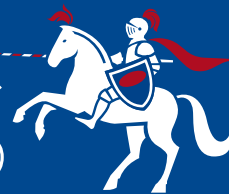


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KNIGHT'S TALES



WELCOME FROM THE HEAD

The Heat is On! This was the overriding theme for the final weeks of this summer term. Year 6 showed great resilience as the outside temperature rose ever higher and they remained enthusiastic and committed to rehearsals for their final production. 'Mr Bigwig versus the Books' was a triumph and you will be able to enjoy the write-up in these pages.

We also had a glorious afternoon on the last day of term for the Year 6 Prize Giving and Leavers' Lunch and a return to the formal occasion in the Lantern Hall. We welcomed Mrs Alison Derham, a Trustee and also Chair of the Chandlings Local Advisory Group to present the prizes. There was a super atmosphere and it was a fitting finale for the children, and their parents, to mark the end of their time at Chandlings Prep.

The final Wellbeing Board of the term has been promoting My Reflections - stop, think, pause, reflect. We have enjoyed reading the children's reflections which show how much they have achieved this year and what has been significant for them. Bella, in Reception, said, "When I started school I couldn't read and now I read to my baby brother Dominic every day." At the other end of the educational journey, Rafiq, Year 6 wrote, "I love the lessons where we go outside. It gives us the time to appreciate our world."

Academic endeavour, as well as an appreciation for our glorious environment, nicely encapsulates what we aim to achieve!

I wish you a very happy holiday.

Christine Cook
Head



PRIZE GIVING AND YEAR 6 LEAVERS' LUNCH

As always the Year 6 Prize Giving ceremony is a wonderful and emotional event celebrating the achievements of all our Year 6 children. We bid farewell to our leavers and wish them every success in their new schools.



2022 CUP AWARDS
McGrigor Cup for Creative Writing - James S
Chandlings Cup for Excellence in Mathematics - Holly A
Chandlings Cup for Excellence in Science and Engineering - Rafiq D
Good Musicianship Cup - Laurence M
The McGill Cup for Art - Celeste C-B

PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE

Children at Chandlings Prep have planted 240 trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative which was created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It is a nationwide project encouraging villages, cities, counties and schools to play their part to enhance the environment by planting trees which in turn bring benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

Children from Nursery up to Year 6 all took part in the tree planting organised by Chandlings' Grounds Manager, Rob Maskrey. Saplings were planted in the Nursery Woodland creating a new hedgerow and a variety of trees including Hawthorn, Crab Apple, Wild Cherry and Hazel were added to the Judy Forrest plantation near the Year 6 camp.

Both sustainability and the outdoors play an important role in life at Chandlings Prep. An annual rolling programme of tree planting takes place every year and along with the Jubilee initiative 200 hornbeams and alders have also been planted.

As part of the outdoor learning programme children have been observing the trees, seeing how they change over the seasons, learning about their benefits to our environment and how they attract wildlife. Miss Papp, Head of Outdoor Learning, also created a Jubilee trail throughout the grounds with questions about the Queen at each nature station.



CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS

The Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts is one of the oldest of its kind in the World, and part of the umbrella of famous Cheltenham Festivals. It takes place every May in the Cheltenham Town Hall and offers amateur performers a chance to test their skills and receive professional feedback from the most advanced practitioners of dance, music and drama in the world.

In 2021, Chandlings entered its first Cheltenham Festival, and we were delighted to attain a trophy, two gold medals, six silver medals and one bronze medal in the drama section... and lots and lots of experience along the way. We returned again in 2022, and are beyond proud of every single Chandlings Prep representative, all of whom were awarded at least one medal across the week of performances.

Our plucky team consisted of thirteen Year 3 to Year 6 performers who took on disciplines as diverse as Shakespeare, Mime, Verse Speaking, Public Speaking, Sight Reading, Musical Theatre, Prose, and Acting. They were notable for their excellent performances, but also for their superb attitude to learning from others and receiving constructive criticism.

