

Chilwell Croft Academy

NEWS



Summer 2015 – Issue 10



Dear Parents Carers

We are coming to the end of the school year and I would like to say a big thank you to pupils and staff for all their hard work.

School records show that instances of poor behaviour, both in the class and in the playground, are far fewer than last year.

This is a result of the hard work children and staff are putting into improving attitudes to learning.

All pupils have been working hard with Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 working towards their National Tests. We are waiting for the Year 6 results which are available later this month. It seems we have been able to broadly maintain our results from Year 1 Phonic Screening and Year 2 last year. Our data from the Early Years shows an increase in those pupils who have achieved a good level of development.

This term we have welcomed new members of staff Mr Fabian Olteanu, ICT Technician and Mr Tyrus McFee, Teaching Assistant. We are also saying goodbye to Ms Machiridza. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her every success for the future.

I have sent you a list of dates for the rest of the term. Can I remind you that our Fun Day is on Wednesday 15th July 2015 and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mr Lambert
Headteacher

COMMUNITY

Attendance 95.24% thanks parents for your support to improve attendance.

Speech and Language Workshop - Eight Parents attended.

We have had positive feedback, they were given resources/ideas to help improve communication with their child. We will be looking at other workshops next Term like Promoting Happy Parenting (PHP) Incredible Years Parenting, Attendance, Speech and Language.

If you have any suggestions of other workshops Please let Miss Young Know.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ART PROJECT

This term the school council have produced four fantastic mosaics based on our 'Expectation for Learning'. Both parents and children have worked extremely hard during an after school club to put on the final files. The council were able to present their work to the rest of the school during an assembly. Parents and pupils received a certificate for their excellent work. We look forward to displaying them in our school.



RECEPTION

TOPIC

This half term in Reception the children have been learning about 'all around the world'. It has been exciting to find out all about the different places we have visited and the different countries that we come from. Some children were also able to teach us some words in their home language.

LITERACY

In literacy we have been looking at different modes of transport and writing about them. We found out that transport can be used on the road, in the air and on the water. Most of the children in Reception walk to school, which is a very healthy way of travelling. In our writing we have been making sure we are using capital letters and full stops, ready for Year One.

MATHS

In Maths, Reception learnt about 2D and 3D shapes and went on a shape walk around the school to see what shapes they could find. The children have been fantastic at naming shapes and recognising their properties.

As we near the end of the school year we are looking forward to meeting our new Year One teachers and especially our end of year trip to The Monkey Forest.



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YEAR 1

We have had an amazing half term in Year 1!

In ENGLISH, we have been written poetry about animals. We have learnt lots of new poetry words

like rhyming couplets, onomatopoeia and alliteration. We had to put these into our poems to make them interesting and fun!

Our next writing topic was fantasy stories and we had to write a story which had lots of different fantasy features such as an enchanted forest and magical creatures.



In MATHS, we have been learning about division and understanding that it is sharing and grouping objects and numbers. We have also learnt about find halves, quarters and three quarters of shapes and amounts. In time, we have learnt how to write the times for o'clock, half past and quarter past on clocks and digitally.

We have explored place value with practical objects, finding out about units (ones), tens and hundreds.

In TOPIC, we have been exploring maps, thinking about who use them and why and looking at what we can see on maps. We have made plans of our classrooms and followed a map of the school to find treasure.



YEAR 2

ENGLISH

In English this half term we have been learning about fantasy stories where we have explored different characters, settings and learnt how to use adventurous language to create effect. Children have also enjoyed exploring and creating their own silly poems looking at and including onomatopoeias. As well as this, children have really enjoyed reading and creating stories based on Fantastic Mr Fox!

MATHS

In Maths this half term children have enjoyed solving

challenging maths problems and puzzles and learning about capacity and creating their own magical potions. Furthermore, children have enjoyed identifying regular and irregular shapes and using right angle checkers to identify which shapes and real life objects have right angles.

SCIENCE

In science we have been investigating what plants need to survive and observed and compared how plants in different conditions survive. From this children created an information booklet about how to care and look after a plant.



YEAR 3

MATHS

This half term in Maths both groups have been focusing on using written methods for multiplication and division.

The children have understood these really well and as we draw to the end of the school year, they are now much more confident using the four operations. More recently, we have moved onto being able to identify different types of angles, such as acute, obtuse and right angles and being able to recognise them in different 2D shapes.

ENGLISH

This term in English the children have been learning how to write a myth and legends story. Firstly, we watched the film Hercules so that the children could get a really

good understanding of the difference between hero and villain characters. They enjoyed performing some drama related to the film too. As the weeks have gone by, both classes have written fantastic class stories and we are looking forward to reading their final stories that they will have written independently.

TOPIC

This term in Topic the children have been learning about map work. They have worked hard to find out what the different symbols mean on a map and how a key can be used to identify them. Also, they have worked with a partner to create their own maps, which they really enjoyed. Now they are much more confident to discuss using Geographical vocabulary where they live, in relation to other places in Britain.



