



Dear parents/carers,

Another very busy week at Chorlton CofE!

In Nursery, they started to read 'When We Grow Up' by Melanie Walsh. They have been exploring different jobs in the community, in particular focusing on firefighters and vets. In Maths, they have been looking at sorting objects by colour, size and shape. Well done everyone!

Continuing their learning about people in the community who help us, the children in our Reception class have enjoyed taking on the roles of vet and nurse in their role play Animal Hospital. In literacy, they have been constructing short sentences about a vet and they have been exploring the concept of more and fewer in maths lessons.

We had a very exciting time in Year 1 this week as they heard about a friendly, yellow creature who has visited their school. They think he or she might be looking for a friend, and they decided to make some 'Wanted' posters to put up around school using lots of adjectives. In maths, they have been learning how to count in 10s, and in Science, they learnt about their sense of touch. In Geography, they have been thinking about how seasonal weather changes affect what we wear and also what we do.

Year 2 were excited for their first forest school this week - the campfire was just what they needed now the colder weather has arrived. In maths, they have been bridging ten for both addition and subtraction. It has been a bit tricky so they will continue to practise this. They have made a plan for an information leaflet to tell people why our world is special and how they can look after it. Well done Year 2!

This week year 3 have used their persuasive language techniques to create posters supporting mental health and emotional regulation. In science, they explored how water is transported in plants and set up an experiment with food dye and celery to see the xylem cells of a plant. To celebrate black history month, year 3 looked at the life and achievements of Claudia Jones and created Carnival masks to celebrate the positive change she made on the world.

This week in Year 4, we have been decomposing numbers in the thousands in Maths and travelling back in time to the Empire Windrush in English to write mini fact files about Mona Baptiste and Lord Kitchener using fronted adverbials. In Geography, we debated whether humans have a positive or negative impact on rivers, sharing evidence and opinions to support our ideas.

Year 5 have practised working with clay to produce a coil pot - they tried different methods to make a base and then different shaped pots, so they will be ready to make their final piece in a couple of weeks. In tag rugby they worked on 'playing the ball' once tagged, and dropping back as a defensive line before the play continues. In science, they investigated friction, by seeing how much force was needed to pull a shoe, using newton metres.

Year 6 have worked brilliantly this week. They have had their first go at practice SATs for their Autumn 1 assessment and the children showed real resilience working through each quiz. They had a Drama session on Wednesday as part of their preparation for high school and wowed Mrs J with their in class performance. Finally, the class worked super hard practicing for their assembly and it's safe to say they smashed it! You've really made yourselves proud this week. Well done Year 6!

A reminder that parents evening will be taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The PTA will be facilitating the book fair outside the hall on both days, 40% of the takings are gifted back in books for school so please do take a look!

Have a great weekend!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Community tea 9am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School reopens for Autumn 2
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Community tea 9am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	No afternoon Treehouse session (staff training)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Community tea 9am

### Office reminders

Parents for Future is a growing climate community. One of our Nursery parents co-founded the Manchester group and wants to share information about how to get involved. They run a play group as well as other nature-related local activities. You can complete this form to express an interest here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-12eLTRUVlt0bl-CO9hwunmjoTDWlrQ07joCQQtalxhdT3w/viewform?usp=header>

### PTA News

A big thank you to all those who helped or attended Hi-Tea on Sunday, it was lovely to join together as a school community!

Community Tea is happening again next Friday (17th October) and you will see the yellow PTA banner outside the hall after drop-off. Come along for a brew and a chat with other parents and carers. Mr Trohear will also talk about future plans for the outside space... large areas of the playground become waterlogged during rainy weather, meaning it's unusable for many months of the year. We would love to improve year-round access to the fields and playground.

A flyer is attached with more information on future plans and how you, or other family members, might like to help with a regular donation to our charity PTA.

We will also be running a book fair during parents' evenings next week... 40% of the takings are gifted back in books for school!

Thank you for your support.