



Chivenor Newsletter

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"In you we believe"

Dear Chivenor Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. I am Mrs Barley, one of the Deputies here at Chivenor. I am lucky enough to split my week between two Griffin schools: Chivenor and Perrywood. During my time at Chivenor, my main focus is on teaching and learning.

It's been a busy and wonderful half term!

We have further widened the opportunities for our Young Griffins in the visits that have taken place and the visiting guests who have enriched our curriculum since Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support in attending the workshops that have been offered which have strengthened the home-school partnerships. Many fabulous comments have been received by parents and Griffins alike. My favourite was from a Y5 Griffin who commented "I wish I could do maths all day, every day- I love it!" This was certainly music to my ears!

Highlights of this half term for me, have been spending time in classes, seeing first-hand the successes and progress that have been made- the non-chronological reports in Y5 were particularly impressive. The classroom environments are stimulating and supportive of learning and we look forward to welcoming you to see this for yourselves at Parents Evening on Tuesday 21st March 2023.

Have a wonderful half term break and we'll see you all refreshed again on **TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2023** for the exciting half term ahead.

Nicky Barley

Deputy Headteacher

Social Media & Communication

We have a number of methods of communicating with our parents. If you haven't already, please follow our Facebook and Twitter pages where we share all the amazing things we do here at Chivenor. If you could give us a 'like' or a 'share' that would be appreciated. Class dojo is also being used to communicate what your child is doing in class and general whole school news. We try to update this daily. Any likes and comments are appreciated.

Please note that any messages need to come to school via Class Dojo NOT Facebook Messenger.

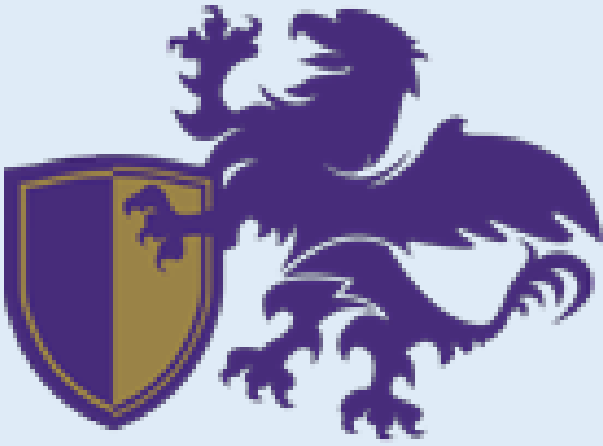
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Our Young Griffins this week:

Rec: Jaxx

Y1S: Franky

Y1B: Amiyah

Y2K: Avery

Y2W: Cassius

Y3P: Holly

Y3W: Troy

Y4B: A'naia

Y4C: Maryam

Y5C: Safwan

Y5H: Noah

Y6O: Freya

Y6P: Sianna

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OF YOU

Our Book token

Winners of the Week:

Y2: Nael & Millie

Y3: Hassane & Eva

Y4: John & Lorraine

Y5: Leo & Daemon

Y6: James & Sianna-Lee

Top Track-its

Congratulations to the top 3
classes for an incredible number
of track-its this half term:

1st: Y6 Patel—1375

2nd: Y1 Simmonds— 821

3rd: Y1 Beckham— 757

Congratulations also to the top 5
track-it winners:

1) Alayna-99

2) Lorraine –98

3) Faith –94

4) Rocco –91

5) Macie –89

What have our Griffins been learning this week?

Y1 have been busy partitioning tens and ones and working with base ten and part whole models. They have also been counting in 10s and dancing their way through lesson introductions with Jack Hartmann! In English, Y1 have been looking at Spring poems by Shirley Hughes from the book 'Out and About' and writing



sentences with nouns, verbs and adjectives. In Science, our Griffins have created some beautiful artwork of an iconic spring flower - the daffodil. They learned that the flowers are supported by the stem and that bees collect pollen from the flowers to pass to other daffodils to help make even more plants! They have finished the half term by making hot air balloons using papier mache. Y1 will be adding baskets for a display to complete their 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles' topic.



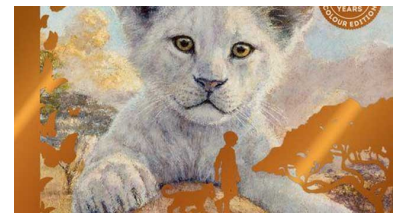
Y2 have been making pancakes in preparation to write instructions including imperative verbs. In Maths, Y2 have been multiplying and dividing and have had lots of opportunities to work practically in maths! In Science, they have been learning about a famous inventor called Macintosh who created waterproof clothing. Y2 have finished the week by evaluating their Tudor houses and recreating the Great Fire of London! Fire extinguishers at the ready!



