



Chilwell Chronicle

Value - Peace



World peace
begins with inner
peace – Dalai Lama

Key Dates:

- Children in Need day – **19 November 2021** (non uniform, come dressed as the superheroes that you are.)
- Phonics Workshop - **23rd and 25th November 2021** (Reception)
- No Pen Day – **24 November 2021** (engaging in active learning and practical activities)
- Inset Day – **3 December 2021** (School closed for children)
- Last day of term – **17 December 2021**
- Winter Wonderland Holiday Scheme – **20 – 23 December 2021** (Scheme is full)

Headteacher's Message

Dear Chilwell Families,

A warm welcome to our November Newsletter and a warm welcome to our second half term in Autumn. As ever, the pupils have returned with enthusiasm for their learning. We are pleased to see the way that they have settled back with us. For some of our pupils the impact of the recent pandemic means that the length of school days and the pace of learning has been tricky to adjust to. We, as a staff, understand this and are supporting our pupils to adjust back to school days. For our Reception of course this can be learning for the first time how our school days and routines work. The year group information that follows will highlight all the wonderful experiences that the children are having in school.

As a school we continue to work each month on our school values. Last month our value was Respect, as we considered the wonderful contribution of many through Black History Month. This month our value for focus is 'Peace'. This is appropriate at this time of Remembrance and for us as a school community this Remembrance has been particularly meaningful as we have come together in what has been a time of sadness.

This week myself and Mr Jones met with our newly appointed Pupil Leadership Team. Following a vigorous application and interview process, with many fantastic candidates, we are pleased to announce our 2021 pupil team are:-

Head Boy – Abdulkadir Al Seyd, Head Girl – Aicha Azzi,

Deputy Head Boy – Muhammed Islam, Deputy Head Girl – Khadija Mohamed,

Prefects – Mariyama Abdullah, Khimanie Leslie, Mohamed Mohamud.

We are so impressed already with the fabulous ideas the team have for developing the school. We shall be meeting with the team each month to hear their ideas and see how their projects have been developing.

Our Drama Lead Ms Banrosser is already to be seen around school working on the various productions that the children are involved in this term. Her drama lessons are a buzz of excitement. Do look out for the invitation letters with details of these events by year group. As ever, we need to be mindful of the safety of our community and the impact of Covid continues. Unfortunately, this means that we will only be able to accommodate limited attendance with a virtual showing online at the same time. We do hope that by next year we shall all be back together again.

Thank you for your continued support for Chilwell Croft, please do follow our pupils on the school's Facebook page, Chilwell Croft Academy, simply like the page to follow and stay informed. We also showcase our wonderful students work and it would be great if we could pass on your support to them. They always enjoy hearing others positive feedback.

Wishing you a peaceful November,
Nanette Wragg.
Headteacher



Remembrance Day

As a school we remembered those who had fallen. Thank you to Abdulkadir and Aicha (Head Boy and Head Girl), who ensured that pupils were able to purchase poppies for this worthy cause. Well done for this act of service.



Children in Need

We have raised £161.86 for Children in Need. Thank you to all families who have supported us for this cause. We couldn't have done it without you.



Ms Banrosser

Since Ms Banrosser's arrival, Chilwell Croft has been immersed in wonderful drama and music activities. It is no surprise that drama club has filled very quickly and that our survey of pupils reflect the high levels of enthusiasm and engagement they have in this area. This area helps to build our children's confidence levels and also plays an important part in their literacy learning. As they increase their inference, vocabulary and comprehensive skills. A big thank you to Ms Banrosser!

Do read on to find out just what our pupils have been enjoying in this area of learning.

Hello everyone! I'm Ms Banrosser, I'm the new Music and drama lead! Well, I say new, it's actually been six months since I have lead my very first session at Chilwell Croft! What an incredible six months it has been. I'm so happy to apart of this amazing community.

As Reception is new to us this term, they have had a gentle introduction to music and drama, and we have gone on adventures to Happy land, Dragon land and to the Theatre. Each session we board a magical train (that the children make with their bodies and with sound effects) to go to our destination. Once we arrive, we either learn a song, or do a drama-based activity.

This term, KS1, have been expanding upon their *Corner Stones topics* in their drama session. Year 1 have been thinking about *Funny Faces and Fabulous Features* – exploring emotions in response to music and sound, and creating body pictures (which helps with spatial awareness) of different parts of the face. The body pictures eventually grew feet and could walk in different ways, and let me tell you seeing Year One stomp around the room, as angry noises was a sight to behold!

Year Two have been thinking about *Movers and Shakers* (historical figures who changed the world) which linked in brilliantly with *Black History month*. We thought about how important people like Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King saw the world unfair and they made the world fairer. The children blow me away, when making body pictures using different levels and positions to represent what is fair and unfair.