YEAR 4

This half term the children have been having a really exciting time this term. They have been on a trip to Attingham Park in Shropshire, a beautiful stately home. The children enjoyed tractor rides, woodland walks, bug hunts and looking for deer in the parkland. This work supported their geography lessons, where they were comparing Birmingham to Shropshire.

Some lucky children from year 4 also went on a visit to Birmingham University as part of the Enabling Enterprise project year 4 have been doing. The children got to work with children from other schools on a business initiative. They also got to tour the university.

In English the children have been holding discussions and debates on subjects such as 'Should teachers wear school uniform?' Next they will be writing up their ideas using higher level vocabulary.

In maths, the children have been learning about fractions, shape, multiplication and division.

The Enabling Enterprise project has been going well this term, with the children in 4G designing and making a new brand of chocolate and presenting their ideas. 4M has been inventing new dessert recipes and making a class recipe book.



YEAR 5



ENGLISH

In English we have been learning how to write persuasively about homelessness using the film Mr Stink as our inspiration. After looking at the purpose, organisation and layout of a persuasive text, the children were provided with the

rare opportunity to perform a role play led by the area manager of the Big Issue (a charity which supports homeless people). Through becoming the fictional characters, the children began to change their perceptions of homelessness and have started writing a letter, to convince the government to do more to support the homeless and reduce the amount of people affected.

MATHS

In Maths, we have further developed children's ability to use the four operations and have focussed on problem solving. Children have explored maths using outdoor spaces and a variety of games and puzzles to apply their learning.



'JUST 3 CLICKS'

Children have been given a wonderful opportunity to explore extreme views through drama using the fictional story of a girl called Ailsa. The children are half way through the seven week programme and they have astounded us with their sense of maturity and their powerful drama

pieces to showcase their thoughts and feelings. We have some potential Oscar winners in year 5!

ENABLING ENTERPRISE

The children have been given the challenge to devise a fitness session to teach to several year groups in school. The children have participated in several fitness sessions and perfected the art of star jumps and squats. They are using persuasive technique to encourage people to choose their sessions over the others on offer. They have further developed team working skills and have improved their fitness techniques.



enabling enterprise

enabling students to succeed through enterprise

YEAR 6

RESIDENTIAL @ KINGSWOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE

During the 2nd half of this term 24 Year 6 children embarked on an adventurous 3 days and 2 nights at Kingswood Activity Centre in Shropshire. After a short, noisy, journey there the excitable children set about making the beds in their new homes for the 3 days.

With barely any time to breathe a number of activities were attempted from flying down the Zip Line and tackling the High Climb to becoming Ninja's on the Low Ropes and Lewis Hamilton on the Go Karting. Whilst these activities were great fun and challenged the children greatly

the highlight of the activities was definitely something called the Night Line! Blindfolded and in a line the children had to tackle a variety of obstacles, crawling under ropes and through tunnels in puddles of mud whilst being squirted with water by the gleeful teachers!! All of the children completed this activity with great enthusiasm, despite, at some points having their whole faces in the mud!

In their down time, which there wasn't much of, the children relaxed in their rooms and played football and basketball with their teachers and the centre staff. The Year 6 children were a credit to the school and were polite and well mannered, following the instructions and adhering to the safety guidelines that they were given.

It was fantastic to see the children in a different environment to school and they have returned with great memories that they will never forget.

A big thank you to the staff who accompanied the children on the trip, it couldn't be done without you.

Miss Norwood and Mr Byrne



YEAR SIX SATS TESTS - WELL DONE!

Well done to our Year 6 children who have worked so hard during their SATs tests.

We know that every child tried extremely hard and did their very best.

We are very proud of you all!

The Big Hoot

A whole school competition was launched at Chilwell Croft, where children from Reception

to Year 6 all entered a design based on the theme of 'our school, our community'. The 400 entries were whittled down to 20 by a panel of staff members including the Head Teacher. The 20 designs were combined together to create 2 separate owl designs. A secret ballot was held, with every child and adult voting for their favourite design. The winning design was transferred to the owl sculpture by the children who originally designed it along with our artist-in-residence, Andrew Tims. The final design includes our school uniform and logo, traditional red-brick buildings of Birmingham and text that represents our school values.

Our owl, called 'Chilw-owl' will feature as part of the city-wide public art project The Big Hoot and be located at the BBC Public Space in Birmingham's Mailbox (102-108 Wharfside Street, The Mailbox, opening hours Monday-Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm, Sunday 11.00am-5.00pm). The Big Hoot is a free event.



FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL SUCCESS!



Well done to Chilwell Croft Academy's Basketball Team 2015 who came Second in the Broadway Basketball Tournament!



Congratulations to Chilwell Croft's Football Team who won both their friendly fixtures against St George's Primary School this term.

The Charity Football Match raised £6,133 – all proceeds went to Sandwell Hospital Children's Ward.



NEW STAFF

I am delighted to welcome some new members of staff who have joined our committed team at Chilwell.



Fabian Olteanu
IT Support Officer



Tyrus McFee
Teaching Assistant in Year 3

Autumn Term

Term Starts: Monday 7th September 2015

Half Term:

Monday 26th October 2015 – Friday 30 October 2015

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2015

Reminder: Children start back to school on Monday 7th September 2015



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