



Dear parents, lots of great achievements at Chorlton C.E Primary!

The Nursery have been busy discovering the wonders of nature this week! Inspired by the text, 'The Amazing Life Cycle of Plants', they've been learning what it takes to help a seedling thrive: plenty of water, bright sunlight, and a little bit of love. The highlight of the week was definitely planting their very own cress seeds. The children have taken their new roles as gardeners very seriously and there is a wonderful sense of anticipation in the air as they watch their pots each day for those first signs of green!

Reception have been fascinated by the life cycle of a frog, a journey brought to life by the arrival of some very special classroom guests: live tadpoles. Watching these tiny creatures swim has been the absolute highlight of the week, sparking curiosity and wonder. Building on this theme of caring for our world, the children have also been busy creating posters to remind everyone to keep our school tidy by putting litter in the bin. It is wonderful to see them becoming such passionate little protectors of the environment!

Year 1 literacy lessons centered around Michael Foreman's 'Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish', where the children practiced their descriptive writing by focusing on the vibrant characters and environmental settings. In mathematics, they have been busy tackling addition problems and developing a foundational understanding of the differences between odd and even numbers. The children took their learning outside on Tuesday for some Geography fieldwork. They toured the local area to identify various house types and road features, which the students then translated into impressive hand-drawn maps complete with their own geographical symbols. Finally, their art sessions focused on diversifying drawing skills; the children experimented with a range of mediums, including graphite, oil pastels, pencils, and watercolors.

It has been an incredibly busy and productive week of learning in Year 2! They evaluated their spectacular time machines, problem-solving design flaws like sticking cogs and stubborn axles. In Maths, they've been getting hands-on with tally charts using lollypop sticks—a skill they'll put to the test next week as they track their 'Come to school using your own power' active travel initiative. They have also begun exploring the concept of time; it would be wonderful if you could support this at home by discussing the timing of daily routines, like bedtime. Well done Year 2!

Year 3 have used physical manipulatives to deepen their understanding of fractions and master the art of ordering them by their denominators. In English, the children have been diving into the lyrical world of *A Cautionary Tale of Jim*, exploring the nuances of rhyme and rhythm while beginning to plan their own imaginative alternative endings for the story. Their geographical journey took them all the way to South America, where the class explored the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro and the wider culture of Brazil, further immersing themselves in the spirit of the country by listening to traditional Brazilian music.

Year 4 highlight was a special visit from ARM, where our students delved into the intricate world of microchips and algorithms. This hands-on experience culminated in an afternoon programming workshop, where the children successfully began coding their very own BBC micro:bit computers. In Geography, they journeyed deep into the Amazon rainforest. The children were fascinated to learn about the indigenous Achuar people, comparing their traditional homes and daily routines to our own lives here. Finally, in Maths, the class became true fraction experts. By cleverly applying their times table knowledge, they mastered the skill of converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and curiosity across all subjects!

It has been a busy week for Year 5 as they dived into a variety of creative and scientific pursuits. Preparation for next week's Maypole performance is underway; while the initial rehearsals involved a few tangled ribbons and some playful confusion, the students have quickly found their rhythm, and the intricate dances are now looking fantastic. Our young Scientists have been exploring the world of chemical reactions, observing the contrasting effects of mixing vinegar with milk versus bicarbonate of soda. To round out the week, the pupils moved into the final stages of their Art and Design project, adding color and finishing touches to the impressive set structures they built last week.

It has been an incredible week for Year 6, who truly rose to the occasion during SATs week by tackling some challenging papers with remarkable maturity and focus. Beyond their academic achievements, the children stayed active in PE by refining their tennis skills and demonstrating great teamwork during doubles matches. The creativity continued in the art studio as well, where the class produced a series of stunning mosaic landscapes. We are immensely proud of the hard work and positive attitude Year 6 has shown across the board—well done to everyone!

Looking ahead, we have an exciting week of celebrations to mark the school's 125th anniversary. On Tuesday afternoon, students and staff will gather for a commemorative aerial photograph; our PTA will be making copies of this available for purchase following the main festivities on Thursday.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary this Thursday, students will have the opportunity to get creative by designing hats at home, inspired by the 125th anniversary theme. Following the brass performance, the festivities will continue with a celebratory parade where the children can showcase their hats. The school will be selecting a standout hat from each class to receive a special award from the PTA.

We can't wait to welcome families to the 125th anniversary event this Thursday afternoon on the Key Stage 2 field. The gates will open at 1:15pm, and we look forward to celebrating with our wonderful school community!

Have a great weekend!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher



## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	School Aerial Photo for 125th Celebration
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	The 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closes for Half Term at 3:15pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School reopens for pupils at 8:45am
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception Forest School starts
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Spanish Ambassadors' trip to Cervantes Institute
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 PGL Trip
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Tatton Park Trip
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 parent open morning / Y1 Halle Music Trip / First day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Tatton Park Trip
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day

### St. Clement's Parish Church

**National Emergency Briefing - Thursday 21st May at St Clements** (Please note: not really a child event - one for parents and carers)

St Clements is working with People and Planet Didsbury to host a showing of the film "People's Emergency Briefing." What's happening with climate and nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK? The People's Emergency Briefing is an eye-opening film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like Flooding, our Health, Pollution and Cost of Living. It is a free event. You can book a place here: [www.pppdidsbury.org/nebfilm](http://www.pppdidsbury.org/nebfilm). All welcome.

### Chorlton Beer and Cider Festival - 2nd - 4th July

Save the Date - Early bird (discount tickets available soon!)

### Toon Kids Cartoon and Comics Workshops by Dannyboy – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 10am

Toon Kids offers comic fanatics, cartoon lovers & doodlers alike the chance to unleash their creative energy in a fun filled session.

Get ready for a super fun, in-person event where creativity and laughs come together! Whether you're a beginner or a mini pro, dive into the world of cartoons and comics with hands-on sessions. Draw characters, create stories, and bring your imagination to life with fellow Toon Kids and professional cartoonist Dannyboy. Perfect for all young artists who love to doodle and dream big. Don't miss out on this epic, artsy adventure!

Monday 25th May/ Tuesday 26th May

10.00-11.30

The Youth Centre at St. Clements' Church, Chorlton.

## PTA News

Thank you to everyone able to join our talk last night on navigating digital technology as a family. We learnt about the current knowledge of how technology is impacting our children and, most hopefully, heard advice on how to move forwards; both for those of us thinking about phones for high school and for those of us with children who have phones already.

We have slides to share from the talk, and more news and advice on the way.

We are excited to help our school celebrate 125 years at the Maypole Celebrations next Thursday 21st May.

On the attached poster you will see details about ice cream sales and how to pay for children in Treehouse to have them.

If you are free to help serve hot drinks and cakes please let your class rep or someone on the PTA know, or join this WhatsApp group:

[https://chat.whatsapp.com/CFeWDvV7nNZ1ElH7xlerqi?mode=gi\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/CFeWDvV7nNZ1ElH7xlerqi?mode=gi_t)

We would also love to receive donations of nut-free bought, or homemade, cakes with ingredients lists.

Thank you so much!

Many thanks,

Emily

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This Sunday 17th May 10.30 - 12.30 we are installing the new school pond and working on the new nature and nurture gardening zone for the children. Please come along and help if you can.

Any questions - [a.herron@chorlton.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:a.herron@chorlton.manchester.sch.uk)

Thank you!

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