- Penrose – Oliver Couling, Squire – Manasvi Abhilash,**
- Buckle – Ruby Chandler, Jersey – Isabelle Goddard**



Our Eco Councillors



Our School Councillors



Our Collective Worship Councillors

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. We have been really impressed by the amount of home reading that has clearly been taking place throughout the year despite all of the disruptions of Lockdowns! This continued practise will stand the children in good stead as they continue to move through school. As we come to the end of our second unusual school year, we will be awarding prizes to children who have reached more than 200 nights of reading over the year. Prizes, including a reading book prize for the two children in each class who have reached the highest number, will be handed out this week.

We would like to say a big 'well done' to all of those children for reaching significant milestones in their reading records.

I hope that enthusiasm for reading continues during the summer and that the children will enjoy reading lots of new books during the holidays. If your child would like to write a book review and enter it to win a prize, please click on the following link for details of a Summer Book Review

Competition: <https://www.schoolreaders.org/bookreview>



Mrs Salter

RECENT READING RAFFLE WINNERS

MAY DAY

Although it wasn't possible to include all aspects of our usual May Day festivities this year, it was lovely to hold the celebrations as a whole-school event for the first time since 2019 and invite a small number of Year 6 parents to attend.

The pupils looked very smart in their Sunday best and there were some wonderful flower posies on show. The May King and Queen (Ed Dallas and Jessica Honour) and Jill O' The Green (Charlotte Hornby) were selected from the Year 6s who volunteered. Miss Crockett repeated last year's method of announcement by surprising Ed, Jessica and Charlotte with a special Sunday delivery to their front doors!

Charlotte did a fantastic job of compèring proceedings, which included six May Pole dances, plus offerings from Maple and Beech Classes. Considering that many children were taking part in their first May Day, they did exceptionally well to learn the dances and perform with smiles on their faces.

If you haven't seen them already, check out the photos and videos on the school website.

[May Day Photos](#)

[May Day Videos](#)



Maple Class in their Sunday best



Year 5 preparing to welcome the Year 6s



Jill O' The Green – Charlotte Hornby



The classic finale - Pat-a-cake Polka!



Our May Day Royalty – Jessica & Ed



Rowan Class preparing to weave around the May Pole

SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

Although the program of inter-school competitions has not been able to take place this year, we have been working hard to organise as many in-school events and clubs as possible throughout the year to satisfy our pupils' insatiable appetite for sporting activity. I am delighted with how many children have been keen to take part and their attitude when doing so. Their enthusiasm and approach has made the staff even more keen to arrange opportunities and we all can't wait to be able to resume taking part in Bicester, District or County 'School Games' events. Please check out the sports page of our website for all the photos and details.

[P.E. & Sport Gallery](#)

Highlights:



- The huge turn out from both Lower and Upper School to take part in Mrs Rotherham's before-school Running Club. The children have really impressed with their determination to improve personal bests.

- Jersey completing an inter-house double of the football tournament at Whitelands in June (captained by Benjamin Isaac and Amelia Hawes) and the cricket at Chesterton Playing Fields last week (captained by Alex Brayshaw).

- Honour Woodrow scoring 5 goals in a game as part of a 6-0 girl's football victory over King's Meadow in our first away match for 15 months. See below for all football results.

- Sports Day! The sun shone on us and our limited, socially-distanced crowd of parents were treated to a colourful extravaganza of races. See later in this section for the final scores.

- The Hannah Barnes Swimming Gala. After not being able to hold the event last year, the children have been delighted to be back in the pool this Summer and it was lovely to see 32 enthusiastic swimmers of different levels enjoying some friendly competition. Jessica Honour's Seahorses came out on top and Eleanor Messum (Rowan) broke school records in all three of her events (Freestyle, Backstroke & Relay).