There was a wonderful sense of Chandlings community from all of the parental and family support. The children really demonstrated Chandlings values with the generous way in which they congratulated each other, responded to the adjudicator's comments, and engaged with performances from other pupils and schools. Everyone was a winner – literally – but it is worth shining an especial spotlight on Maya B., who was awarded a dazzling five medals and a trophy for her catalogue of entries.

We are already looking forward to next year, and making plans as we speak!



Trophies		Gold Medals	
Zanthe B	Mime	Maya B	Musical Theatre, Solo Acting & Recital
Zach B & Tom L	Share a Poem	Sid D	Public Speaking & Sight Reading
Maya B	Musical Theatre	Max L	Musical Theatre
Katherine S	Solo Acting	Max L. & Rufus W	Duo Musical Theatre
Rosie T	Verse Speaking	Katherine S	Solo Acting
		Rosie T	Verse Speaking
Silver Medals		Bronze Medals	
Maya B	Shakespeare	Maya B	Verse Speaking
Zach B	Verse Speaking	Henrietta K	Musical Theatre
Evie H	Musical Theatre	Amrit N	Verse Speaking
Katherine S	Verse Speaking	Amrit N, Katherine S,	Share a Poem
Rufus W	Musical Theatre	Lilly K & Rosie T	

WHO LAID THE GIANT EGGS?

When the children arrived at school after Easter, they discovered a giant nest and three large, speckled eggs in the woodland area of the school grounds. The area was cordoned off to protect the nest while children visited to get a closer look before returning to class to discuss what sort of creature might have laid its eggs in the school grounds. Over the course of the week, classes revisited the nest and observed cracks appearing. After a couple of days, one of the eggs had broken open - but there was no sign of the creature within.

During a special whole school assembly, Mrs Biggs presented a scientific slide show on the types of animals that lay eggs, while Mrs Philip drew on her knowledge of fantastical egg-laying creatures from children’s literature, and we enjoyed a clip of Norbert the Norwegian Ridgeback dragon hatching from Hagrid’s golden egg.

The mysterious discovery in the woods stimulated hours of animated discussion, and inspired children to compile fact files, write poetry and stories, and create imaginative artwork. While we may never know what creature chose to lay its giant eggs in our woodland, there was certainly no shortage of ideas!

The Egg By Rufus W.

26 of April, 1645

On that day an egg would start its wait for life
As a phoenix is hunted down for its precious feathers
It conceals something more important than itself
Its own beloved child.

Like an acrobat, it dodges the pellets of metal intending to take its life
With only the egg in mind
Nearby, a forest catches the phoenix’s eye
And he takes the biggest risk of his life
The phoenix gives up his only advantage and swoops down low
Where vulnerability is at an all time high
Weaving through the ominous and dangerous trees
He finds his child a new home

He knows that the egg won’t crack for dozens of decades to come
So his child’s burrow must not lack security
Using his control over fire that his son will have to master on his own
He digs a hole in the ground
Deep enough to be safe, but shallow enough to be cosy
And after taking one last look at the only thing he cared about
He tells him one thing:
“I will be back one day”
He says
“But it won’t be easy to get there”



CHANDLINGS PREP WINS NATIONAL HISTORY COMPETITION

Chandlings Prep has been awarded best overall school at a National School History competition at The Oratory School. Pupils in years 5 and 6 from across the country were invited to submit essays on British Prime Ministers during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and the best ten were subsequently invited to the school.



Year 6 pupils took part and based on the work submitted, three Chandlings pupils were invited to the Winners’ Day on Thursday 9th June.

From over 200 entries a group of 10 pupils were invited to this day. During the day, they listened to a talk about Real Tennis and then had the opportunity to learn some of the skills. This was followed by a History workshop based around Rushton Triangular Lodge in which the pupils investigated the origins of the building.

Finally, there was a presentation ceremony in which Chandlings Prep was awarded the best overall school.

CHANDLINGS CHAMBER CHOIR GOES ON TOUR

Chandlings Chamber Choir were so excited to be singing at Chawley Grove Care Home. The ten singers, along with the head of music, Ms Sharp set off in the minibus eager to perform. Singing began on the bus before they even left the school(!) but they also managed to practise the speeches they had prepared for the residents.



On arrival the keyboard was set up, the children got out their folders and waited for the residents to come into the hall (along with the resident dog as well!).

