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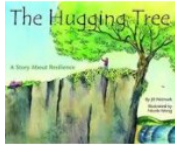
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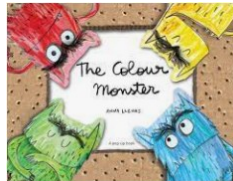


Message from Mrs. Collett,

We have had an incredibly busy Term 5 at Churchwood! During assemblies we have been focusing on our Churchwood Value Resilience and with the help of our Superhero Ruby we have been finding out about what it means to be resilient at school. The children have explored this concept by listening to different stories and reflecting on what they can do when things get difficult and they feel like giving up. One of the stories shared was *The Hugging Tree* by Jill Neimark. Class teachers have continued to promote this message in their classes too; rewarding children with dojos when they have seen their pupils displaying this important life skill.



We have continued to integrate our wellbeing workout strategies across the school day at Churchwood and children are really benefitting from taking part in the variety of different calming activities in their classes. During national mental health week we looked at the book *The Colour Monster* and found out about how we can look after our own wellbeing. One of the ways we can do this is by being active. Over the course of next term we will be setting the children some 'Get Active' challenges to do at home—watch this space for more information on this.



Over the last fortnight pupils in Years 5 and 6 have both enjoyed play in a day sessions with a visiting theatre company. Konflux Theatre is a company that supports children in learning, rehearsing and performing a play in one day. Year 6 loved the subject of the play 'Deeds not words' as it allowed them to develop their subject knowledge of the suffragette movement and apply their knowledge into their final creative piece. Pupils in Year 5 explored 'Bullying and Friendships' and saw how it's everyone's responsibility to look after one another and report bullying if you see it happening. The Upper Academy children were able to watch the performance in the afternoon. Bethany said, "It was really fun learning lines and then being an actor in front of an audience!"



Over the course of Term 6 all classes will enjoy a range of visitors, trips and experiences to further enhance their learning within their class topics. Look out for class letters detailing these over the coming weeks.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday. Fingers crossed the sun shines for us all!

Best wishes, Mrs Collett



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance is mandatory for all pupils and having good attendance at school is very important. Pupils are more likely to succeed academically when they attend school consistently.

Good attendance also impacts positively on pupils' emotional and social development. Every day really does count!

If your child is unwell, please follow our usual attendance reporting procedures and notify the school office on 01424 852326 of your child's absence.

Attendance from March across the academy has been **94.3%**.



Well done to Years 3,4 and 1 who have all had the highest attendance percentages over the course of the last few weeks and have won our attendance bear Charlie Churchwood to learn in their classrooms with them.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate uniform in particular footwear. Children are permitted to wear black shoes or trainers but these must not include logos. Please also ensure your child is wearing black or grey trousers NOT leggings.

On PE days children should wear a white or burgundy Churchwood T-shirt; black shorts or jogging bottoms and black trainers or plimsolls.

We have a large amount of second hand uniform which we are happy to give to families where needed.



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FREE Go Wild in the Garden FREE

A 4-week crafting course for parents/carers and their children to learn about and support wildlife. Recycle household items to create feeders, shelters and animal-friendly environments.




Churchwood Primary Academy
15th, 22nd, 29th June & 6th July
Tuesdays (4-week course)
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.


For more information or to reserve your place on this free course, please contact
SARAH GILBERT 07766 923683

Tutor: Gail Lalljee


Internet Safety



ZIP IT
Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT
Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT
Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

We are conscious that pupils are now more than ever spending more and more time online. It is very important that you continue to practice internet safety measures with your child.

Always make sure that you or another adult are in the room with them when they are online and aware of what they are accessing. Check your parental controls on your devices to ensure they can only view suitable material. Please also remind your child about the online safety measure that we teach at school, if they have any concerns they should – Zip it (not share information about themselves with anyone they don't know) Block it (if anyone tries to contact them they don't know) and Flag it (tell an adult about it so it can be dealt with appropriately).

Olympic Athlete Visit To Churchwood

Pupils across the Upper Academy at Churchwood were lucky enough to have a visit from the Olympic athlete Montell Douglas.

Montell is an Olympic Finalist, Commonwealth Gold Medallist and Former British Record Holder Champion, so quite the inspiration!

The children completed two different workshops with her across the course of the morning. The first workshop entitled **Red Head / Blue Head** saw the children learning about coping strategies to find calm and deal with stressful situations. They gained an understanding of communication with yourself: your own thoughts and the reactions you choose. The second workshop entitled **Happy Me**, saw the children learn about how to boost their self esteem and self belief and learn from positive role models.



The whole morning was really inspirational and enjoyed by all!

Making a Difference

Well done to Daisy from Year 6, who recently had her hair cut and donated it to the Princesses Trust so that it can be used to make wigs for other children.



Daisy now has a very stylish bob and her hair donation will make a massive difference to another child.

What an incredibly kind thing to do! You have displayed our value of empathy beautifully.

We are extremely proud of you!





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Our Wonderful Learning!

