



The Chiltern School

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Headteacher's Message

May 2019

It's been a short but very busy 5 weeks, as you can see there has been a lot of exciting learning in and out of school. We have had some interesting visitors all of which comment on how happy, kind and curious our pupils are. Equally, lots of pupils have had the opportunity to go out into the community, enriching their curriculum.

Thank you to those parents that joined the Family Forum where they had the opportunity to meet Rachel, our Speech and Language therapist, Faye, our Family worker and learn more about our exciting new curriculum design. The Family Forum is a great opportunity for you to join us, meet staff and share your views. There is always an agenda so you can decide if the information is relevant to you but if there are areas of the school that you want to know more about please let us know and they can be added to future meetings. Open and honest communication is vital in order to ensure we are working collaboratively to give your child the best education possible, we are always happy to discuss any concerns. Please discuss issues with the class teacher in the first instance but if they are unable to resolve the problem or give you the relevant information they will signpost you to the right member of staff.

I am also pleased to announce that we have now appointed Pathway Leaders for the Kingsland site. Congratulations to Michaela Read, Pathway Leader for Communication and Interaction, Susan Jones, Pathway Leader for Cognition and Learning and Jo Scott Pathway Leader for Post 16 and Work Related Learning. We are saying good bye to TAs Amanda, Jenny, Maureen and Lisa this half term; Maria and Katie P will be leaving us shortly after we return in June. Thank you to all of them for their hard work, we will miss them! After half term we welcome new teachers Mark and Duncan on our Kingsland site. We would also like to congratulate Jo Anderson on her appointment as Parent Governor. Finally it's congratulations to Pathway Leader Louise who has had a beautiful baby boy.

Hopefully, the sun is going to stay with us for the remainder of the summer term so please ensure your child has a hat and sun cream in school.

Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces back on Monday 3rd June.

Term Dates

School Closes Friday 24th May - School starts Monday 3rd June



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @TheChilternSch

Sensory Dance Class

Pupils from Beech Road Campus, of all ages, have been accessing a fun and sensory dance class once a week. Jade from Spectrum Community Arts is amazing and her aim is to enable participants to develop their self-esteem and self-expression in a safe, encouraging environment.

Learning about people who help us

Wolf class have been learning about people who help us and Sergeant Dimmock came in to visit us with the police van. We asked lots of questions and tried on the uniform, what a great experience!



Class Dojo

After Half Term we will be trialling Class Dojo in some of our classes. This will be our main form of home - school communication for Joyce, Wolf, Simmonds, Dragonfly, Daisy and Lavender classes. We look forward to your feedback.



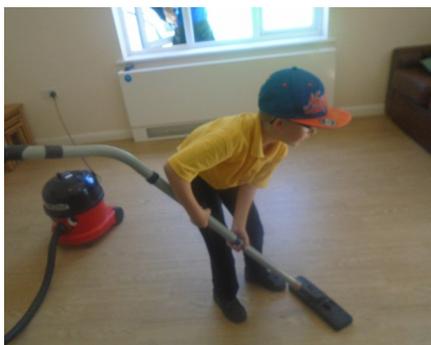
Exciting news from the café!



An Environmental Health Practitioner for the Central Bedfordshire council visited the school on 14th May 2019, observed practice and inspected records to ensure that we complied with the Food Hygiene regulations and associated legislation. The outcome of this visit is that the Chiltern school café achieved a 5 STAR food hygiene rating and will not need to be re-inspected for approximately 2 years. Well done to Prachi and the Post 16 team

Nurture Group

Our nurture group has been accessing the facilities at the Bungalow. We have been learning how to take care of the Bungalow and its garden, developing some very important life skills.



ZooLab

ZooLab came in with their animals to support pupils from Kahlo, Grandin and Joyce classes who are learning about life cycles. All the pupils really enjoyed themselves and learnt new facts about animals. For example, the Australian Green Tree Frog can jump up to 1m each time.



Forest School

Forest school pupils have been making the most of the good weather. They work really well together. Forest school aims to offer our pupils the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and themselves.



Dare to be different

Duke of Edinburgh Award — Practise expedition



The first ever Chiltern DofE practise is now complete and our pupils performed amazingly. It was fantastic to see such great leadership skills, joy and laughter, and the most incredible levels of stamina and perseverance from them all.



Mental Health Awareness Week

In May we supported Mental Health Awareness week by talking about what makes us happy. We know it's really important to ensure pupils feel happy and safe; this is the foundation of good learning.



Andrew Selous

We were really pleased to welcome our local MP, Andrew Selous to the Kingsland Campus. He was asked lots of questions and Summer Grace even shared one of her home baked cakes with him. He said he really enjoyed visiting and commented how happy our school was.



Trips and Visits

University of Bedfordshire

In March, some secondary and Post 16 pupils attended the University of Bedfordshire in Luton to participate in their Festival of Science and Engineering. This was an exciting opportunity for pupils to participate with hands on activities. This is what they said about the experience:

Then, we arrived and looked around it was so big it had five floors it was bright and colourful.

University
of
Bedfordshire

I did the 3d shapes on the computer
I did different shapes
Sphere cone cylinder
cube pyramid I did the
lunch was sandwiches
cheese carrot and crisps

My rating: ★★★★★

The Grove Theatre

In April pupils from Camel and Giraffe class enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Grove Theatre in Dunstable with Sinfonia Verdi Orchestra. It was an interactive music concert where all the pupils were encouraged to perform different actions to help the orchestra to work. All the pupils showed great respect and curiosity and we were all really proud of them.

Thank you to The Wish Project for organising it.

Amazon Logistics

On Wednesday 22nd June, some of our secondary pupils visited Amazon Logistics to take a tour of the warehouse systems and learn about the robotics technology used and how it operates. The pupils were all extremely interested in the visit and asked lots of questions of the tour guides to find out about the operations. Pupils also gained first hand experience of the picking and packing systems and packed, bar-coded and labelled their own boxes.

One of our pupils commented: " This is the best day of my life. In all my years I've never seen anything like this."





Dates for your Diary

- 27—31 May: HALF TERM
- 11th June: SNAP coffee morning Kingsland
- 25th June: SOCS morning meeting Kingsland
- 25-26th June: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
- 27th June: Outdoor Learning Day
- 1-5th July: Sports Week
- 2nd July: Parents Evening
- 3rd July: Parents Evening
- 9th July: SNAP coffee morning Kingsland
- 10th July: Awards Evening
- 12th July: School Prom
- 13th July: SOCS Summer Fete Kingsland 12pm
- 16th July: Family Forum coffee morning Beech Road
- 17th July: Family Forum coffee morning Kingsland
- 18th July: Awards Assemblies
- Last Day of Term

PLEASE NOTE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Please note change of date for

Summer Fayre:

13th July 12-2pm

Kingsland Campus

