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**CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL**

*School Newsletter*

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| **Staff changes for the Autumn Term**  Wonderful news, Mrs Helliwell has had her daughter and both mother and baby are doing well.  Miss Turner is covering for Mrs Helliwell, and Miss Bradshaw has also joined us as a class teacher. Miss Spark will also be joining us in September as an additional class teacher.  After 18 years at Chesnut Lodge, Mrs Ball will be moving on to work at another special school at the end of this school year and Mrs Colville will be taking up a full time post in our school.  Transition days are booked in for Monday 1st July and Tuesday 2nd July, where pupils and staff will be in their “new” classes, so that we can ensure that everything is in place for when the students return in September. | **Award Success!**  **Silver Artsmark**  We are proud to announce that we have successfully achieved the Silver Artsmark award for all of the wonderful work we do in school in art, music, drama and creative writing.  **RRSA (Rights, respecting school award)**  We recently welcomed an assessor into school to look at all the work we do on childrens’ rights and inclusivity. We are currently awaiting the decision of the board.  **Nurture Schools**  We have also applied for the Nurture Schools Award and will have our assessment within the next week. | |
| **Primary 2**  This term P2 have had the opportunity to have Gracie who is a “Pets as Therapy” dog come into our class and work with us. It has been an absolute pleasure having Gracie with us as we see such a difference in the children. The children are always excited to see her and are very alert and responsive during the session. Gracie has a calming and comforting effect on the children which has been hugely beneficial. Gracie has got a lovely calm way about her and enjoys being around the children. The children have had the opportunity to take Gracie for walks around the school playground, brush and feed her and have a few sneaky cuddles! | **Visitors from Newfields School**  RRSA ambassadors invited Newfields school to join us on the 5th June (World Environment Day) discussing article 24: Every child has the right to a clean environment.  We looked at recycling plastics, planted a vegetable garden and created a bug hotel in the forest. | |
| We have six students leaving us at the end of June. We asked each of them what their greatest achievements had been at Chesnut Lodge.  “My greatest achievement at Chesnut Lodge was teaching the younger children about healthy eating and how to keep healthy as part of Healthy Stars.” (Peter)  “My greatest achievement is achieving Entry Level Two in Science in Year 10. I am proud of all my achievements across all my lessons in my thirteen years here.” (Declan)  Ilona has enjoyed accessing a range of switch activated programmes, especially when controlling her musical preferences.  Zoe had made great progress in her communication, using her “lamp”  Katie Ellen put together and presented a fantastic powerpoint all about McDonalds in front of the whole class.  Jacob had the leading role in our Scrooge performance and thoroughly enjoyed this experience.  We wish them all well in their future placements. | | |
| Sensory Garden Update  We are thrilled to be able to tell you that we have now achieved the target for Phase 1 of the Sensory Garden refurbishment!  Thanks to our wonderful fundraisers who have done a truly magnificent job, and a grant from the Steve Morgan Foundation, we have been able to book the work in for the beginning of the Summer Break, so that this wonderful new resource will be ready to use when we return in September.  Please remember, this is Phase 1 that has been achieved, and we are still fundraising for Phase 2, so if you have any other wonderful ideas for fundraising events, please do carry on!  You can you help us by:   * *Recommending us to your place of work for charity donations* * *Holding your own sponsored event (run, dance, bike ride, skydive, bungee jump… anything goes!)* * *Selling cakes or other treats to family, friends or colleagues* * *Sharing school posts online to raise awareness of our fundraising?* * *Signing up to “Easyfundraising” for all of your (and your family and friend’s) online shopping.*   [*https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chesnutlodgehalton/*](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chesnutlodgehalton/) *click on “support us”* | | **Secondary 1**  Secondary 1 have got off to a great start this term, we have made money from selling ice creams for our enterprise.  After taking our time to decide what we would like to sell in school we chose ice creams. We made a list of what we needed to buy, made posters and sent a letter out to all of the pupils. It was important to make a list of everybody who had already paid so we could tick their name off our list, before we made their ice cream.  C:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_9688.jpgWe made over £60 in just one day, which made our class very happy. We can’t wait to decide as a class how we would like to spend our money ☺ |

