



Chilwell Croft Academy NEWSLETTER



July 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,
As we approach the end of this school year I would like to say a big thank you to parents, staff and pupils for all the hard work over the last two terms.

We have been very busy putting in place the things that are needed to make Chilwell Croft as good as it can be.

Staff have worked particularly hard in making sure both Ofsted inspections this term went as well as they could have. Our latest Inspection recognises the journey that the school has started and the improvements that have been made as well as highlighting what requires improvement.

Our latest inspection report will be available on the Ofsted website early in September. I will be able to give you an outline of the school's strengths and areas for improvement when we return from the summer break.

I hope you and your family have a good break. Thank you again for all your support as the school moves forward.

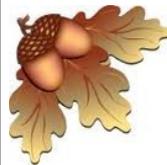
Nick Lambert
Headteacher



As we draw to the end of another academic year, we will be saying goodbye to:- Miss Gemma Hillier, Miss Abigail Turner, Mrs Mozida Khatun, Miss Carmel Payne and Miss Ami-Louise Jenkinson. I'm sure you will join with me in thanking them for their hard work and commitment and wishing them the very best of luck in their new schools.



We are welcoming Mr Ben Monks, class teacher Year 4 and Mr Andrew Byrne, Assistant Headteacher and Maths subject leader, Mrs Alice Machiridza who will be providing release time in KS1 and Early Years and Miss Rebecca Taylor, class teacher in Year 3.



Autumn Term Classes for September 2014

As we approach the end of a successful year, it is time to start preparing for the new academic year. As from the 1st September the

classes will be:-

Reception	Class RR	Miss K Rathbone
Reception	Class RB	Mrs A Garcha
Year 1	Class 1G	Mrs V Grover
Year 1	Class 1W	Mrs J Wallace
Year 2	Class 2K	Miss K Kenth
Year 2	Class 2B	Miss A Byrne
Year 3	Class 3T	Miss R Taylor
Year 3	Class 3E	Miss L Ellis
Year 4	Class 4M	Mr B Monks
Year 4	Class 4G	Mrs K Gibbs
Year 5	Class 5H	Mr A Hayes
Year 5	Class 5J	Miss S Johnson
Year 6	Class 6B	Mr A Byrne
Year 6	Class 6N	Miss A Norwood



Early Years Foundation Stage

This term in reception we have been learning all about lifecycles. We had a special delivery of eggs brought to us. We kept the

eggs warm and looked after them until they hatched into baby chicks.



We loved watching them grow, feeding them and most of all holding them.



We have visited the zoo this term which was really exciting. We saw lots of different animals, and used this to write fantastic pieces of writing in our Literacy work.



MOVING UP DAY!

Reception classes have been to visit Year 1, where they were introduced to

their new teachers for September. It is extremely exciting for us all, and we would like to wish all the children in the reception a happy holiday and the best of luck in Year 1!

YEAR 2



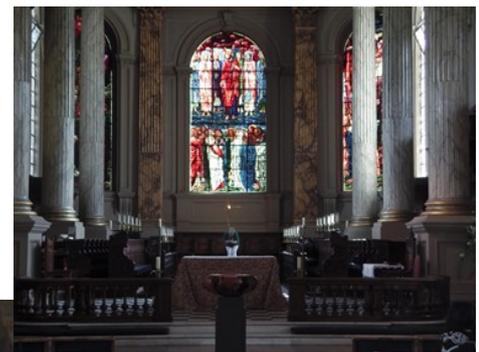
As a part of Science curriculum, Year 2 visited Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum. This exciting visit provided us with wonderful opportunities to investigate and observe

amazing hands-on exhibits and historical collections, showing us the science of the world all around us. The best part was 'The Science Garden' in the outdoor area that was packed with exploring interactive science mechanisms. We had a fantastic day!



In Religious Education, we have been learning about how to be silent and attentive in a religious place of worship. To learn this disposition better, we visited the St Philip's

Cathedral in Birmingham. The most interesting part of the trip was looking at the beautiful stained glass windows and the narrative scenes on it. It was a great, inspiring trip that we really enjoyed. This year, the children



in Year 2 enjoyed taking part in swimming lessons throughout the year. This helped them to develop confidence in a life-saving skill and also swimming is a great way to keep fit and stay healthy.

Year 1

This half term Year One has been busy learning about newspapers, poems and stories in our English lessons. We wrote our very own newspaper report independently all about a greedy giant who took our

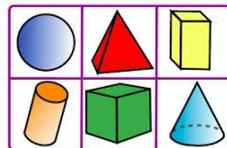


things from the classroom. We had to follow his

footprints through the corridor and found lots of our things in the school garden! Finally, we have been using the film Monsters Inc to help



stimulate our story writing and explore different characters - both good and bad!



In Maths we have been adding and taking away numbers in our head, investigating 2-D and 3-D shapes and collecting information to put into tables, pictograms and block charts. We have been investigating plants in our Science lessons and had a look around the school grounds to see what we could find.