Key Stage 2 children have been working through a programme of sessions that introduces them to the basic principles of performance. These principals link into all forms of storytelling and can help them understand characters in literature, each other and better understanding of our own feelings. We have been exploring the concept of characters wants and needs, and how if two characters want the same thing this can create conflict, and they react to each other. Additionally, we have been thinking about muscle tension (the seven states of tension) in the body and adding this to characters to see how it changes how the character feels.

The children also have drama sketchbooks, where they can creatively respond to the work in sessions – some of the work in these books are beautiful, and I was particularly impressed by Yr 3 who are new to KS2. They managed to recall and write the seven states of tension in their book, what super stars!

KS2 children also had the opportunity to join Production Club (sadly now full for this half term) and Choir Club which run after school, these sessions are so much fun and really joyous.

We are now very busy working on winter productions across the school. Please look for information to follow.

I look forward meeting you all!





England Rocks – Times Tables Rockstars

The children have been participating in weekly math's competitions (England Rocks), for every right answer, they earn a point for their class. The winning class will receive a trophy based on the highest participating number of children.

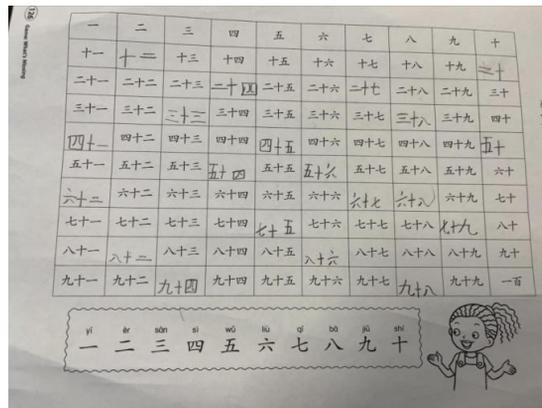
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Chilwell croft has reached the top 20% of the 4330 schools, who entered NATIONALLY in the competitions.

Well done our super mathematicians!

Mandarin Lessons

Our children in Year 5 and Year 6 continue to enjoy their Mandarin lessons with Ms He. Immersing themselves in understanding the Chinese culture, as well as developing an additional language. Well done to Year 5 and Year 6!



Science

This half term Science has been great!

We have had all year groups carrying out fun, exciting experiments. We have been looking at magnets, objects floating, Earth and Space, Animals and Humans. It has been very busy.

The children in our school are really enthused about science, they enjoy getting involved and practically applying the scientific skills that they are being taught.

SCIENCE AT HOME

With Christmas coming up and seeing loads of candy cane sugar sweets on supermarket shelves why not try Science experiment at home!

Candy Cane Science

At Christmas, don't just eat them, use them for your science experiments too!

Do you think they will dissolve if you put them in water?

Will they dissolve at different rates, if you change the water temperature or the liquid you put them in? WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO AND SEE!

Equipment:

- Cups or jars
- Ice, water and boiling water
- Other clear liquids (e.g. vinegar, lemonade)
- Candy canes

Method:

- 1) Fill jars with different liquids (use the ice and boiling water to vary the temperatures too!)
- 2) Break up the candy canes and put them in the different jars.
- 3) Observe what happens over the next hour.

Tips for Christmas science fun:

- Talk about what you and your child think will happen. (After the experiment talk about how close your guesses were to what happened.)



Ask for
an adults
help!



Money Education at Chilwell Croft

The Nationwide Building Society are visiting Year 6 on 18th November 2021 - as part of the Money Talk project, for Financial Education, they will be covering the basics of money (current accounts, savings) and how to keep you and your money safe.

Reading

Chilwell, your reading has been out of this world! I would like to send out a special thank you to all the families supporting our pupils with daily reading at home. Look at how far our children have flown through the reading solar system!

In KS1, the Legendary Leopards are sprinting ahead with 76 reads last week! In KS2, Proud Penguins have been showing their 'cool' reading commitment with a total of 172 reads last week! Well done all involved! Keep reading!



Diwali

We hope that everyone enjoyed Diwali celebrations. Here are our Reception team enjoying learning about the festival with our youngest children. The children and staff partook in dressing up to get a real feel of the festival of light.

Reception

In Reception we have been learning a different number each week using the NumberBlocks videos. You can find these videos on the Cbeebies website, and we have also put them onto seesaw. The children are learning new sounds each week for phonics. Homework will be given out and put on seesaw for the children to practice their pronunciation and writing their letters and sounds at home. We have also been looking at the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. This week we are acting out the story and talking about the character's feelings.

We have been exploring Autumn and learning about different celebrations that have happened. We have learnt about Diwali and Bonfire Night. Next, we will be learning about Christmas, and we are beginning to learn some songs to perform. Keep an eye out for our performance date!