This Year's Football Results

Date	Competition	Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Chesterton Scorers	Player/s Of The Match
24 th Sept	Lower School Girls' Friendly	Phillips' Phenomena	4	Claridge's Champs	2	Dancer 2, E. Brayshaw, S. Brennan, Wyatt, O.G.	Sophie Brennan Edie Wells
1 st Oct	Year 3/4 Friendly	Herbie's Hurricanes	7	Manny's Magic	1	Gurbanov 3, Allmond 2, Steptoe, M. Woodrow, O.G.	Esme Queralt Harold Lane Fox
8 th Oct	Girls' Friendly	The Stormin' Normans	2	Jack Attack	4	Hawes 2, H. Woodrow, Malin, Rogers, O.G.	Rosie Hunt Bruna Viveiros
15 th Oct	A/B Team Friendly	The Conquering Crocketts	1	The Besieging Barretts	3	Sinclair-Pearson 2, F. Haynes, Horwood	Oscar Horwood Sean Mooney
5 th Nov	Lower School Girls' Friendly	Phillips' Phenomena	3	Claridge's Champs	2	C. Brennan 2, Rys, E. Brayshaw, Wyatt	Connie Brennan Emilia Brayshaw
12 th Nov	Lower School Friendly	The Williams Warriors	6	Taunton's Terrors	3	J. Taunton 3, Edward Messum 2, J. Williams, Taylor, Rooks, O.G.	Edith Haynes Olivia Berridge
19 th Nov	Year 3-5 Girls' Friendly	Horner's Hotshots	2	Rotherham's Rovers	0	Eleanor Messum, Anders	Eleanor Messum Emily Fuller
17 th Mar	Girls' Friendly	The Stormin' Normans	1	Jack Attack	1	Hawes, Meek	Izzy Hinton Anabelle Meek
25 th Mar	A/B Team Friendly	The Conquering Crocketts	1	The Besieging Barretts	2	Sinclair-Pearson 2, Horseman	Sean Mooney Charlotte Hornby
31 st Mar	Lower School Friendly	Phillips' Phenomena	3	Claridge's Champs	5	Lane Fox 3, J. Taunton 2, B. Williams, J. Williams, Taylor	Marshall Berridge Bella Williams
22 nd April	Lower School Girls' Friendly	The Tuff Tacklers	3	Rotherham's Rampage	3	Layla-Mae 2, Wells, Wyatt, Rose-Pearson, B. Abbey	Layla-Mae Millie Colledge
29 th April	Year 4/5 Girls' Friendly	Bailey's Buccaneers	2	Horner's Hurricanes	2	Viveiros, Chandler, Happell, Rogers	Esme Eilertsen Lily Oakes
6 th May	Year 1/2 Friendly	Cresswell's Cyclones	1	Jack Attack	3	Layla-Mae, Edward Messum 2, S. Couling	Charlie Rooks Edward Messum
2 nd July	Year 3/4 Girls' Friendly	Chesterton Year 3/4	1	Bure Park Wildcats U-9s	4	Hinton	Esme Eilertsen Evie Collett
5 th July	Year 3/4 Friendly	Chesterton Year 3/4	2	St. Edburg's Year 3/4	3	Gurbanov, M. Woodrow	Meriel Woodrow
8 th July	Girls' Friendly	King's Meadow Girls	0	Chesterton Lionesses	6	H. Woodrow 5, Malin	Jessica Honour
12 th July	A Team Friendly	Chesterton	0	Eynsham	4	-	Noah Sinclair-Pearson
13 th July	Year 1/2 Friendly	St. Edburg's Year 1/2	4	Chesterton Year 1/2	1	Shaheen	Beatrice Dancer
19 th July	Year 3/4 Friendly	Chesterton Year 3/4	1	Eynsham Year 3/4	8	M. Woodrow	Harold Lane Fox
20 th July	Upper School Friendly	Chesterton Lions	2	Chesterton Lionesses	2	Hawes, H. Woodrow, B. Isaac, O.G.	Jacob Walker Joely Donaldson

Football Top Scorers 2020-21

Player	Games	Goals
Honour Woodrow	7	7
Jacob Taunton	3	5
Noah Sinclair-Pearson	3	4
Edward Messum	4	4
Amelia Hawes	5	4
Emin Gurbanov	6	4
Evalyn Wyatt	3	3
Harold Lane Fox	4	3
Layla-Mae	4	3
Meriel Woodrow	6	3
Herbie Allmond	2	2
Barney Taylor	2	2
Connie Brennan	3	2
Jacob Williams	3	2



Sports Day 2021 Results

	Buckle	Jersey	Penrose	Squire
Field Events	84	86	78	77
Track Events	154	171	137	122
Relays	21	12	18	9
Total	266	269	240	208
Position	2nd	1st	3rd	4th

*Please note that totals will not necessary add up correctly, as scores are adjusted depending on number of children in each house taking part.

