

Dear parents,

A very busy week at Chorlton C.E Primary!

This week in Maths, Nursery explored the primary colours by feeding colour monsters with matching coloured objects. The children also learnt about the importance of hand washing by scrubbing pretend germs off rubber gloves using sponges, brushes and cloths. In Literacy, they began reading 'It's Okay to be Different', talking about what makes us unique before creating self-portraits using collage materials in the Creative Zone.

Zibbo the dragon has continued to cause a stir in the Reception Class by flying around the classroom when nobody is about! The children have found him on top of the reading tent and in a box! This has meant that the children have had the opportunity to read and write some simple words, in, on and up! They are doing really well sounding out words. Well done Reception! In maths, the children have been teaching Martyn the maths monkey how to go about careful counting.

In Year 1 this week, the children have written some wonderful sentences about the animals from Cave Baby and learnt that capital letters and full stops are really important. In maths, they have been using comparative language such as greater than / less than and more / fewer. In Geography, they sequenced the seasons and learnt about changes to trees. In Art, they explored spiral drawing with charcoal sticks and pencils. They have started to practice our songs and lines for the Harvest service and learnt more about why Christians are grateful at this time of year.

Year 2 have had a fantastic week of learning! In Science, the children were very excited to make and test their own bridges, exploring which materials and shapes would make them the strongest. They enjoyed testing their ideas and seeing whether their bridges could withstand different amounts of weight. In PSHE, they have been thinking about what makes a happy family and discussing the different things that help families to care for and support one another. In RE, they have been learning about the story of the tax collector and had lots of fun bringing the story to life by acting it out!

This week in Maths, Year 3 have explored different strategies for adding and subtracting through the 10 barrier. In English, we have invented revolting recipes for the giants in The BFG, and in Geography they have explored the 5 main lines of latitude and how they relate to the Earth's climate zones.

What a busy week of afternoon learning in Year 4! In Science, they got wonderfully messy recreating the entire digestive process using food and household items – with a very realistic (and memorable!) ‘poo’ to finish! In Geography, they journeyed deep into the Amazon Rainforest, writing letters home about our travels by land, sea and air. Finally, in Computing, they became digital detectives, exploring our digital footprints and how to make smart, safe choices online.

Year 5 have been on the edge of their seats as we are reaching the conclusion of Robot Girl; they have written some atmospheric setting descriptions and letters of advice to the main character. In Art, they have worked on making clear, strong marks when drawing, in preparation for designing their own maps next week. In gymnastics, they used contrasts in their partner work, varying the speed, height and direction of their movements. Well done Year 5!

Year 6 have had yet another busy week. They engaged brilliantly with writing about fantastical creatures in English really focussing on whimsy and vocabulary. In maths, the class reviewed the ‘Same Sum’ rule and applied it to a variety of equations. The children thoroughly enjoyed their second forest school session and gymnastics this week and they worked very independently on researching digital citizenship for Computing. Fab job Year 6, well done!

It’s been an action-packed fortnight of sport! Our Year 6 cross-country runners took on hundreds of pupils in the regional qualifiers, battling challenging weather and giving it everything they had. A huge well done to all 16 runners – we’re now eagerly awaiting the results to see who has made the finals!

And there’s plenty more to come! Next week, our Year 5 & 6 girls’ football team kick off their first round of matches, with Ms J in the dugout! Then, before the end of the month, a mixed boys’ and girls’ team will swap footballs for rugby balls as they take on a tag rugby tournament. Go Chorlton!

Watch this space for results, sporting highlights and details of what’s coming up next!

Below are key reminders for all parents / guardians:

When letting us know your child is absent due to illness, please provide their specific symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, stomach ache) rather than stating they are "sick" or "unwell." This helps us monitor illnesses across year groups and take necessary health precautions.

Please ensure your child brings everything they need for the day, including water bottles, PE kits, coats, and packed lunches when they arrive in the morning. We have had a high volume of items dropped off throughout the day, which interrupts classroom learning and puts significant pressure on office staff.

If your child is going home with a relative or another parent, please notify the school office before 12:00pm. This gives our teaching staff enough time to check messages during their lunch break and ensures a safe, safe, smooth dismissal for everyone.

Please find attached to the newsletter webinars for healthy schools training and events.

Have a great weekend

Headteacher