

# Chilwell Croft Academy

## NEWSLETTER

May 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another very busy, although short, half term!

As some of you will know, we had an OFSTED inspection at the end of April. This was conducted as a Safeguarding Inspection under Section 8 of the Education Act. I am pleased to say the inspection went well for the school. Our report will be published shortly and I will be able to give you more detail after half term.

May I remind you that parents of Chilwell Stars are always welcome at our Special Mention Assembly on Friday morning's. Your child's teacher will let you know if your child is being presented with a Certificate.



On Thursday 15th May , I had the opportunity to play in a Charity Football Event at Aston Villa Football Club. The Sports Plus Scheme arranged a football match between the Sports Coaches and Headteachers. The proceeds raised are going to Cruse Bereavement Care.

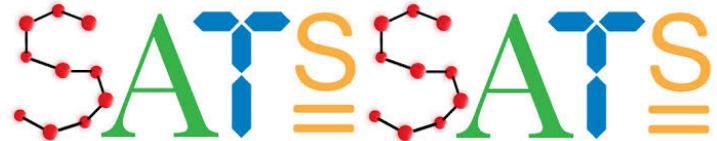
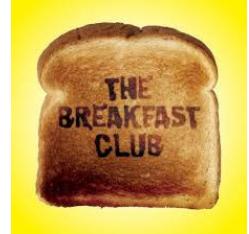
Thank you all the staff who came along to support us, especially to our Mascot, Sumaya, who did an excellent job!

Thank you for your continued support.

Nick Lambert  
Headteacher

### The Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is open every weekday from 8.00 am to 8.45 am during term time and provides quality care for the pupils of Chilwell Croft Academy enabling parents/carers to work or study beyond statutory school hours. Staff members Ms Dorothy Fogoe and Mr Colin Jones supervise the club and provide a happy, safe, warm and stimulating environment for our pupils to learn and play. The children have the opportunity to make new friends, learn life skills and most of all have fun!



A huge **THANK YOU** to our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils who worked extremely hard last week doing important tests. We are so proud of them. I am sure we will all be so pleased when we get to know their results!



### New Reception Children Intake – September 2014

If you have a child starting in our Reception in September 2014, please make sure you return your Acceptance Slip to the School Office as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in you losing the place that you have been offered.





## Welcome to Chilwell Croft Academy's School Council

The School Council normally meets once a week with Mrs Bindiya Rawji, Teaching Assistant to discuss and sort out problems. These may include school lunches, behaviour ideas and ideas for fundraising events and they are responsible for carrying these out.

**Chilwell Croft Council members are:-**

Sofia	1H	Mohammed	4P
Akira	1B	Khadija	4J
Karim	2G	Shonte	5N
Sufyaan	2K	Sudeys	5H
Kyesha	3E	Tatiana	6MJ
Kevontae	3W	Darmanick	6SJ



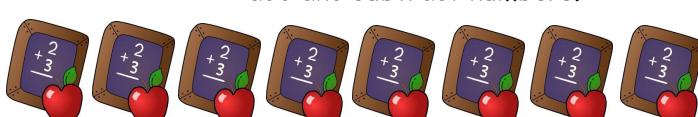
organised a Reward Visit to "Wibbly Wobbly" on Tuesday this week.

**WELL DONE TO OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL!**



## YEAR 1

It has been a very exciting half term in Year 1! In English the children have been looking at Film Narrative and they have used lots of adventurous vocabulary to write setting descriptions, character descriptions and their very own story. They have been exploring the film "Shrek 2" where they looked at different settings and the character. In maths we have been exploring number and the operations of addition and subtraction. We have been applying our knowledge of tens and units and using number lines and 100 squares to add and subtract numbers.



In Science we have been exploring sound. We have investigated the different sources of sound and the different ways that we can make sound using musical instruments to explore loud and quiet sounds.



## Year 3

This half term Year 3 have been learning to write their own adventure stories. The children have looked at different characters in



stories as George's Marvellous Medicine and films such as Mulan to help with their character descriptions. In maths the pupils have been learning about number based word problems, angles and measure and this will continue for the rest of the academic year.



## Year 4

This half term Year 4 have been learning how to write stories set in imaginary worlds. They have researched lots of different



fantasy stories

including "The Wizard of Oz", "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", "Alice in Wonderland" and "Narnia". These have all been fascinating and the children have just finished writing their own imaginary world story.

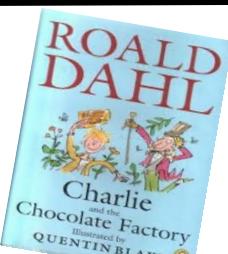


## ATTENDANCE

Attendance this term is **94.78%**.

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

**Every Day Counts! Missing School—Missing Out!**





### Our Artist in Residence – Andrew Tims

Our Artist-in-Residence Andrew Tims has been



working on a weekly basis with children from across the school to develop artwork linked to the topics they are studying in the classroom. The completed artwork from each Year Group will be



framed and exhibited in the newly refurbished corridor spaces directly outside the children's classrooms.



### "Around the World in 40 Days"

Our pupils have been investigating elements of the whole school topic "Around the World in 40 Days" with each year group focusing on a particular country:-

**Reception:** Pupils in Reception have created a series of woven planets, linked to their year group 'Space' theme using a range of materials including wool, cotton thread, pipe cleaners and buttons.

**Year 1:** Africa, specifically animals native to Africa.

**Year 2:** China, with a focus on the patterns found on traditional Chinese ceramic vases and plates.

**Year 3:** Greece and Greek Mythical Creatures

**Year 4:** Travelling around the world, including the clothing they would wear and the items they would need.

**Year 5** pupils have been investigating portraiture, specifically the lines and shapes that makeup our facial features. **Year 6** pupils explored the local area of



Newtown, specifically the shapes, patterns and colours that appear in the landscape viewed from their classroom window.



### SCHOOL TERM DATES

2013–2014

#### Summer Term 2014

##### Half Term Holiday

Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June to Monday 21 July

#### Autumn Term 2014

Monday 1 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

#### Training Days

**Monday 21 July 2014**

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



#### Cake Sale

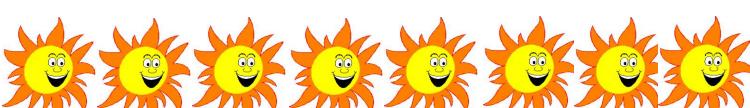
Well done to Year 6 who organised a cake sale to raise money for ESMA (Egyptian Society of Mercy to Animals) and EMRO (Egyptian Mau Rescue Organisation), two charities in Egypt. The children had great fun making the cakes and raised £53 in total.



Just A reminder that the children come back to school on

**Monday 2 June 2014.**

**Have a lovely half term break!**





# Before & after school PE clubs

## Summer term

### April - July



3.30-4.30 pm	Before school club Gym Hall/Outside	Breakfast club Main Hall		After school club Gym Hall	After school club Main Hall
Monday Key Stage one	Skipping All welcome Sports coaches			Ten pin bowling Year 1 & 2 Sports coaches	Football Year 1 & 2 Sports coaches
Tuesday	Wake up, shake up Outside All welcome Mr Jones (CJ)				
Wednesday Key Stage two	Table tennis All welcome Sports coaches			Cricket Year 3 & 4 Sports coaches	Street dance Year 3 & 4 Sports coaches
Friday	Giant ball games All welcome Sports coaches			Gymnastics Year 5 & 6 Sports coaches	Break dance Year 5 & 6 Sports coaches