Fantastic Flamingos (1N)

We have been focusing on Number and Place Value in Maths. The children have been very enthusiastic, whilst using various resources to order numbers from greatest to smallest. They have also learnt how to use the greater than and less than signs in the correct context! You're all super mathematicians!!!

Year 1 have also begun to learn their fantastic Christmas production songs. They have remembered most of their lines and have surprised Mrs. Banrosser with their singing mania! Keep up the super work, everyone!



Dazzling Dolphins (1S)

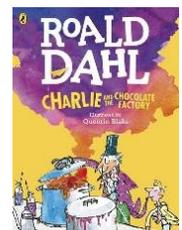
This half term, the children are honing their gymnastic skills during their PE sessions. So far, they have enjoyed learning about different types of movement and creating shapes with their partners. These skills will come in handy when they create short dance sequences later in the unit.

Pleasant Pandas (2H)

2H have had an amazing start to the term! They have been learning about significant historical people in our lessons, including Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus and Rosa Parks, and the impact they have had on the world. They have found it very interesting and have even continued their learning at home independently.

The children have also been working really hard on learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables which has been recognised on Times Tables Rock Stars with Pleasant Pandas winning the trophy for 3 weeks in a row! Well done Pandas, keep up the hard work!

Reading continues to be an important part of our day and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring a variety of texts in school, on Seesaw and at home. We are currently reading Charlie and the Chocolate factory in class and look forward to finding out what happens next.

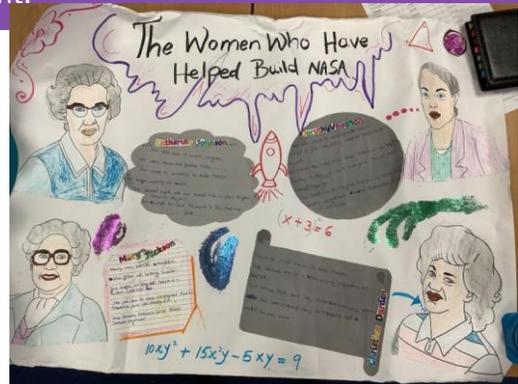


Legendary Leopards (2K)

The Legendary Leopards have had a fantastic first half term back!

The children have been working well in playing Times Table Rockstar. We have won an award twice for the highest score in KS1, as well as achieving the most reads for KS1 in Autumn 1.

For Black History month, the children have enjoyed learning about the women in NASA and the impact they had. Some children went the extra mile and produced outstanding posters at home showcasing all that they had learnt.



Perfect Parrots (3R)

Remembrance Day - The children in Perfect Parrots created poppies this week in commemoration of Remembrance Day. We looked at the importance of the red poppy and also discussed the less common purple poppy, which is often worn to remember animals such as dogs and pigeons that were also killed in the war.

Science (Forces and Magnets) - In class we have been learning about Magnets and Forces in our Science lessons. The children have enjoyed using our science investigation area to sort magnetic and non-magnetic items. The children also looked at how a magnetic field can pass through a variety of items.



Proud Penguins (3V)

We have had a brilliant start to this half term! We have been very busy learning new rhythms during our drumming lessons. This will be put together ready for our performance very soon!

The Proud Penguins have also started to go swimming once a week, this half term. We already have some fabulous swimmers who can independently use 'Breaststroke!'. This is a fabulous start, as we have already blown away our swimming instructors!

Lastly, we were able to have an 'Ice Age Experience Day' to help us with our planning and independent write. We thoroughly enjoyed being able to climb through different obstacle courses, with different background music to help us gather key vocabulary and ideas for our writing, soon to follow.



Learning Lemurs (4B)

As a whole school we have been encouraging children to read everyday at home. We have been using The Rocket Readers with the different planets to encourage and boost children's reading. Chaima has been reading once sometimes twice everyday and has been the first person to reach our 3rd planet 'Earth' with 60 reads! This has been a fantastic achievement for both Chaima and our class which has encouraged other children in the class to challenge themselves and has led to some very health competition between the children.



Fabulous Foxes (4G/W)

Science: The children have learned all about sound and taken part in some very noisy experiments throughout the unit! The children loved being able to make a lot of noise and learning about how our ears hear sounds.

English: The children have been very creative, writing their own short chapter for Charlie and the Chocolate factory. They have had the chance to let their imaginations run wild with describing the chocolate garden inside the factory. They have also had fun tasting different sweets and chocolate bars and creating their own imaginary chocolate bar. Our favourite were the 'Fizicky' by Kadean and the 'Chocotastic' by Marwa.

Cornerstones: The children have greatly enjoyed learning about the invaders of Great Britain, particularly the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. They particularly enjoyed learning about the different artefacts that have been discovered, such as the gold mask at Sutton Hoo.

