



NEWSLETTER



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

November 2022

What a wet start to this term we have had, with many inside playtimes due to the torrential rain. All the children have been brilliant staying in their classrooms playing games and being creative. Let's hope the weather begins to improve soon, but meanwhile keep remembering raincoats and wellies!



Outdoor Space

We love our fabulous grounds and outdoor space at Hawridge and Cholesbury and this includes using our Outdoor Cathedral when the weather permits.

Show Racism the Red Card

Thank you for dressing your children in red. The colour of our assembly looked very different – all red instead of blue. School raised £182.23 for this great charity.

Disco

Just a reminder about the PSA's School Disco this Friday.

KS1 - 5:30pm to 6:30pm

KS2 - 6:45pm to 7:45pm

Please collect your children promptly and remember it will be very dark so you may want to bring a torch with you.



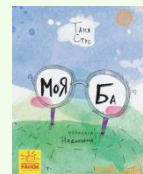
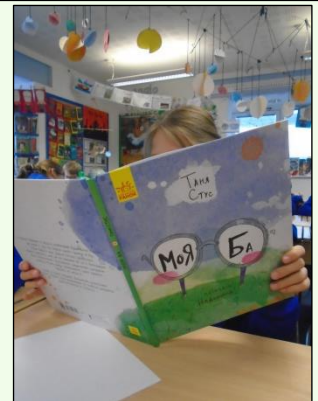
Rocksteady Concert

Tues, 6th Dec 2.30pm (not 2pm)

Ukrainian Literacy Day

Years 4 and 5 enjoyed an interesting session translating a Ukrainian picture book into English. We learnt that it is very difficult to make a 'perfect' translation and we had to work hard to give the beautiful story, 'My Grandma' by Tania Stus, an English translation. We learnt that all stories can mean something to some people, no matter which language they are written in.

After school we welcomed some of our Ukrainian families and their host families and gave them the chance to work together looking at the power of language.



Cake Sales

Cake sales are not only a fun and tasty way to end the day, but are also a means of raising additional money for our children. Monies raised are being used for special books that the class teacher and children have chosen (rather than curriculum books) and also extra supplies for Design and Technology lessons.

Well done to Y5 who raised £76.90, Y4 who raised £84.50. and Y6, who raised £146.90. Well done everyone!

Future Cake Sale Dates

Y3 - Friday, 27th January 2023

Y2 - Friday, 24th February 2023

Y1 - Friday 24th March 2023

YR - Friday 28th April 2023



School Values

During Celebration Assembly teachers (and sometimes children) choose someone who has really shown one of our school values. This week Matthew nominated his mum for showing the value of **teamwork** when helping him with his lego, Mrs Gale nominated Alfie for **honesty**, Eleanor nominated Kyan for **understanding** and Miss Macmillan nominated Ellie for **responsibility** and **understanding** for looking after some of her children when she was unwell last week.

Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome Christian Darkin into school on Thursday, who is an author of books for children and an animator for children's TV (CBeebies/CBBC).



We started the day off with a whole school assembly, where he talked to us about creating animation and movie visual effects, as well as his job as a children's author. He then ran some amazing class workshops, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



Chiltern League

This term the sport is netball and our team have played a couple of fixtures so far. Mr Jackson has been most impressed with their enthusiasm and teamwork, and the new training sessions are really helping.



Bibles

We are delighted that all of the children in Year 2 to Year 6 have been given their own personal copy of the Children's Bible (subsidised by BiblesforChildren). These will stay in school with them and support our learning of Bible stories and parables, and will be theirs to keep when they leave. The children were fascinated to look through their Bible and we look forward to sharing more Bible stories together.

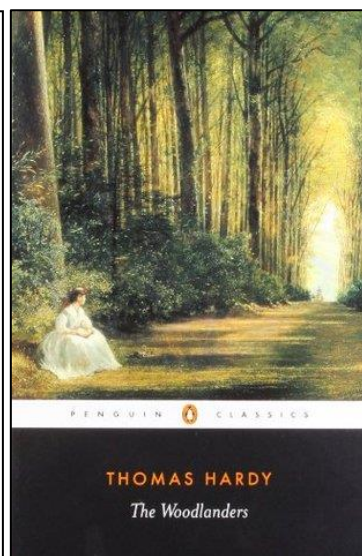
Drop off Zone, Parking

Both the drive and the alleyway are a drop off zone, so please ensure you do not park your car in the drop off zone layby. A member of staff will be located at the end of the drive and the alleyway to direct children.

Please could all drivers be courteous to our neighbours (and not park across their drives) and to our environment (and not park on the Common). Thank you

This week in our Celebration Assembly I shared with the children one of my favourite books, a classic novel by Thomas Hardy called *The Woodlanders*. It is a real favourite of mine which I have read several times. There is something about it which just feels special. It may be the fact that Little Hintock, the village in the book reminds me of bygone years and how I imagine life may have been in Chiltern villages such as Hawridge, Cholesbury or the one where I live, where communities are strong and rural trades and the country side were at the centre of life. It may also be the way the book raises the issue of the class inequalities of the time. It makes me reflect on the inequalities which still exist across the world.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,
Ephesians 2:14



Finally, thank you to Mrs Rolfe who has donated some monitors and keyboards. We are very grateful; plus a big thank you to everyone for all your kind Harvest donations. Chiltern Foodbank provided over 46,800 meals to local people in need, 37.3% of whom were children. We sent over 100 kgs to Chiltern Foodbank and received a lovely thank you letter from them.