



Working together... Learning for life



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Dear Parents,

Another busy week with a Reception trip, Y4 open class and Parent lunch plus the usual exciting learning in each class. I've also had some fabulous work shared with me and have started to put this on our twitter feed so you can see the brilliant learning too! Follow us on @CharfieldPri to see our updates.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Willcox, Headteacher



MENU CHANGE – Thursday 8th February

Menu

Chinese Chicken Stir Fry
Or
Sweet and Sour Quorn

Served with Chinese Noodles and Vegetables

Pancake with Ice-cream & Toffee Sauce
Or
Fruity Jelly

February 2018

Aspens

PARENTS EVENINGS YR – Y6

A reminder that parents evenings will be upon us soon. The dates are **Monday 26th February** and **Wednesday 28th February**.



Sheets to sign up for a time slot will be placed in the front foyer from Monday 19th February. We can book appointments by telephone or email too.

PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

We have had reports from several parents that people are not showing respect to our neighbours when parking their cars to drop off and pick up children from school.

This is a polite reminder for everyone to please be respectful when parking outside other people's houses.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March by dressing up as our favourite book heroes and inspirational characters. There are lots of fantastic, fun and easy ideas online to get you started! This will link to our learning for focus week.



CLASS OF THE WEEK



The teachers have voted and persuaded.... and they really couldn't decide this week so Class of the week goes to

Caterpillars and Ladybirds Class.

Caterpillars have done some amazing story writing and excellent collaboration when working on their trip recounts.

Ladybirds have shown real resilience writing brilliant stories and showing a fantastic attitude to learning.

WOW we are so proud of both classes.



GymRun Colours



The children who took part in GymRun Colours will be coming home with their badges today! We are excited to see which child in each class can make the most progress before the Easter holiday and win the mystery 'sporty' prize.

It is simple to support your child in improving their fitness at home with little equipment - a 3-minute run is one event and a tricep-dip can be practised off the edge of a bed - speed bounce, standing long jump and sit-ups make up the rest of the assessment.

Mrs Szmaglik will be running a short session every Wednesday lunchtime to support those children who wish to improve their fitness - no need to sign up, just have a pair of trainers in school.

PE NEWS



We have been invited to take part in a charity 'Swimarathon' by the Thornbury Rotary Club on the weekend of Sat 3rd/Sun 4th of March. Children of all ages are invited, but must be able to swim 25m lengths in a relay team of 6. The sessions are in the evenings (6.15pm/7.15pm/8.15pm) The event will be to raise sponsorship with the charities including Cystic Fibrosis and Jigsaw Thornbury among others. Ask your child to speak to Mrs Szmaglik in school if this is something they might be interested in.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS



"YEEAAAAAH!!! CHARFIELD!!!"

Shouted a rather over-excited Mr Higgins in front of about a hundred children and parents on a rather overcast, wet Saturday morning.

Yet, as you may have worked out, this was not a sad morning at all. Oh no, no way... For our brilliant, amazing and resilient children pulled something *incredible* out of the bag.

Cross country – 4 weekends of mud-slogging, grass-stomping, leg-wobbling endurance. And our school came 2nd!! Overall, out of roughly 15-20 different schools attending the races, our small yet substantial school ran their way to 2nd place overall!

But it doesn't end there – we had 3 individual runners in the top 10 for their races (2 of which were in the top 3) and two of our groups – Junior boys and Senior girls – both placed second in the "Big Schools" category.

I speak for everyone here at Charfield when I say we are immensely proud of all the children who attended – every one of you contributed to our success. Thank you for making my weekends on a rather soggy field feel like fantastic fun!

I'm already envisioning some names written in future headlines.... Keep your eyes peeled folks – Charfield Children Are Incredible!

FUTURE PE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Sports Council will be organising a Sport Relief event towards the end of March.





LEARNING AT CHARFIELD



Beetles learning this week:

Wow! What an amazing term we are having in Beetle class. Our topic this term is Amazing Africa. We started our topic by researching interesting facts about this continent and sharing them with the rest of the class.



We have studied the work of David Shepherd, who was a British artist and passionate conservationist, and created pictures of lions using various techniques.

In science, we have been studying animal skeletons and movement. To begin our topic we were set a challenge to see what we already know about our bodies. We had to correctly arrange the bones and organs to create a new member of Beetle class. We now have three new members of Beetle class: Angus Junior, Dafydd and Harry.



The good news is that they are very well behaved and friendly!

We have also been learning about three different types of skeletons: endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. We then sorted different animals according to their skeletons. In groups, we painted animals from each group.