The children have also had the opportunity to take part in weekly drama sessions, which they are really enjoying. Another highlight has been Black History Month where the children got to look at influential black artists and create some of their own artwork.



Shrewd Shrews (5K)

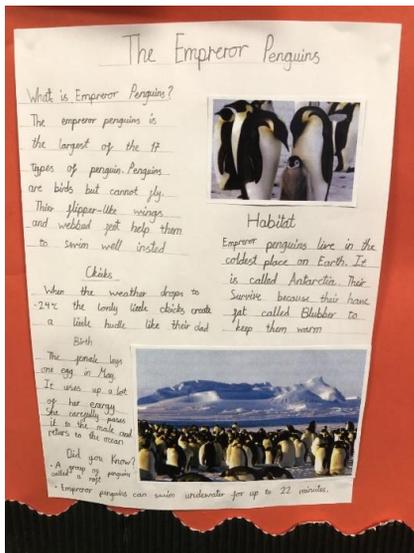
5K have started our writing unit which is a non-chronological report on the Emperor Penguins.

We have been researching how they have adapted to the harsh weathers of Antarctica, looked at their life cycle and how they look after their chicks. It has been very interesting! To help us look at how they adapt we did 'The Blubber Experiment.' This was to see how the fat (blubber) under the penguin's skin helps them stay warm (the fat acts like an insulator).

For this the children smothered butter on top of one's hand and put it in to a zip-lock bag leaving the other hand bare, they put both hands in to the water. They found the hand which was not covered in butter was colder thus proving our predictions.

It was great fun!





Kind-hearted Kangaroos (5R)

Year 5 are currently learning about Emperor Penguins in their experience writing lessons. This was a fantastic piece of work, created by Sude Naz Buyuksekeri. It includes the 'writing shapes' features, that we use when creating a non-chronological report. In the fact file the children have written fun facts about the Emperor Penguins, their habitats, and chicks.

Powerful Panthers (6A)

Powerful Panthers have had an exciting start to the term so far. They have been busy exploring *A Christmas Carol* in their English lessons in preparation to write a persuasive letter at the end of term. In Maths, they have been working hard on developing their long multiplication skills and using the inverse as a checking method for their answers. Nadra Isshak has shown brilliant problem-solving skills this term!

In their Cornerstones lessons, they have continued their study of Maafa. Last week, during their Cornerstones lesson, the Panthers produced beautiful Serengeti sunsets using chalk pastels. They used black paper to create silhouettes of African animals and landscape, for the foreground, and used blending techniques to create a sunset gradient. Mariyama Abdalla produced a fantastic, art-gallery-worthy landscape!

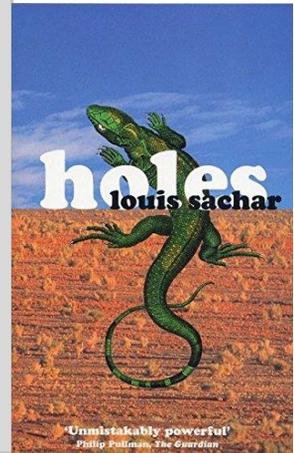


Charming Cheetahs (6S)

Charming Cheetahs have had a busy but exciting start to this half term. In reading, we have been enjoying *Holes* by Louis Sachar. We have been learning that the main character's name, Stanley Yelnats, is a "palindrome" and making predictions about what exciting twists and turns the rest of the book might hold. I have been pleased to see children reaching the next planet in our reading rocket challenge by reading at home regularly and recording super summaries in their reading diary. A huge well done to Mawya and Khadija who have both landed safely on Earth!

It has been lovely to see the huge progress the children have made in our Mandarin lessons. Last week, they were very pleased to try their handwriting Chinese characters. Learning any new language is certainly a challenge, but the children's resilience and positive attitude has yielded great results. Haroun - you have shown such a passion and enthusiasm for Mandarin - it has been wonderful to see you shine.

In maths, we have been concentrating on 4 digit by 2 digit multiplication and division with an emphasis on reasoning and problem solving. Beating Mrs S's "mastery challenge" is creating quite a buzz amongst the Year 6 students.



Attendance

We are so proud of our children's commitment to being in school. Congratulations to Proud Penguins, Fabulous Foxes and Charming Cheetahs, who were our first-class winners of Chilwell's Weekly. Well done for amazing attendance!



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We are so happy to share the news that Mrs. Kamali welcomed a new baby boy to her family this week. Mother and baby are well. Congratulations to Mrs. Kamali!

We are also delighted to share the news that Mrs. Morgan-Walsh welcomed a new baby boy this week. Mum and baby are both doing great. Congratulations on your new baby boy!