

Swimming Gala

Yesterday, eight pupils from Years 3 and 4 proudly represented our school at the Milton Keynes Annual Swimming Gala. They competed against 18 other schools from across Milton Keynes in what proved to be a highly competitive and exciting event.

Our swimmers took part in the 25m breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle races, demonstrating great determination, resilience and team spirit throughout the gala. The overall standard of competition was exceptionally high, with the top three schools fielding teams largely made up of academy swimmers.

Although we are still awaiting confirmation of the final standings, we believe our team placed around the middle of the table, a fantastic achievement given the strength of the competition. We are especially proud that three of our eight swimmers are in Year 3, the experience they have gained this year will undoubtedly strengthen our team even further next year.

A huge well done to all of our swimmers for representing the school so brilliantly. We are very proud of you all!



Pancake Day

Children in Foundation Stage turned into chefs this week as they explored the delicious world of pancake making!

The children rolled up their sleeves to carefully measure out ingredients, develop their whisking and mixing skills, and to taste-test their golden creations.

This hands-on activity provided a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their fine and gross motor control and explore mathematical concepts like weight and capacity in a real-world context. Judging by the empty plates and big smiles, it was a great success!



Computing

This half term, during our topic on creativity, the children in Year 2 have made a digital book using StoryJumper. Story Jumper is a web-publishing program that allows children to add images and text to create a professional looking book which can be purchased. Mohamed had his StoryJumper books printed and they look great!

We would love for you to see what Year 2 have been working on. Visit the links below to view our digital bookshelf and leave a comment for our budding authors:

Volta Class: <https://bit.ly/storyjumpervolta>

Rutherford Class: <https://bit.ly/storyjumperrutherford>



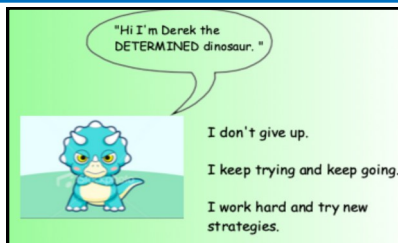
Learning Behaviours

At Caroline Haslett Primary School, we have 8 characters that help us remember the skills of an effective learner in all of our lessons.

After half term, our character will be Derek the Determined Dinosaur.

Encourage your child to practise the skills listed below and be like Derek.

I don't give up.
I keep trying and keep going.
I work hard and try new strategies.



Dates for the diary

School Tours
1st Tuesday of the month at 10.30am

February Half Term
16th–20th February

School re-opens
Monday 23rd February

Yr 6 SAT's Meeting
Thursday 26th Feb at 6pm

World Book Day
Thursday 5th March

Movies & Munchies (Yr1-2)
Thursday 5th March

Year 1 Howe Park Visit
Tuesday 10th March
Wednesday 11th March

Movies & Munchies (Yr3-6)
Thursday 12th March

Red Nose Day
Friday 13th March

Year 2 Balance Bike
16th–19th March

Friends Bingo
Friday 20th March
(after school)

Last day of Spring Term
Friday 27th March
1pm finish

Pupil Achievement

Aaria from Joules class recently auditioned for the Rotary Young Music Competition, where she was recognised as an outstanding performer and awarded a special mention. Following this achievement, she was invited to perform at the Finals as a guest performer. Last Saturday, Aaria played the piano before a large audience of music enthusiasts, alongside the Mayor of Milton Keynes. Although she was initially nervous, Aaria delivered a beautiful performance and received very positive feedback from the audience.



Well done Aaria!

Joules Class

This week in Joules class, we made delicious bread rolls! The children thoroughly enjoyed every step of the process, from mixing and kneading the dough, to shaping the rolls, baking them, and, of course, tasting their freshly baked creations. It was a wonderful hands-on experience for everyone!



Dodgeball

We took a team of year 5+6 students to Shenley Brook End School on Monday to compete in a Dodgeball event. We had some brilliant performances across the team and the children really put 100% into each game. Well done to all of them.



Pupil Achievement

Eleonora from Joules class took part in a gymnastics regional competition in Southampton last week, where she performed exceptionally well and was awarded a silver medal.

Well done Eleonora!