Endoskeletons Exoskeletons Hydrostatic skeletons



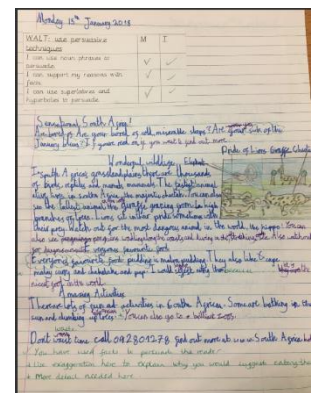
In English, we are reading *The Butterfly Lion*. But what is a Butterfly Lion? The children predicted what they thought it was before we started reading the story.



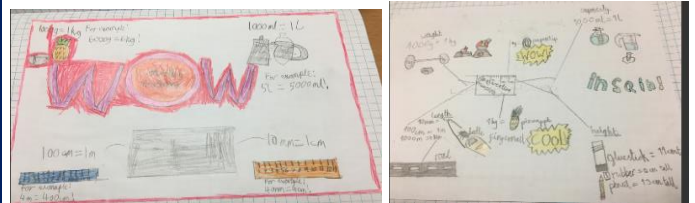
This is what we predicted the Butterfly Lion looks like.

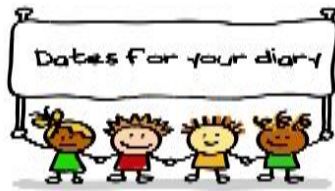
We have written for various purposes this term such as a diary entry, letter, persuasive holiday brochure and a fact file.

We are always keen to edit and improve our writing. We use a purple polishing pen to edit our own learning and respond to feedback.



In maths, we have been converting between different units of measure. We created our own posters and used practical resources to help us remember how to convert between different units.





DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
08/02/18	Thu	15:15	16:00	Open Class - Dragonflies (Y5)
09/02/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 3 Ends
19/02/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Term 4 Begins
23/02/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Mid Year Reports
26/02/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	FOCUS WEEK 2
26/02/18	Mon	17:30	20:00	Parents Evening 2 Late
28/02/18	Wed	15:30	17:30	Parents Evening 2 Early
01/03/18	Thu	N/A	N/A	World Book Day
01/03/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 3 Swimming Starts
08/03/18	Thu	12:00	12:20	Open Class - Dragonflies (Y5)
08/03/18	Thu	12:20	13:15	YEAR 5 – Parent Lunch
16/03/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Photographer - Class & Leavers
22/03/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class – Butterflies (Y1)
23/03/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 4 Ends
09/04/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	INSET Day 5
10/04/18	Tue	N/A	N/A	Term 5 Begins
12/04/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 3 Swimming Ends
19/04/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Starts
04/05/18	Fri	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Beetles (Y3)
10/05/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Ends
14/05/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Year 6 SAT Week
17/05/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
18/05/18	Fri	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)
24/05/18	Thu	09:30	12:00	Infant Sports Day
24/05/18	Thu	12:00	13:00	Sports Day Picnic
24/05/18	Thu	13:30	03:00	Junior Sports Day
25/05/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 5 Ends
04/06/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Term 6 Begins
04/06/18	Mon	13:30	15:20	Y6 Block Swimming Session Starts
08/06/18	Fri	13:30	15:20	Y6 Block Swimming Session Ends
11/06/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Phonics Screening Week
13/06/18	Wed	N/A	N/A	Reserve Sports Day
14/06/18	Thu	12:00	12:20	Open Class - Bumblebees (Y6)
14/06/18	Thu	12:20	13:15	YEAR 6 – Parent Lunch
14/06/18	Thu	14:00	15:30	Year 1 Swimming Starts

14/06/18	Thu	18:00	19:00	New Reception Parents Evening
02/07/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	FOCUS WEEK 3
04/07/18	Wed	19:00	20:00	Music Evening
05/07/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Grasshoppers (Y2)
13/07/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Reports to Parents
18/07/18	Wed	19:00	20:30	Leavers Play
19/07/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Ends
20/7/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 6 Ends



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Fundraising for Charfield Pre-School Registered Charity
No. 1029832

Quiz Night

Charfield Memorial Hall
Friday 23rd February, bar open after 7:30pm

£7 includes a light supper

Teams of 2-6 players

Raffle with fantastic prizes to be drawn on the night

Quiz tickets available from Costcutters

FAMILY YOGA



New Class – Family Yoga Sessions starting 24th February at Kingswood Village Hall at 9.30 – 10.15am. This class is designed for children and parents to have fun exploring different stretches and movements, breathing exercises and relaxation. It's a great way for the whole family to exercise together in a fun and relaxed way. Any age welcome from 2 years upwards. £5 per child (adults free when accompanying a child).

Please contact Vicky on 07971407945,
vicky@theyogabird.com, Facebook – The Yoga Bird or
www.theyogabird.com



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