



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th May 2017

Diary for Term 5	
Friday 19 th May	3:20pm Writing Week Exhibition in the hall
Monday 22 nd May	8:30am Writing Week Exhibition in the hall
Tuesday 22 nd May	8:30am Writing Week Exhibition in the hall
Thursday 25 th May	1:45pm Cycle Training Starts
Thursday 25 th May	2:30pm Parents Forum: All welcome School Association Year Reps: if you are not able to join us, please ask a friend to attend instead!
Thursday 25 th May	3:20pm Year 6 Cake Sale
Friday 26 th May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	First day of Term 6

The Way Through The Woods

Writing week was not dampened down by the wet weather. We have all been going into the woods and doing lots of learning through our outdoor woodland theme.

Rhino Class launched writing week by surprising all classes with an interruption to their usual morning lessons and shouting out lines from 'The Way Through The Woods' with a request to follow them. The whole school did follow out into the field and woods where they were met with a recital of the poem. It was a fantastic and incredibly atmospheric start to our activities and all children were enthused to begin the week.



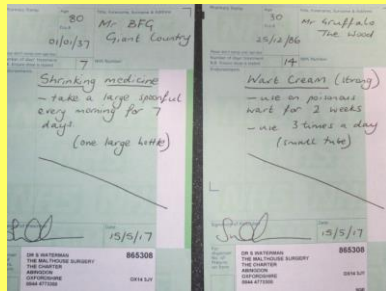
Children in **Rhino Class** have spent time in the woods collecting vocabulary that they have used to great effect in their descriptions and their stories. They have written stories explaining why the road was closed. They have also used flash back sequences in narratives, using the woodland as a setting. We look forward to hearing about their workshop with Susannah Lovegrove which promises to be enthralling and dark.

Panda Class has been writing one sided arguments for a road through the woods. They have covered the full process of journalistic writing and creating their own newspapers. The workshop with Susannah involved the children creating a 'Poet-Tree' with their own haiku poems. They have also covered creative forms of writing that can link to communication and art. The class have enjoyed the



support of parent helpers and finding out why parents write.

Owl Class loved their workshop with Susannah. She shared her book-in-development "Nelly's Wish" and taught them about the process of writing a picture book, thinking about describing characters by their actions, using the layout of a page effectively, and using a series of rough pages to develop ideas. We then developed a set of rough pages for our own version of the story.



Owl Class enjoyed listening to parents who have come in to talk with us about the reasons they write: Mrs Ashley told us about writing reports on tree surveys; Mr Pullan showed the articles he has written that appear in magazines; Mrs Waggett showed us her collection of letters and Mrs Tunstill showed us her prescription pad and wrote a prescription for the Gruffalo's wart cream!

Owlet Class has been in the woods looking at all of the things they can find there. They returned to class with leaves, sticks, cones, moss and grass which they then made into their own woodland characters. Each woodland character has a name and a personality and the children have enjoyed writing about them and talking about the things they get up to! The class have been exploring adjectives and have been outside using adjectives to paint a mental picture of what they can see.

Children in **Owlet class** also loved their workshop with Susannah and their imaginations were totally captured with the rabbit character in "Nelly's Wish". Some children spent much of the day looking out for the rabbit around the school as they thought he may have escaped! Children created some lovely poetry and artwork based on the book "This is not A Stick".



A big THANK YOU to Kate Ashley, Beatrice Butler, Julia Butler, Brian Cullen, Sian Hayes, Suzanne Hood-Cree, Rebecca McCalla, Charlotte Nicholl, Hannah and Peter Pivonka, Kate and Michael Pullan, Sarah Tunstill, Claire Turner, Harriet Waggett, Katharine Wesbroom, Honor Von Schmieder and Martin Young who talked to the pupils about their experiences of writing. The children really enjoyed the parents coming in.



A massive THANK YOU to Susannah Lovegrove who has really enriched the learning for children this week with her beautiful books and artwork and amazing workshops.

A final thanks to Checkendon Equestrian Centre for their generosity in allowing us to use their grounds.

At Checkendon Primary School this week...

Whole School Worship

Term 5 Value: Forgiveness

Week 4: Amazing Grace – A Story of Forgiveness

Music for reflection: Amazing Grace

School Values Ambassadors

Charlotte and Ivy led our whole school worship this week exploring the value of forgiveness. They brought in a small boat, a cross, a Bible, shells and pebbles to help tell the story of John Newton, the composer of

the hymn Amazing Grace. They enjoyed preparing for the day; something they would improve would be to start planning a bit earlier!

PE and School Sport

Last Thursday, following the success of our Year 6 Team, a group of children from Panda Class and 2 from Owl Class competed in a tennis tournament. The children arrived with a determined attitude and played with great spirit. After getting to grips with the rules, they were even appointed as umpires when not playing! The whole team played really well and won the majority of their matches finishing 2nd overall meaning Checkendon are through to the South Oxfordshire finals in June. Liam won the medal for determination. Well done to everyone involved especially Max, Joseph and Henry who gave up their lunchtimes to coach the team in the lead up to the competition proving how valuable practice can be.

Your school needs you: Parent Governor very urgently required!

We have a Parent Governor **vacancy** as Pete Schmidt has stepped down after completing his term. If there is any chance at all that you may be interested being a school governor please pop in and have an informal chat with Mrs Seymour.

Summer Term Clubs

Details of all the extra-curricular clubs that are currently running in the terms 5 and 6 can be found below. We will be sending out details of any new clubs that are planned for term 6 in next week's newsletter.

Music

There are places available in the Music Club for term 6. If you are interested please see the attached flyer and return your form to the school office.

Checkendon Pre-school Run

The annual Checkendon Pre-school run is being held on 11th June. Please see the flyer below for details of how to sign up.

****School Association****

Fund raising for our School Association without doing anything!

Why not collect free funds for our school whilst shopping online? Simply register at

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/checkendonprimaryschoolassociation

Then every time you shop at some of your favourite stores like Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, M&S you will earn vital funds for the play tower and other school projects. Thank you for your support.

School Association Contact Details

Please contact them at checkendonsa@gmail.com.

Term 5 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory tbc (8.5.17-10.7.17)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (25.4.17-23.5.17)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics Club (25.4.17-18.7.17)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (27.4.17-20.7.17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	11.20-11.40	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball Club (4.5.17-13.7.17)	KS2	Please sign up at the School Office
Friday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Festival of Voices		Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	Football (28.4.17-14.7.17)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5 th June	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 6 th June	Rhino class trip to Reading
Wednesday 7 th June	Langtree to visit Year 6
Thursday 8 th June	Cycling Safety Training Course starts
Friday 9 th June	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June	3.00pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 15 th June	Local author visit: Sue Palmer
Tuesday 20 th June	School Photos
Thursday 22 nd June	Local author visit: Sue Palmer
Friday 23 rd June	Festival of Voices
Thursday 6 th July	Reports Issued
Thursday 13 th July	Move up morning
Friday 14 th July	Sports Day
Monday 17 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 18 th July	2pm Rhino Class Performance
Wednesday 19 th July	5.30pm Rhino Class Performance
Friday 21 st July	1.15pm: Leavers Service
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm

Church Services & Community Worship		
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 12 th June 2017	3.00pm

Parents Forum	
Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports	
Reports issued	Thursday 6 th July 2017

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