Sports Day 2021 Photos



Maple Class' Long Distance Race



Jersey leading the way in Year 1



Alex and Wyatt vying for first place in Year 5



A closely contested Year 6 race



Charlie leaping in the Long Jump



Rosie speed bouncing for Jersey



Esme about to launch the vortex



Beech Class Target Throw



The final hurdle in the obstacle race!



Maple Class' Shopping Race



Lily leading Rowan Class skipping



A 'cracking' race between Jessica and Anabelle!



Cherry, Gracie and Josh in the Maple sack race



The Lower School Jersey Team – Part of the winning house

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Our 6th Annual Sports' Awards took place on Monday morning. We managed to find enough shade for the whole school to sit in bubbles and enjoy the event together! These awards celebrate all our sports participation, team successes and individual pupil achievements in sport over the year. 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' Footballer 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. Our deserving winners for 2021, **Benjamin Isaac** and **Honour Woodrow** have been 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	Evelyn Morley & Keagan Crook
Beech Class	Caden Hawes & Sophie Brennan
Ash Class	Marshall Berridge & Dotty Powell

Rowan Class	Rosie Hunt & James Hooke
Oak Class	Bruna Viveiros & Sean Mooney
Football Award Winners	
Golden Boot	Amelia Hawes
Boys' Player of the Year	Ed Dallas
Girls' Player of the Year	Charlotte Hornby
Club Medal Winners	
Tennis	Bea Abbey & Edith Haynes
Running	Israh Shaheen, Emilia Brayshaw, Izzy Hinton & Alexander Selkirk
Dance	Eva Sinclair-Pearson & Bella Williams
Athletics	Rocco Morgan
Andy Reading Cup – Outstanding Contribution to Sport	
Girls	Honour Woodrow
Boys	Benjamin Isaac

Our Sports Personality Awards Winners





New Sports Captains

Our new Sports Captains, **Hallie Malin** and **Finlay Haynes** and will be taking over from **Amelia Hawes** and **Honour Woodrow** in September. Amelia and Honour have certainly led our sporting teams by example this year, representing the school at just about every event, match and competition, and I'm sure that Finlay and Hallie will be no different.

NEWS BULLETINS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



Maple Class Transformation

What a difference a year makes! Maple Class started the year in a rather small classroom and a building site in the garden! We enjoyed watching some of the building work happen, and some of us even dressed up as builders when we were playing with the construction toys! After a few months, we moved into the old Upper School classrooms temporarily, and enjoyed having the use of two rooms during the colder months. However, the most exciting part of our year, was when we were finally able to move back into the new and greatly improved Maple Class! We loved our first visit into the room and

enjoyed picking our own colourful coat pegs in the cloakroom. Having a brand-new interactive board, as well as the brightly colour rainbow carpet, was such a treat! We have enjoyed being in the new classroom for a few months now, and it has been fun to fill the display boards with our learning - our favourite display is the Art Week board, with our Miro inspired paintings. As well as a new classroom, we have been enjoying the new outdoor space a lot! The bike track is bigger and better, and the new water area has been great fun during the hot weather.

Break times are a lot more fun too, now that we have the new play trail right outside our garden gate. Sometimes, we get to have an extra play on there when it's not even break time!