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| **Whizz Kidz wheelchair mobility**  We have been looking into being able to provide another opportunity for our students who are wheelchair users to practise their wheelchair mobility in a safe space with professional training.  Whizz Kids have voiced that they may be able to support us on this, so we are just trying to find out how many parents might be interested and able to support with this if it were to run as an after school club.  If you are interested, please let Cheryl/Sarah know in the school office. | **Primary 3**  In P3, our theme has been Art Appreciation! We have studied various artists and looked at their artwork. We then created our own, making sculptures, painting canvases and using ICT inspired by Warhol, Monet and Picasso's artwork. When it was all complete, we invited our families in to browse and purchase our artwork. Kayla says "It was so fun having my Nanny and Grandad in school to look at my work". | **Dates for your diary**  **Friday 28th June 2019**  Last day for Year 11 students  **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July 2019**  Swap days – students move to their classes for the next school year  **Tuesday 9th July 2019 from 1.30pm**  Primary 3 and Secondary Phase Sports Afternoon  **Thursday 11th July from 10.00am**  Foundation Stage, Primary 1 and 2 Sports Morning  **Wednesday 17th July at 10am**  Foundation Stage “Oscars”  **Thursday 18th July 2019 at 10am**  Primary Phase Celebration of Achievement  **Thursday 18th July 2019 at 1.30pm**  Secondary Phase Celebration of Achievement  **Friday 19th July 2019**  School closes for the Summer Break (3pm) |
| **Foundation Stage**  We have had lots of stories linked to Journeys, our favourites were Jack and the Beanstalk and Room on the Broom!  Alongside this our maths focus has been length, we have measured beanstalks which we grew, we measured each other using hands!! We have used language such as long, short and some children used medium!! In literacy our focus has been rhyming and we produced some spell books using simple rhyming.  We made some lovely sensory spell activities exploring lots of colours and watching them change as we mixed them.  In science we have been exploring materials and their properties, using our hand function activity as an introduction to contrasting properties such as hard/soft, rough/smooth etc. and we made sensory teddies from a range of textured materials. | |
| Nurture News  It is a very exciting end of term for the Nurture Group, some of the children from the Nurture Group have been invited to attend The Healthy Schools Celebration on July 3rd 2019. The children have also been voting on a song they would like to perform (singing and signing) for their parents/carers on Friday 28th June 2019 at 10.00am for an end of year presentation. The children will also be making a music video to accompany the song choreographed by one of the children. So it’s going to be a busy few weeks with lots of practise and hard work. After all that hard work the children will definitely deserve some cakes and a nice cup of tea with their parents/carers. Image result for smiley clip art  Image result for smiley face clip art Clare, Sally and the children from the Nurture Group | | Secondary 2  13.6.19  **Art with Jo**  **Secondary pupils complete an art project with the Lantern Company.**  Last month secondary pupils took part in an art project. Jo Pocock is an artist from the Lantern Company. She taught pupils how to paint on flag fabric. We began by using acrylic paint mixed with varnish to make a map. These will be made into big wings. This is to show how people involved with asylum and migration have to move.  V:\School Year 2018-19\secondary 2\art project\IMG_1122.JPGThen we painted pairs of shoes. First we painted them white, then orange. The orange is for the refugee flag. (Chloe)  Pupils painting donated shoes. |
| Hello from Class P1.  We have been busy this term learning about minibeasts and really enjoyed a minibeast hunt in the school woodland which is a brilliant habitat. We found so many bees buzzing around our orange blossom bushes and also spiders, woodlice, caterpillars and ants hiding all around the grounds. All very exciting ☺  We are happy to have Amy as our class governor and she will be spending some time in class with us getting to know the children and staff a little better.  We have sports day coming up, currently planned for 11th July. The date will be confirmed nearer the time. We are also hoping to plan a trip out for the children to World Museum in Liverpool towards the end of term. Our current topic is ‘Starry, Starry Night’, information to follow.  In class we have grown French Marigolds from seed for our Enterprise Project and the children all helped to trundle them around school on a trolley to sell. We made just over £30 which will be spent on a treat for the children. Good job everyone ☺  We’re looking forward to the rest of our summer term, always lots to keep us busy with our friends in class. | | |