We have discussed what different

plants are called, what they need to grow and what the different parts of a plant are used for. Our Learning Challenge topic this half term has been "Toys". We have explored old and new toys and even designed our own toy! As well as this, we made our own pop-up monster puppets to link in with our English work on Monsters Inc.



As a reward for all of our hard work we visited the Think Tank Science Museum for a day of 'hands on' Science - it was really interesting and we learnt lots about being eco-friendly and recycling our rubbish!



Welcome to Year 3



This term in Maths we have focused on money. For example, being able to add different amounts together, working out the correct change and learning how to divide money equally. The children have had to do lots of different activities to help with their understanding, such as planning what they can buy for a party



with a certain amount of money and playing the money game, which required them to keep track of what money they have spent and money that they had been given.



In English the children have been learning about the features used to write persuasive adverts. They have watched clips of different advertisements and have annotated some of the features they have found in examples we have looked at together. To finish this unit, the children have been working on the



laptops to create their own persuasive adverts on something that they would like to convince people to buy. This is something that the children have thoroughly enjoyed working on and as a result of their hard work, their finished adverts look fantastic.



The school artist Andrew Tims has worked with the children to change the displays in the school hall so that they are based around the Chilwell Code. The class chose to focus on the 'respectful' part of the Chilwell Code and had to create artwork around this. In pairs they used lots of different types of paper to cut out letters for their own message on what they thought being respectful meant. The children came up with some great ideas and they enjoyed this wonderful opportunity.



This term Yr4 have been learning about living things and how to look after the environment in Science and Topic. This has been a very exciting term as we have been out into the school garden exploring different plants and growing our own plants.



We have been investigating our carbon footprint and finding ways how we can reduce this eg., by walking to school instead of coming by car.



In English the children have written some fantastic persuasive texts. Our final

Recount

A recount tells us about something that has happened. It is written for someone who wants to know what has happened. It is written in chronological order.

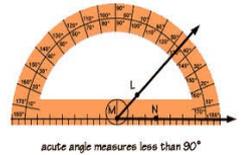


writing genre has been re-counts. As Year 4's final Reward Trip involved a trip to Weston-Super-Mare, we wrote about this for our final piece of

recount writing. The children thoroughly enjoyed this trip and writing about it afterwards! In Maths Yr4



have been learning about shapes, area and perimeter, interpreting charts and graphs, coordinates, angles and word problems. The children particularly enjoyed interpreting charts and graphs as all the data was related to the World Cup!



In Year 5 recently we have had a WOW morning based around our myths and legends topic in Literacy. We asked the children to create a mythical beast, an abandoned Earth planet and a fantasy land. They had great fun doing this and were able to draw on this experience in their writing the next day. The children



used the activity to inspire the imaginative ideas in the descriptions that they came up with.



Please see the fantastic work they created in the Pictures.





SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014—2015

Autumn Term 2014

Wednesday 3 September to Friday 24 October

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Monday 3 November to Friday 19 December

Christmas Holiday 2014

Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January

Spring Term 2015

Monday 5 January to Friday 13 February

Half Term Holiday

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Monday 23 February to Friday 27 March

Easter Holiday

Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April

Summer Term 2015

Monday 13 April to Friday 22 May

Half Term

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June to Monday 20 July

Summer Holiday

Starts Tuesday 21 July

Training Days

Monday 1 September 2014

Tuesday 2 September 2014

Training Days will be added throughout the new academic year so please watch out for the updates!



ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance is currently

94.75%.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in this area.



Our Year 6 pupils have worked so hard this year. They have shown such commitment and dedication and we are delighted with the SATs results they have achieved.

SATs Results (Year 6)

Level 4+ 2 Levels Progress

Reading	82%	83%
Writing	82%	100%
Maths	82%	82%

Reading results show a 19% increase on 2013. Maths results show a 16% increase on 2013, whilst we have maintained writing results at a similar level to 2013. Our combined results (those children who achieved Level 4 or higher in all three subjects) is up significantly by 20%, from 49% last year to 69% this year. These results show a significant improvement on last year.

Well done Year 6!

In KS1 we have exceeded our targets and maintained our good results from last year.

SATs Results (Year 2)

	Level	Result
Reading	2b+	78%
Writing	2b+	69%
Maths	2b+	74%

Well done Year 2!



FUNDRAISING NEWS!

This term the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves fundraising. We have held a toy sale and a cake sale where we raised £72.00 for ESMA and our school sponsored dog, Amira. The money will go towards neutering and vaccinating Amira and the other animals who live in the Rescue. A parcel has also been sent from Egypt to the children who made cakes to thank them for their hard work. Please see the ESMA page on Facebook and Amira's own Facebook page for news on how our funds have helped.



We are pleased to announce that the Year 6 pupils are writing their own special *Year 6 Newsletter* this term so look out for it and watch this space ...



Just A reminder that the children come back to school on

Wednesday 3 September 2014