Following our Shakespeare day, Year 3 were inspired to learn more about playscripts. They have read, discussed and performed part of the play Oliver Twist. Additionally, Y3 have begun learning about fractions; identifying unit fractions, non-unit fractions and comparing them.

Finally, Y3 are wrapping up their Stone Age topic with a descriptive leaflet about Stonehenge, check ClassDojo to see some pictures of their writing!

Y4 have been learning about fractions in maths: they have learnt what an improper fraction is and how to convert it to a mixed fraction. In science, they have investigated the difference between an insect and an arachnid by identifying their key characteristics. They have sketched their own interpretations of African masks and gained inspiration from 'The Butterfly Lion' to write a balanced argument using formal language .



All our Griffins took part in Internet Safety Day.

Please look on Class Dojo for updates on what our Griffins are doing in class.

Parent Workshops

We have had a great turnout at our maths workshops over the past few weeks with extremely positive feedback.



Together we are stronger in supporting our Griffins to be the best they can be.

Workshops coming up:

Sign up via ParentPay

*Wed 8th March:
Y2 & Y3 DT Craft Workshop



Wellbeing Warriors

Some of our Wellbeing Warriors have been creating positive affirmation cards during their session this week. They spread positivity throughout Chivenor this week by distributing to staff.

Around school, Y1 have been learning 'belly breathing' and creating patterns with their bodies with the Go Noodle song 'Banana, Banana, Meatball' and talking about wellbeing and mindfulness.



School Uniform Giveaway

Thank you to the Pastoral Team who arranged the 'School Uniform Giveaway' which was a huge success this week. School Uniform was available to parents/carers – **FREE OF CHARGE!**



Please look out for future Uniform giveaway events.



Remember our Pre-loved School Uniform Shop is open Tuesday and Thursdays. After school in the KS1 playground. Uniform can be swapped or purchased – prices range between £1 and £2.

ALWAYS
Believe
IN
YOURSELF

KEEPINSPIRING.ME

“
Try to be a
rainbow in
someone's
cloud.

”

- Maya Angelou -

**COME AND TRY
BRING IT ON BRUM!**



Suitable for children & young people aged 4-16
eligible for free school meals.

Young people and their families are encouraged to join us this half -term at one of our **FREE** taster sessions, to learn all about Birmingham's **FREE** Holiday Activity & Food Programme.

- Activity tasters including, Arts & Crafts, Cooking & Sports
- Signposting to further cost-of-living support services
- And much more!

**DON'T MISS OUT
THIS HALF-TERM!**

BOOK IN ADVANCE TO GET A FREE LUNCH WHEN YOU ATTEND

**TO BOOK A PLACE AT YOUR LOCAL
VENUE AND TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO:**

WWW.BRINGITONBRUM.CO.UK

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World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March 2023

As part of the Griffin Schools Trust, we are proud of our traditions. We are therefore pleased to announce to our young Griffins that this year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

We are inviting all children to dress up as their favourite book character e.g. The Gruffalo, Little Red Riding Hood, Stick Man or Gangster Granny. As a Trust, we understand the cost of living difficulties and we suggest costumes are made at home, such as a headband or badge to wear. Please remember that children will still need to wear suitable shoes for school and will need their coats as usual as they will still be going outside to play. There will be prizes awarded for the most inventive costumes in each class!

Griffins are invited to take part in a Story Spoon competition. All those who wish to enter should decorate a wooden spoon as a book character and bring it to school by Friday 31st March. If you would like to decorate more than one spoon then you are welcome to do so. There will be a winner chosen from each year group that will be announced in assembly. We look forward to seeing some fabulous creations!



We will be having a visit from an author but are keeping this a surprise for World Book Day! Watch this space!

Throughout the week (beginning 28th February), there will be a Book swap event, where Griffins will be invited to bring old books in and exchange for others throughout the week. Details to follow.

Partnerships with the Police

PCSO Duncan Long has visited a number of classes during our work on Internet Safety Day. He also delivered two parent workshops – thank you to those who attended.

Parents feedback included:

“Very informative. Very friendly”

“I’m really impressed and learned some stuff I have never heard before. Thanks Chivenor Staff”



“Great workshop. Really informative”

*Help us, help you,
keep our Griffins*

Uniform reminder

Just a reminder that our uniform policy states no jewellery. We have an increased number of Griffins wearing a range of jewellery. Please ensure that these items are left at home.

Earrings: a small pair of studs may be worn but must be taken out for PE. It is useful, if on PE days, earrings are also left at home.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS!

Week beg: 13th Feb 2023

The winning classes for the
last two week are...

KS1 Attendance
Champions:

2K

94.10%



KS2 Attendance
Champions:

5H

97.04%

The winning classes for the
week are...