Mrs Leonard



Brilliant New Building

After 5 years in the planning and 13 months of building, along with the disruption of Covid, we were delighted to finally be able to see our new classroom block completed. Just before Christmas, Upper School were able to move into their new rooms and they have been enjoying having all of the new space since then. On a sunny day in June, we held our official Opening Ceremony to formally declare the building open. The honours were completed by long standing members of staff, Mrs Durham and me! We were delighted {and surprised!} to be chosen to cut the ribbon and reveal the new plaque on the wall. Mr Horner was ably supported by the School Council, who did a great job of running the ceremony.

Mrs Salter



Creatures of Cotswold



Beech and Ash Class enjoyed a visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park during the Summer term. This trip was a perfect ending to our Animal Kingdom topic! All the children had lots of fun during the day and managed to see many of the animals that we had learnt about during this term. One of the favourites were the lions!

'My favourite part of the day was seeing the tall giraffes. I loved seeing the baby giraffes because they were so sweet. Also, I couldn't believe how big the tortoise was!' **Bella (Year 2)**

'I really enjoyed our trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park, especially seeing the penguins swimming in the pool and waddling

towards us.' **Cariad (Year 1)**

'The best part of our day was going into the reptile house and seeing a massive anaconda. I also really liked watching the meerkats in their enclosure.' **Illy (Year 3)**

Miss Phillips

Sizzling Summer Party

To end this busy school year, we all enjoyed celebrating with our annual Summer Party. We were extremely lucky with the glorious sunshine and the atmosphere was fantastic! It was lovely to get dressed up and dance with friends. The children in both Lower School and Upper School have some impressive dance moves!

Thank you to the wonderful School Association volunteers who made it all possible.

'I had so much fun at the Summer Party, dancing with my friends. Bouncing Bob was great and I enjoyed the bubbles!' **Edie (Year 1)**.

Miss Phillips



Eco Endeavours

The Chesterton Eco Council have had a very busy Spring and Summer term! First, we were delighted to achieve our Bronze Eco Council award from Eco Schools. Also, the whole school put in lots of effort during Home Learning by completing plastic waste tallies and pledges. Along with designing 'Do Not Litter' posters, this enabled us to receive a litter picking kit that we have put to great use! We even managed a litter picking trip down to St Mary's Church in the village. The most pivotal moment of the year for Eco Council has got to be the involvement that we had in reopening the school's front garden, named The Hope Garden. Edward Dallas and Grace Abbey, our senior councillors, did a fantastic job of officiating at the ceremony.

Miss Claridge

Freedom at Forest School

Forest School has been a huge success this year! It has been great to get out in the fresh air and immerse ourselves in the wonders of nature. Toasting creamy, gooey marshmallows, hiding amongst the leafy, green trees, crafting bug hotels and lighting crackling fires have all been part of our memory making with Sally-Ann and Gemma.

Sam Couling (Year 2) 'My favourite part of Forest School was making a wishing tree with Edward. It had emerald green moss on it and children granted their wishes on it. Some wishes even came true!'

Elizabeth Nickson (Year 2) 'I liked making rope swings and swiftly gliding through the trees with my friends.'

Harold Lane Fox (Year 3) 'We made lots of discoveries at Forest School such as, finding owl pellets and retrieving animal bones. We spent hours searching and digging to see if we could find any more remains!'

Miss Claridge



What a Knight!

We were thrilled to be able to put on our first production in two years this term: What a Knight! When young squire Watt Cobblers (Toby and James) is expelled from Knight School, he reluctantly becomes Merlin's (Benjamin and Willow) new apprentice. But trouble is never far away, and soon Camelot Castle collapses into chaos. Watt and his new found friends Dusty Dragon (Caitlin) and wayward Princess Alice (Honour and Jessica) set off on the biggest quest of their lives. But can our unlikely heroes rescue the princesses, save Excalibur and defeat the evil Black Knight (Charlotte H and Daisy)? Find out by watching our production on the school website! Miss Barrett and I were very proud of the Tony award winning performances from the children and their vibrant singing was a joy to listen to. We must say a big thank you to Mrs King, Miss Faulkner, Miss Norman and Mrs Herbert, who worked tirelessly to create props and backdrops. **Miss Crockett**

'The play was a great opportunity to express my humour as a dragon! I enjoyed learning my lines and singing as part of a trio.' **Caitlin**

