



NEWSLETTER



OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT – UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY – TEAMWORK

31st March 2023

As I start to write this newsletter, parents are coming into school to watch our KS2 Rocksteady concert. This is always a joy to see and hear, and I am always amazed at the skills and confidence our youngsters show when on the stage. Of course, rehearsals for our KS2 production will start in the summer term - another fabulous event to look forward to.



A flying Visit

Our younger children had such an exciting morning in the middle of March when an experienced team of handlers brought their passion for birds of prey into our school hall. With the help of their team of owls and raptors the children had an unforgettable close-up encounter with the birds as they flew directly over the tops of their heads and between members of staff. The handlers also gave an interactive talk, covering basic adaptations, habitat, diet and much more.



Egyptian Museum

It was brilliant to see so many Year 4 parents at our Egyptian Museum. I am sure everyone who attended would agree the children were fantastic and presented their speeches flawlessly. Our history topic 'Ancient Egypt' has fascinated everyone and we often sat in awe of the wonders of the ancient world.



Y6 Victorian Day

A couple of weeks ago Great Oaks experienced the life of a child at school in Victorian times on our Victorian Day. The children and staff dressed up to really get them into role and everyone entered into the spirit of the day, which made it as authentic and as fun as possible; we are sure they all gained a greater insight into the Victorian period, enhancing their learning.

Well done Isaac!

Last month, Mrs Gale spent a wonderful evening listening to all the winning stories of The Rotary Club's Christmas Story Competition in Great Missenden. There were so many schools represented, including two independent schools and lots of schools from Chesham and Amersham. It was therefore even more impressive that one of our own students, Isaac from year 6, won 2nd prize in the year 6 category. Isaac was a wonderful role model for our school and received his prize courteously and respectfully. He was thrilled to find out that he won a certificate, notebook and pen plus a £30 book voucher! "It was definitely worth taking part!" he said. Well done Isaac we are very proud of you.



World Heritage Day.

To the Parents and Guardians of Hawridge & Cholesbury CofE School

We have created a World Heritage Day. It will be about celebrating who we are and where we are from.

On the **18th April 2023**, we are inviting the children to come in any traditional clothing that celebrates your heritage. If you don't have any then you can come in with a flag or face-paint, or you could come in as the colours of your flag. You could do it all if you want to.

From The World Heritage Day Year 5 Team

Caia, Chloe, Max and Lucia

Science Week

Mrs Gale organised such an exciting science week and on Monday an outside agency "Science Boffins" came into school. They delivered such a thrilling and interesting whole school assembly first thing in the morning and throughout the day each class had the opportunity to attend a science workshop. It was not only informative, but also great fun!



Please do not leave your car engines running, when you are waiting for your children. The children and staff are trying to earn an Eco-school award.

Chiltern League Girls Football



Yesterday Mrs Birley accompanied the girls' football team to the Chiltern League final event at Chesham United Football Club. They played against Waterside, Thomas Harding, Chartridge and Our Lady's. They all played amazingly well and nearly scored a goal on many an occasion. Mrs Birley was impressed with their enthusiasm, drive, amazing tackles and brilliant defence. The girls all had a great time and went home happy that they had the opportunity to compete.

Well done Freya, Annabelle, Scarlett, Alice, Leila, Una, Chloe, Teigan, Stella, Summer, Ella, Caia, Lucia, Neve, Lacey and Eleanor. You did Hawridge and Cholesbury proud! Thank you Mr Jackson and Mr Groves for your brilliant training sessions. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



What a beautiful sight our spring bulbs are as we make our way along the front of the school to the entrance. All that hard work planting in the Autumn has certainly paid off, giving us a real feeling of optimism and joy. I invite you to take a moment as you make those steps, or wait for school to start/ end to enjoy the vibrant colours of the daffodils, the wonderful scent of the hyacinths and marvel that such things have grown from rather dry, dull, insignificant looking bulbs planted several months ago. Nature really is a wonderful thing!

I am reminded of the Parable of the Mustard Seed where the Bible teaches us that big things have small beginnings and that the Kingdom of God offers refuge.

'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches'

Matthew 13:31-32

Easter is a season of joy and hope, but it is also a reminder of God's love. In between the fun springtime activities like decorating Easter eggs, preparing a delicious Easter dinner, and searching for the best Easter basket ideas, you may like to spend time reflecting on the sacrifice Jesus made and the new beginnings we see around us.



Finally, have a super, restful Easter break. Enjoy your Easter eggs and spending quality time with your family and friends. Remember to keep reading every day and it would be wonderful if children could write a couple of lines each day about what they have done. Maybe you are going to visit another town, have a friend round for a sleepover or bake and decorate a cake. Whatever you do, it would be lovely to read some of your mini diary entries.