



The Chiltern School

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Headteacher's Message

We can't believe how quickly this year has flown by. It's been an exciting year of transformation, building on our School Improvement Plan and the positive steps made in the previous academic year. This year the focus has been on developing our new curriculum, we are all very excited as we know we have designed an aspirational curriculum that provides all young people the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge that is meaningful and will prepare them for adulthood. There will be lots of opportunity to share more information on this in the autumn term. As you can see from the newsletter, our wonderful young people have finished the year off with some exciting learning out and about in the local community.

I am extremely proud of the many wonderful experiences that we have provided for pupils this year and even prouder of the way in which so many of them have taken advantage of these opportunities. In doing so, they have created lasting memories for themselves, and have acquired new skills which have helped them to be even better than they were before. As you are aware we encourage our young people to embody the school values and I am sure you will agree this newsletter is full of examples of this, young people demonstrating they are curious, kind and happy. The newsletter is filled with stories of these experiences. I hope that reading about them and seeing the photos give you some idea of the variety of academic and social events that the school offers, and the many talents of our pupils.

Finally, I wish you and your child an enjoyable summer together, creating lasting, happy memories of your own. Thank you for continuing to work with us as partners in your child's education.

Staff Changes

It's a sad farewell to a few members of staff this term. Sue Nicholls, Deputy Head is leaving at the end of this term, along with EHW Instructor Belinda, and TAs Michelle and Sarah.

We have already welcomed TAs Pedro, Charlotte and Sam to the school and look forward to welcoming Teachers Gosia, Carys and Rachel, Assistant Head Dan, Health, Safety and Premises Manager Dave, and TAs Aine, Saba, Ayesha, Jennifer, Emma, Lisa and John Patrick in September.

Term Dates

School Closes Friday 19th July New term starts Wednesday 4th September

Pine Class

Pine class students have all been enjoying time out of their chairs experiencing free movements, either in the hall crawling through tunnels or stretching out on the acheever bed, rock climbing at Caldecotte, floating during hydrotherapy or being bounced up in the air during rebound therapy!



Teaching Talons

Giraffe, Bear, Elephant and Einstein Class had Teaching Talons - an interactive mobile zoo - visit on Monday 8th July.

The students got to see and interact with



a wide range of animals from giant snails to Owls. There was also a very talented dog who showed the students a range of tricks.

Silsoe Allotment

Students have harvested lots of our crops from the school and Silsoe Allotment for the Summer fete.

We have had a very successful year and the Horticulture groups have achieved awards and certificates including RHS level one award and Gateway Land based sector level 3 award. Our horticulture work has also contributed to the Duke of Edinburgh awards.



Reminder—Sickness

If your child has a bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep them away from school for 48 hours.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

In June our DofE students took part in their final assessed expedition. They have worked so hard all year towards their DofE Bronze award, it has all led up to this... and what an amazing result! All 9 students fully completed the expedition over 2 days.



They walked the entire planned route, faced the challenges the route presented (even some crops which were taller than them), pitched their tents, cooked a hot meal on the Trangias, and then did it all again on day 2. There were some lows and tough times but equally there were oh so many highs, a lot of laughter, mud and smiles all around.

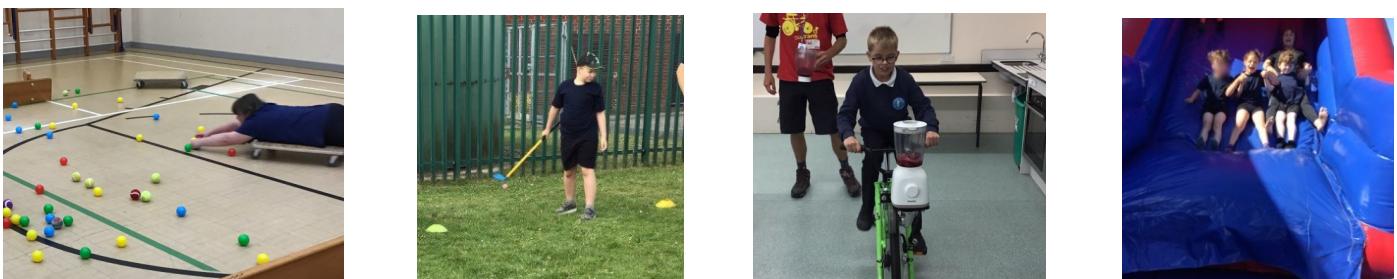


Please remember to keep your child's personal details and contact information up-to 

date. Any changes to a pupil's address, contact telephone numbers, and email should be notified in writing and passed to the admin office. A short email will be enough. In September we will be sending a data collection sheet home so any amendments can be made on these.

Alternative Sports Week

At our alternative sports day on Kingsland campus all phases tried different non-traditional sports. There was lots of smiling, laughing and engagement from all.



Awards Evening

Our awards evening was held on 10th July. Congratulations to all our nominees; be very proud of your achievements this year, as we are for you. It was fantastic to share this evening with so many families.