Foundation Library Trip

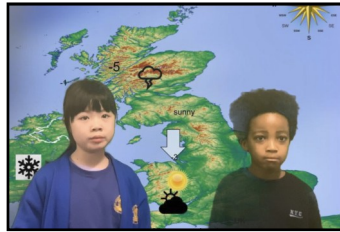
Our Foundation Stage children had a fantastic time visiting Westcroft Library this week!



It was wonderful to see the children using their own library cards to check out their books at the machines. Both classes behaved beautifully and were a credit to the school. The excitement even continued after we left the library, with their first-ever ride on the school minibus!

Computing

In our Creativity unit, 'We are meteorologists', Year 3 worked with a peer to create weather reports. They made collaborative weather maps using Google Drawings and a reporter's script in Google Docs. The children were excited to perform their weather reports in front of a green screen and remembered to wear contrasting colours, stand in the correct position, use clear loud voices and point their hands at different parts of the UK. We imported our clips into iMovie and added jingles, titles and credits.



Bikeability

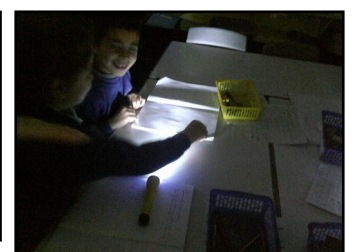
Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Bikeability this week. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme, designed to help children learn practical skills, and cycle safely on today's roads and Redways. Throughout the course, the children developed their confidence and control on their bikes. They learned how to check their bikes, signal clearly, and make safe decisions when cycling. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow each day, and the instructors were very impressed with their effort and positive attitudes.



Well done, Year 5!

Crowther Class

This week in Science, the children in Crowther class explored how shadows are formed using torches and a variety of objects. They discovered that shadows appear when an opaque object blocks a light source and were fascinated to see how the size of a shadow changes depending on the distance between the object and the light. By moving objects closer to and further away from the torch, they observed that shadows become larger when the object is nearer the light and smaller when it is further away. Great work Crowther!



FRIENDS OF CHPS



Friends of CHPS, You should have all seen on ParentMail that our Primrose Flower Shop is now open to purchase for Mother's day.

This is an ideal time to buy a flower for that important lady in your life, whether that be mum, grandma, an auntie or a close friend.

You are able to purchase the flowers via ParentMail until 26th February and they will be available for collection Friday 13th February.

After half term we will be launching our reading challenge in line with World Book Day, which you can get sponsorship for. There are prizes to be won for your children's whole class and individually. Please see information below but more details will be sent nearer the time. It would be great to get the whole school involved.

WORLD BOOK DAY
CLASS READING CHALLENGE

Get Reading for World Book Day, Raise Funds for our School and Win Prizes!

Dates: Friday 27th February to Thursday 5th March

Read as much as possible outside of lesson/homework time, while raising sponsorship money to support our school, and competing with the other classes to see which class can read for the most time. Which class will read for the most time and win the Class Reading Challenge?

Pupils can read anything they enjoy (books, comics, magazines, newspapers) at home, with family, or independently.

Sponsorship can be a fixed donation or based on reading time, and children will be asked to log how many minutes they spent reading and/or being read to each day.

PRIZES:

- Class Prize: A special PJs and Stories afternoon in the school library for the class that reads the most minutes across the whole school.
- Top Reader: £10 Waterstones Voucher for the pupil that reads the most minutes across the whole school.
- Reading Star Certificate and small prize: Awarded to one pupil per class based on effort and participation.
- Participation certificates for every pupil that returns their total minutes read log and any sponsorship raised.

Reading logs and sponsorship forms will be sent home after half term.

Mother's Day Primrose Sale
Brought to you by Friends of CHPS

A little flower with a lot of love!
Celebrate Mother's Day with a beautiful primrose in a pot – supplied by Jeanette's Flower Displays

Cost: £3.50 per primrose (multiple orders welcome)

How to Order: All orders must be placed via ParentMail. You can order from Monday 9th February to Thursday 26th February.

Collection: Friday 13th March. Children will collect their plants at school to take home ready for Mother's Day weekend. To keep it as a surprise for Mother's Day each plant pot will be sent home in a paper bag.

Please note: Colours of primroses, pots, and ribbon around the pot may vary from images shown and are subject to availability. We cannot take orders for specific colour requests.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day and Movie & Munchies, Years 1&2

**Thursday 12 March - Movie & Munchies
Years 3 to 6**

Friday 20th March - Easter Bingo