Their repertoire began with ‘Let’s go fly a Kite’ which got everyone singing along and was followed by the moving Beatles song ‘Eleanor Rigby’, with a finale of the groovy ‘Ain’t no Mountain High Enough’.

The children then went and had a chat with their audience which brought a smile to everyone’s faces.



SUCCESS FOR CHANDLINGS PREP

AT YOUNG ART OXFORD

Chandlings Prep had over 40 artworks displayed at Young Art Oxford for their 2022 art exhibition.

Young Art Oxford is an annual art exhibition open to all Oxfordshire schools with children from any year between Reception to Year 9. It is a wonderful opportunity for young aspiring artists to have their work judged by well known professionals and artists and to exhibit at the prestigious Ashmolean Museum. Each year the children have a different theme on which to base their art with this year's theme being 'Dreams'.

This year all the children from Year 1 to Year 6 painted artworks from which 44 were chosen to be displayed at the Ashmolean. Amongst these Chandlings also had two Highly Commended, five Commended and a big congratulations to Sebastian in Year 6 who came second in the Year 5 & 6 category.

Pippa Prosser, Head of Art at Chandlings said, "We enter the Young Art Oxford competition as not only does it encourage creative responses to a new theme each year, but also allows the children to actively raise funds for Cancer Research UK. The knowledge that their work may be chosen to be exhibited at the Ashmolean Museum, makes this a very exciting competition for our children to enter!"



Year 5 & Year 6 2nd Prize



Commended



Commended



Highly Commended

SUCCESS FOR CHANDLINGS PREP

AT YOUNG ART OXFORD



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NURSERY BECOME SUPERHEROES

The children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 enjoyed their Superhero drama workshops delivered by Juliet from Perform (aka Super Duper). They learnt to fly and use their super powers, then undertook a mission to stop Bad Bopper from harming the planet. Flying in their invisible rocket, they stopped at the rainforest to collect plants and trees, and then transformed Bad Bopper's concrete castle into a wonderful wilderness. The energy and enthusiasm on show was astounding!



NURSERY TAKE OVER FROM MR MASKREY

Nursery had lots of fun clambering on the tractors and pretending to drive them!



RECEPTION ENJOYED SAILING THE OCEANS AS PIRATES

What a fun day Reception had when they all came in dressed as pirates ready to search for hidden treasure. They had all made their own treasure map placemats the day before which were laid out ready for their special pirates lunch. During the day they did their own independent writing all about pirates using pictures as prompts. They also had some pirate themed maths work colouring in the pirate according to the addition or subtraction sum. Even drama took on a pirate theme and they ended the day singing pirate songs in the lavender courtyard whilst enjoying an ice-cream! Yo ho ho!



YEAR 1 GO TRAVELLING

This year's topic for Year 1 was journeys both across the globe, back in time and around the school. They launched the topic by planning a journey abroad. They packed their suitcase, made their ticket, chose their destination and who they wanted to travel with. Oliver chose to go to Antarctica with Miss Richardson to do some scientific research and Vijaya chose to go to India to visit and learn more about her family.

The children then went on a learning journey around the school with their journey stick. They picked up an item from every destination and tied it to their stick to remind them where they visited: the bark chip; the mound, the pond, and finally the Year 1 tree where they all enjoyed a picnic together.

The term continued with the children learning about Mexico, comparing the differences between how families live there and in the UK as well as finding out how holidays at the seaside in the United Kingdom have changed over the years.



YEAR 2 GO BACK IN TIME AT THE STORY MUSEUM

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to the Story Museum in Oxford. They dived into the history of Oxford visiting different portals that took them to different lands before going back in a time machine to explore stories from Oxford's past.

They visited the Whispering Woods where each tree told them a story and then ventured outside where they listened to the Alice in Wonderland story whilst walking around Christ Church Meadows enjoying some fun activities.