Year 2 ~ Anthony Brown Class

Year 2 have been learning to tell the time. The children have been looking carefully to see whether it is 'quarter to', 'quarter past', 'half past' or 'o'clock' and will be working in reading the time to the nearest 5 minutes later on this week.



Reception ~ Julia Donaldson Class

In Reception the children have been doing a lot of investigating and learning through the story *The Smartest Giant in Town*. They have been learning lots of digraphs and trigraphs and have been investigating how many we can find in the story and in our book corner! They have been investigating things that grow; like minibeasts to find out where they like to live and seeds to find out what they need to grow. They have also been exploring what will float, like the boat in the story, and exploring capacity by filling and emptying objects.



Year 3 ~ Roald Dahl Class

This term Year 3 have been exploring the lives of Anglo-Saxons, learning all about their daily life, their beliefs and the crime and punishment! In English, the children have enjoyed reading 'I Was There 1066' which has taken the children on a journey through the Battle of Hastings from the perspective of an Anglo-Saxon boy called Edwin.



In Maths the focus has been calculating addition and subtraction questions the children have used the formal column method to answer the problems.



The children have started to tidy and clean our outdoor area to make it smart like the giant's clothes.



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Our Wonderful Learning!

Year 1 ~ Mini Grey Class

The children in Year One have been learning about seaside holidays in the past. They have learnt about the invention of the steam train and how many more people could afford to travel to the seaside to enjoy the fresh air and entertainment after this. They have been drawing and painting items that were of common sight at the beach during the Victorian era.



Year 6—Philip Pullman

Year 6 loved the subject of the play 'Deeds not words' as it allowed them to develop their subject knowledge of the suffragette movement and apply what they already knew. The play informed the audience of the trials and tribulations that women have faced from the Roman times right up until the very day of the performance (7th May), as the first female MP Jill Mortimer was elected Hartlepool's history.



Year 4—Michael Morpurgo Class

Year 4 have been learning about the fascinating ruthless world of The Tudors. They have been studying Henry VIII and his 6 wives and how he became one of the most influential Monarchs of this period. In Science, the children have had fun investigating sound. They have explored, experimented and identified the way sound is made through vibrations and recognise that vibrations from sound, travel through a medium to the ear. In English they have written a biography about Hans Holbein and discussed the importance of his artwork during the Tudor times.



Year 5 ~ Anthony Horowitz Class

Year 5 pupils enjoyed a play in the day session linked to Anti Bullying and Friendship. They explored these really important issues in a creative way and enjoyed performing their play at the end of the day to their peers across the Upper Academy.



Ahlberg Class

Ahlberg class have been using their listening, turn taking and social language skills when they have finished their class work to work together on different games with independence.





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2020 / 2021 TERM DATE

REMINDERS

Term 6

Pupils return on 7th June ~ 23rd July

INSET Day 18th June 2021

2021 / 2022 TERM DATES

INSET Days 1st, 2nd and 3rd September 2021

Pupils return on 6th September 2021 ~ 21st October 2021

INSET day 22nd October 2021

Term 2

Pupils return on 1st November ~17th

December 2021

Term 3

INSET day 4th January 2022

Pupils return on 5th January ~11th

February 2022

Term 4

Pupils return on 21st February ~ 1st April 2022

Term 5

INSET day 19th April 2022

Pupils return 20th April ~ 27th May 2022

Term 6

Pupils return on 6th June ~ 22nd July 2022

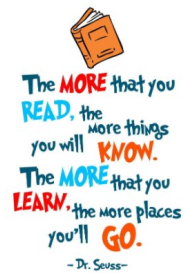
INSET day 17th June 2022

~ Dates for your Diary ~	
14th June 2021	Year 2 Class Trip to Drusillas
23rd June 2021	Year 3 Play in a Day!
24th June 2021	Year 1 Trip to the Seaside and Sealife Centre
7th July 2021	Middle Academy Sports Morning No spectators permitted
13th & 16th July 2021	Nursery Sports Day No spectators permitted
14th July 2021	Upper Academy Sports Day No spectators permitted
15th July 2021	Reception Sports Day No spectators permitted

Accelerator Reader News

Pupils across Years 2 to 6 have been working hard on our newly established Accelerator Reader Programme.

Every time a pupil reads an levelled accelerator reader book they complete an online quiz. This tests their understanding of the book they have read and what they can remember about the story. We are keeping a log of pupils' reading quiz scores at school. All pupils who score 100% on their quizzes go into the weekly Accelerator Reader draw for a chance to win a book voucher.



Well done to Seren (Year 3), Talia (Year 5), Amyah (Year 4) and Jasmin (Year 6) who have all had their names drawn so far and have won a book voucher this term!



Just a friendly reminder...

Collection and Drop Off Times

Remember only one parent is permitted to collect and drop off daily. This is to support us with limiting the number of adults on site. Parents should wear face masks unless exempt during these times.

Following collection and drop off times, we kindly request parents do not gather at the school gates to support with easing social distancing and allowing others to leave safely.

Thank you for your support with this.