KS1 Attendance
Champions:

1S

95.50%

KS2 Attendance
Champions:

5C

95%

Did you know that your child's best
learning time is the start of the school
day?

That's when every minute counts the
most!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

The winning class for this half
term is...



1S

95.44%

Do you need further support with
attendance?

Mrs Cox and Mrs Hinkley are always
available to offer advice and support to help
ensure your child is able to attend every
day and reach their full potential.

Please call the office to book an
appointment or a call-back.

Every day, every moment counts in
the life of every child in our school.

#SchoolAttendanceMatters



Being on time is just as important!

If you miss 15 minutes every day for one
week, you have lost over an hour of
learning!

Our gates open at 8:35am every day and
lessons start at 8:50am.

Just a gentle reminder that school finishes
at 3:15pm and after school clubs finish at
4:15pm. Parents, please don't be late!



We are a 'Rights Respecting School'

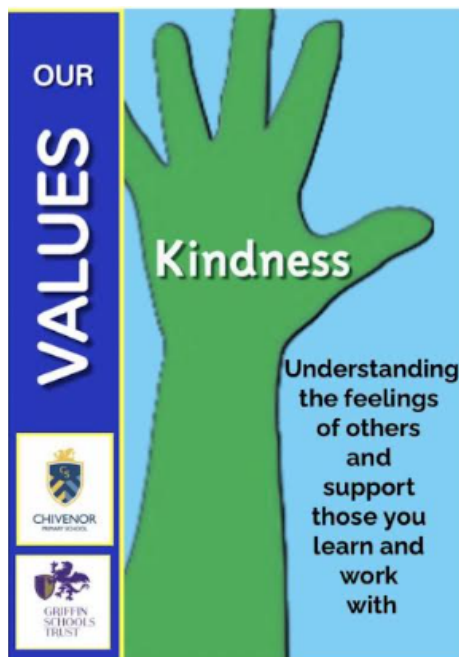
Article 17

Every child has the right to reliable information from the media. This should be information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.



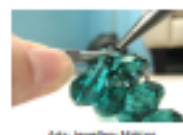
How are you showing this half terms School Value at home?

We would love to hear how our Griffins are showing kindness at home. Let your teachers know via Class Dojo.



Adult Courses

Castle Vale Children Centre
Starting March 2023



★ Looking to start or change career or just have FUN with learning. ★

Thursday 2nd March: Sow & Grow
Thursday 9th March: Arts & Crafts
Thursday 16th March: Sow & Grow
Thursday 23rd March: Arts and Crafts

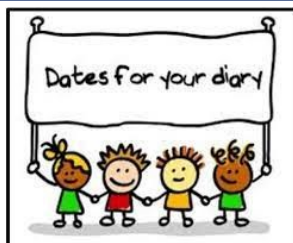
Time: 9:30am — 11:30am

For Parents/Carers with children under age five.

Venue: Castle Vale Children Centre, 372 Yatesbury Avenue, Castle Vale, Birmingham, B35 6DG.

To book your place please contact Natalie Clarke
on: 0121 752 1920 / 07870981272





- *Tues 28th Feb: First day of Term
- *Thurs 2nd March: World Book Day
- *Fri 3rd March: Founders Day
- *Mon 6th March: Y1 Trip
- *Wed 8th March: Y2 & Y3 DT Craft Workshop
- *Thurs 9th March: Y3 Romans Day
- *Mon 13th March: Y6 Trip
- *Fri 17th March: Red Nose Day
- *Tues 21st March: Parents Evening
- *Tues 21st March: World Poetry Day
- *Fri 31st March: Last Day of Term



Remember to follow us on Twitter
@ChivenorP

For updates and celebrations of
the wonderful things happening in
our school



Handle with care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school.

I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming into school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please email me 'Handle with care' and your child's name and class to the email: safeguarding@chivenor-gst.org

Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

Mrs Cox & the Chivenor team

If you do wish to talk about it, please also know that our door is always open and the kettle is always on!



Term Dates - 2022/23

Autumn Term 1

Starts: Wednesday 7th September 2022
Finishes: Friday 21st October 2022
Half Term holiday: 22/10/22 - 30/10/22

Autumn Term 2:

Starts: 31st October 2022
Finishes: 16th December 2022
Christmas holiday: 17/12/22 - 02/01/23

Spring Term 1

Starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Finishes: Friday 17th February 2023
Half Term holiday: 18/02/23 - 27/02/23

Spring Term 2:

Starts: Tuesday 28th February 2023
Finishes: Friday 31st March 2023
Easter holiday: 01/04/23 - 16/04/23

Summer Term 1

Starts: Monday 17th April 2023
Finishes: Friday 26th May 2023
Half Term holiday: 27/05/23 - 04/06/23

Summer Term 2:

Starts: Monday 5th June 2023
Finishes: Friday 21st July 2023
Summer Holiday: starts on 22nd July 2023

Survivors of Domestic Violence

Peer Support Group

Compass are holding weekly peer support groups at the Sanctuary; an opportunity to interact with others who have similar experiences.