YEAR 3 CURATE THEIR OWN MINI-MUSEUMS

Year 3 had great fun sharing their Mini-Museums with the whole year group as well as some staff. It was a real treat to see the effort and enthusiasm which went into curating each and every project. It really felt like a trip to a museum! There was a diverse range of topics covered including healthy eating, fossils, Pokemon, The Beano, seals, and Army vehicles to name but a few. The children stood up and presented their museum giving us many facts and interesting things to think about. The pupils then visited each other's museum and asked questions about the items. We had lots of special people visit the museums including the Year 2 children who came to see what they have to look forward to next year.

The overall winners were Kitty and Scarlet from 3R and Amaara and Feliks from 3H.



YEAR 4 POETRY RECITALS

At the beginning of the summer term, Year 3 and 4 took part in a wonderful poetry recital. Every child was asked to learn a poem off by heart during the Easter break then at the beginning of term, their Form Teacher chose the best performed poems from their class. These children had the opportunity to recite their poem in front of both year groups and were judged by Mrs Love. The standard was incredible and we were all so impressed by their efforts. Well done Year 4!



YEAR 4 SLEEPOVER

The tension and excitement had been building all day as Year 4 were so excited to be staying over at Chandlings on Friday night. At 5.00pm they had a snack and quickly headed up to the dorms to nest in their surroundings. A quick change and they headed out for a walk and some good old fashioned stuck in the mud.

They had a delicious supper followed by the evening movie, Luca. They enjoyed a popcorn interlude half way through and by 8.30pm there were some very droopy eyes ready for sleep (or so we thought!)

The excitement continued past the 10 o'clock mark and then at 5.15am some chatter began! Staff were positioned on sentry duty to say 'Shhhhh' every 2 minutes. At 6.30 when sentry duty was over the girls' dorms were still quiet as little baby mice, ahhh the joys of boys!

A big thank you must go to our domestic staff, Mrs Foster and Ms Uvirova, the staff who stayed and helped out, Mr Foster, Mrs Brawn, Ms Cook. Finally to our fantastic Year 4 tutors Mrs Verdon and Miss Previte and last but not least Mr Marchant who organised the whole event.

The pupils love being at Chandlings after hours, there is a real novelty to it. It's a great experience and for some a first time away from home. This is a building block for future residentials and great preparation for Land and Wave down in Dorset in September.



YEAR 5 GO POND DIPPING

Year 5 has been learning about the classification of animals. They focused on using and creating tabular and branching keys. They had a trip to the pontoon where they used some identification charts and keys to discover what lived in the ponds. There was much excitement as they found a dragonfly nymph, pea mussels, water boatman and midge larvae.



YEAR 6 CAMP

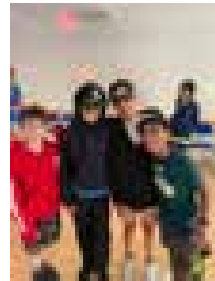
Day 1

Sun, sun and more sun. This is probably the best weather we have ever had for our Year 6 camp. The children all arrived at the Chandlings Prep glamping (!) site and set up their tents. Next, armed with maps, compasses and written instructions they set off in groups for the orienteering walk through Bagley Wood - thankfully they all managed to get back! The camp fire was lit and the BBQ ready for their return. They all enjoyed a sing-a-long with Ms Sharp as well as playing Swedish skittles and a variety of games before they tucked into their supper.



Day 2

The children set off to Barfield Prep (one of our sister schools) for the day taking part in a variety of outdoor challenges including low and high ropes, an enormous climbing wall, archery and aeroball. Encouragement, teamwork and communication was the order of the day. The sun was still shining as they headed back to camp to enjoy another BBQ and the all important disco!



Day 3

This was the day of the swim gala which involved lots of cheering as well as splashing! Lunch was followed by an ice cream from the Mr Whippy Van prior to the clearing of camp. The day finished with the very popular taskmaster and Year 6 finally went home full of fantastic memories of their final days at Chandlings.

So many thank yous to so many staff for making the Year 6 Camp such an unforgettable experience for all our leavers.



LA SEMAINE FRANÇAISE POUR LES ANNÉES SIX

La Semaine Française is one of the favourite weeks for the Year 6 children and it is full of exciting experiences, culinary delights, cultural learning and historical insights.