Value Nominations presented by the Mayor

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
COURAGE		
Callum James Jim Breese Om Devkar Robert Tilbury-Morris Scott Farley	Connor Palmer-Moodey Isa Hussain	Charlie McConnon
CURIOSITY		
Eddie Menzies Nox Todd Romeo Tavaglione	Charlie Rutledge Dylan Butler	Benito Lopez Tom McConnon
HAPPINESS		
Daniel Ayrис Dominic Daunoras Kyle Allan-Short	Edward Tawurayi Jadie Ellingham Jahrel Kerr	Charley Overington Olivia Quinn Shannon Brewis
HUMOUR		
Brian Banks Christie Aylott Danielis Vosylius Marley Sandland	Bailey Proctor Connor Wallis Joel Mann Jonny Gosbee	Andrew Kumi
KINDNESS		
James Archer Kam Bashir Keira Dwyer Malvin Ampem-Gyamerah	Liberty Proctor Richard Baker	Luke Hilton Luke Smith Rhiannon Grimes
RESILIENCE		
Hannah Thomas Isabelle Westcott Marley Chandler	Kacper Sobol Michael Grabham William Glendinning	Jamie Bagshaw
RESPECT		
Hayden Williams Kehinde Oguns Lewis Harrell Re'on Shortland-Daley	Conor Gill Iain Speksnijder	Jasmine Saxby Tyrees Saakwa-Mante

FASTEAST KICK	
Elise Packwood	Iain Speksnijder
HIGHEST FUNDRAISER	
Rhiannon Grimes	Marley Chandler

Accreditation Awards presented by Richard Cooper, Chair of Governors

E3 Award for Performing Arts	Alex Junke Charlotte Kelly Conor Gill Elise Packwood Georgia Stokes Jadie Ellingham	Kara Frandsen-O'Toole Poppy Jeffries Reggie Duncan-Benesch Shelley Harvey Sky Wheeler Weronika Karczewska
RHS Level 1 Award	Andrew Kumi Callum Saterlay Callum Wright Charlie McConnon George Twydell	Joseph Anderson Joshua Brewster Lucy Norton Olivia Quinn Rhiannon Grimes
E3 Award in Land Based Studies Qualification	Andrew Kumi Callum Wright George Twydell Harry Rudkin Joseph Anderson	Joshua Brewster Lucy Norton Olivia Quinn Rhiannon Grimes Tyrees Saakwa-Mante
E1 Award in Independent Living Qualification	Andrew Kumi Benito Lopez Callum Saterlay Callum Wright Cerys Bailey Charlie McConnon George Twydell Harry Rudkin Jamie Bagshaw	John Fitzgerald Joseph Anderson Joshua Brewster Lucy Norton Olivia Quinn Rhiannon Grimes Rory Dunn Shelley Harvey Tyrees Saakwa-Mante
Food Hygiene Certificate Essentials of Food Hygiene	Callum Saterlay George Twydell Rory Dunn	
Food Hygiene Certificate Level 1 Food Safety Hygiene	Benito Lopez Jamie Bagshaw John Fitzgerald	
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award	Andrew Kumi Benito Lopez Callum Saterlay Callum Wright Jamie Bagshaw	John Fitzgerald Joshua Brewster Olivia Quinn Rory Dunn

Reminder—Transport

If your child does not require transport on a particular day, please contact transport directly to let them know.

Prom

The Chiltern school prom was attended by some phase 2 and 3 students.

They all arrived in their smart clothes and stood under the balloon arc to have their photos taken. There were exciting activities arranged for them such as the Doughnuts wall, chocolate fountain, mocktails bar, photo booth and DJ.



Students and staff alike spent the evening dancing and eating the fabulous buffet spread out for them.

To finish off the evening the students enjoyed a piece of the delicious prom cake.



Chiltern School Fete

The Chiltern school fete was on 13th July and was a huge success. We'd like to thank all the families that joined us; we hope you all enjoyed the experience. We certainly did. Thank you to the SOCS (PTA) team for their organisation & to all those that donated their time as well as items. The fete raised the fantastic amount of £1850!



Little Explorers

In June, Little Explorers had an amazing day at the zoo. We could not believe how lucky we were with the weather. Students enjoyed the steam train, butterfly world, soft play and playground and the food under the clouds tasted so good.



Attendance

As some parents will be aware, this year we have had a focus on improving pupil attendance, this year's attendance has been very positive. We understand that some pupils have lots of health appointments so absence is unavoidable. However, we believe that where it is possible, pupils should be in school, even if it is for part of the school day. There has been an increase in the number of pupils who have taken zero days off, achieving 100% attendance. These improvements are excellent because we know that it means those children will achieve better outcomes and this will improve their opportunities in life beyond school. Thank you to parents for engaging positively and please contact us if you have any concerns regarding attendance. We are updating our attendance policy for the new academic year and this will shortly be available to parents. We will circulate full details of the updated policy and procedures in the new academic year. The principles remain the same, **EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL MATTERS**.

Home-School Communication.

We were really delighted with the feedback following our pilot of Class DOJO, an electronic home school communication app. Feedback from both parents and staff was overwhelmingly positive, 99% of parents wanting who took part in the pilot said they wanted to continue using it and would recommend it to other parents. Therefore, from September, this will be our main form of Home-school communication; we will no longer issue Home-school communication books. Further information will be sent out in September and a workshop to support parents with the transition will be held.

School Returns Wednesday 4th September—see you then!