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For more details contact:

Compasspathwaysdap@compass-support.org.uk

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Mrs Guest's Response to Pupil Suggestions



Hello everyone,
Thank you for submitting some great ideas and questions.
Here are some of them and my answers.

More high-level books

Agree totally. The vending machine is full and ready for rewards but I know we need more in school. I am working with Mrs Ismail and Ms Hemming to get some for all areas of school.

Could we have more baking classes? (Minha and Crystal)

Mrs Werrett will look at clubs for next term to see what we can offer.

More equipment on playground? (Lina)

I have waited for the weather to improve but this will be ordered this week. I just hope everyone respects and looks after what we buy.

Wet play games and colouring things – please can we have some? (Millie and Evie)

Again, an order will be done – but this may be for an area outside (quiet area) they can then be used at wet lunches if needed.

Can we have a bigger trampoline and bikes for the track?

Unfortunately not. From a Health and Safety angle, bikes on the playground would not be good. If we had a bigger trampoline, we would lose space. Sorry!

When it is your birthday, you can have the day off.

Legally we cannot do this BUT we could wear our own clothes!

Can we have some Dork Diary and Wimpy kid books? (Antonia)

I have bought some for the vending machine but will get some for classrooms also.

Swings on the playground

Wow now there is an idea! I will have a look and a think.

Keep your suggestions coming in.
Together we can be even better!



Article 12:

Every child has the right to say what they think should happen and have their views listened to.



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Your feedback does count!

We asked you what we can improve on/do better. Giving everyone the chance to share, question and suggest is a part of our Griffin culture. Here are a few of the responses (and my replies) from Parents Evening.



Share dinner menus more

Lunch menus are shared on our school app and sent by email. We will discuss with our new provider and look at sending a hard copy home also, along with class dojo and social media.

More Communication

We have worked very hard in recent months. Our communication consists of texts, emails, Class Dojo, Facebook, Twitter, our School app, newsletters and website. We will continue to monitor to see if more can be done.

APP events remain on calendar

We have spoken to the company to see if this can be rectified.

Get children to speak up more

Pupil voice is very important to us and an area we work hard at in school. We have our weekly 5-minute chats, Pupil Parliament meetings and they lead assemblies sometimes. We also have the Eco Warriors. Our wellbeing warriors are also on hand. We have a suggestion box and Barnaby's Box for worries. We also do regular surveys with the children. After half term, we will also be starting meetings with our new Learning Council. So there is a lot of pupil voice – maybe we need to share this with parents more.

Rewards for Children to earn – like points to spend.

These are already in place. They started last year. Mrs Werrett will share this information again, so everyone is aware.

Reading Clubs at lunchtime

You may have already noticed our Outdoor Reading Den on KS1 playground. We are also looking at provision on KS2 playground.

Lots of you said NOTHING, which is lovely. Thank you.



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Dear Chivenor Families,

As we come to the end of half term, I want to say a big thank you to you all for the improved effort we have seen with attendance. Small gains but still a positive. I hope as winter comes to an end we can improve this even further and avoid action having to be taken. Thank you and let's keep working at this.

I also wanted to share a couple of things with you. Firstly, on the attached to this letter is a selection of your comments from last half term and my replies. Open, transparent communication is vital in our partnership and something I hope will continue. (I have also included the latest suggestion box ideas from our pupils).

Secondly, I am delighted to announce that in the coming months we will be buying our very own mini bus, which will enable us to get out and about, more to enrich and enhance our offer and provision even more. We just need to decide on a colour – something proving quite difficult J

Our commitment to supporting families continues with a special uniform give away on Thursday. From 3pm, a number of tables will be set up on the playground (KS1) with a range of clothing. All Free! Please come and see if anything would be of use. Our uniform shop will also be open. We really hope this helps support our community.

Whilst discussing uniform, please can I remind you all that the policy is:
black shoes or black trainers
grey skirt/trousers/pinafore dress
white polo / shirt
blue jumper/cardigan

PE Kit remains an issue but when we return we will be monitoring this closely. It should be:
blue shorts/joggers
white round neck tee-shirt (plain)

We will be in contact if this is not what children are provided with.

Again thank you for your support with this.

Finally, I want again to thank you but this time for your engagement with our workshops. We began these slowly after the pandemic and we saw just a handful attend, now we see almost every family attend and it is just wonderful to see you engaged with your child's learning. Our working relationship / partnership for your child's success and education is something we are all incredibly proud of. Thank you.
Kind regards

Lisa Guest
Executive Head