The week began in the DT workshop and Food Tech room where they created 3D Eiffel towers cards and delicious moulins à vent. Later in the afternoon they enjoyed a creative workshop given by Alliance Française on mediaeval France followed by some French singing and miming.

Tuesday began in the history department learning about World War II from a french perspective and then the Eiffel tower featured again with their STEM project building the tallest and sturdiest replica. Lunch was a traditional french picnic in the school grounds and in the afternoon they all worked together on a collaborative art project inspired by Claude Monet with a Hockney twist based on the school grounds!

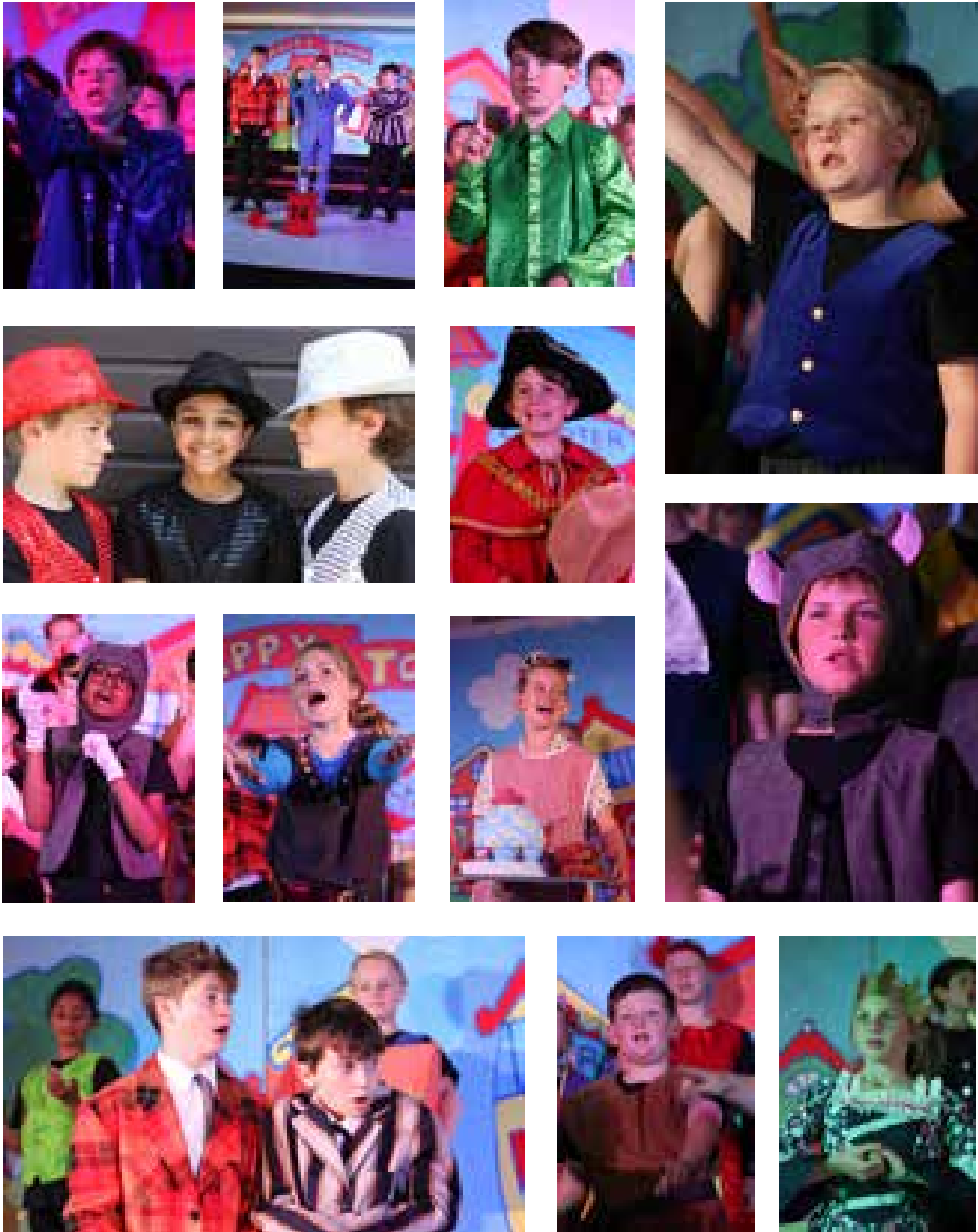
On Wednesday their taste buds were tickled with a variety of french cheeses...some went down well...others not! Thursday began with a drama workshop on Les Trois Mousquetaires led by Freshwater Theatre Company followed by some pétanque, a croque monsieur dinner and a school sleepover! Friday's breakfast was of course croissants and the week ended with the year split into groups researching a different famous French person which they presented to each other.