'I was really proud that I was given a big role in our play. I've never had a role like that before. I hope you enjoy watching it!' **Sophie W**



Stupendous Science Week

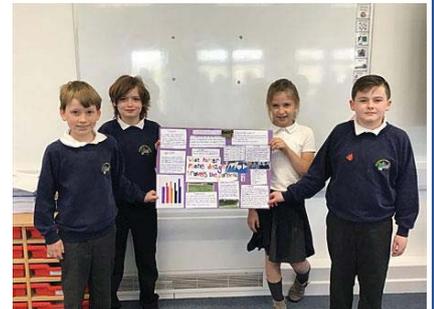
The first week of the Summer Term saw Science Week return to Chesterton. Across the school, children eagerly took part in their own investigations and then created informative posters. Maple Class explored which biscuits are best to build with, whilst Beech Class investigated floating and sinking. Ash Class' winning team (Illy, Luca, Harold, Esme and Jacob) tested whether the colour of apple juice impacts the taste; Rowan's winning team (Meriel, Joseph, Esme, William, Wyatt and Herbie) investigated the speed of planes made out of different materials, and Oak's winning team (Sean, Joely, Oliver and Alex) explored how far different shaped paper planes travel. I thoroughly enjoyed looking through all of the wonderful pictures of the week and the work that the children completed. The overall winning team for Chesterton School was Rowan's team, who bravely spoke to a team of judges from the competition. Although they didn't progress through to the next round, I was very proud of the confidence that they showed, particularly when answering difficult questions. I'm already looking forward to seeing what creative investigations the children plan next year.

Miss Crockett (Science Coordinator)

'Science Week helped me to work in teams and investigate things that I am interested in. It was really intriguing to see how parachutes made out of different materials protect eggs in different ways when dropped from a height.'

Anabelle

'I loved Science Week because my team got to pick something that we enjoy to investigate. We chose to explore how far different paper airplane designs travel. We were really proud to be the winning team in Oak Class.' **Sean**



Peaceful Prayer Space

The theme for prayer space this year was 'hope'. The children went in small groups to the newly christened 'Hope Garden' at the front of the school and completed activities related to the theme. One of the activities was related to homelessness where the children built homes out of wooden blocks and toppled them to experience feelings associated with homelessness. They also used shells to listen to the sea and gain hope from the sounds of nature.

"I think Prayer Space was fun because it had interesting activities," said **Emilia**.

"I enjoyed Prayer Space because it was something different and it made me feel calm," explained **Sara**. **Miss Barrett**

Green-fingered Gardening Club

The Gardening Club used their brand new vegetable beds to grow all sorts of produce including: corn, beans, potatoes and peas. They also grew a healthy crop of strawberries and rhubarb. This year also saw them venture into the world of flowers. They grew sunflowers and are hoping that they become giants before the summer ends.

"I think Gardening Club is really good because it teaches us to grow all sorts of plants like sunflowers and strawberries," explained **Alexander**.

"I think Gardening is good because it lets you explore outside and all of nature," quoted **Eleanor**.

Miss Barrett



AN ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES AND A VARIETY OF VISITS!

Here are some fantastic photos to chart some of the most memorable moments in the classes across the school.

MAPLE CLASS



Art Work inspired by Joan Miro



Enjoying Supertato stories



Ready to learn in our smart new carpet area

BEECH CLASS



Making fruit salad



Adventure at Forest School



Ready in their May Day finery!

ASH CLASS



Tag Rugby in P.E.



May Day Posy at the ready



Cooking and Nutrition – Fruit Salad making

ROWAN CLASS



Cookery lesson in the new, improved kitchen



When you go down to the woods today...



Autumn Term visit from the History Man

OAK CLASS



Micro-organism experiment in Science



Cooking up a storm at the Roots to Food workshop



Micro:bit work in Computing

Thank you for reading – see you in September!

Best wishes, Mr. I. Horner – Headteacher

This newsletter will also be available on the school website:

www.chestertonprimaryschool.org.uk