It was an exciting and busy week and a big thank you must go to all the staff who helped the children embrace the french theme for the week. Next year the week moves abroad and the children will be invited to spend the week in France!



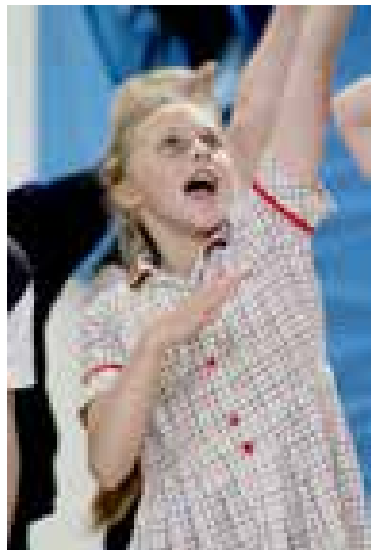
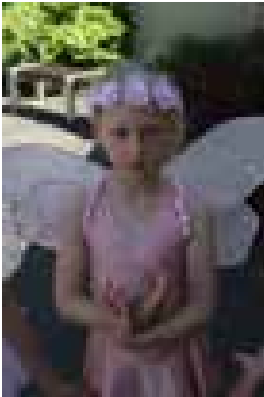
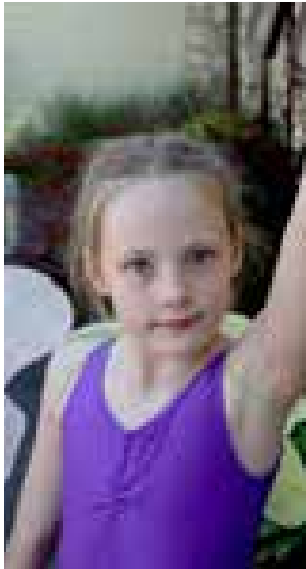
YEAR 6 PLAY - MR BIGWIG VERSUS THE BOOKS

Despite sweltering heat which felt tropical at times, the children in Year 6 treated us all to a fabulous show - Mr Bigwig versus the Books. Audiences were captivated by the dastardly plots and plans of Mr Bigwig as he tried to take over Happy Town in order to build his new sprawling development. His attempts could not thwart the daily story time at the local bookshop, and we watched three wonderful stories unfold before our eyes - Jack and the Beanstalk, The Pied Piper of Hamelin and The King's New Clothes. The performances were full of energy and sparkle, and every child shone. Quite how they managed to be so animated by the final performance on Friday evening is anyone's guess! Many, many congratulations to them all. As you know plays don't just happen on their own and there is a large (or actually quite small!) production team. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Belcher, Ms Sharp, Ms Prosser as well as Mrs Belcher's father Alan Smith on the bass, daughter Robin on the drums and friend John Brooks on the guitar. Finally a big thank you to Mrs Davies (Sid's mum) for all her help with the fantastic costumes.



CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Chandlings hosted its very first Celebration of the Arts this year, which combined music, art, drama, DT, poetry and ballet in one big final celebratory event. Every child was involved in some way: singing in choirs, playing in ensembles, reading poetry, or performing a self-composed dramatic piece called Where the Wild Things Are. The orangery was filled with artwork and there were amazing displays of DT work. It was a real celebration of the Arts and we're already looking forward to making it even bigger and better next year!



SPORTS DAYS

The penultimate week of term saw a total of six Sports Day events take place. For our youngest Nursery children, parents were invited to join them on the astro turf as they demonstrated their skills in 6 different activities including the egg & spoon, quoit balancing, football kicks, push bike races, beanbag throws and an obstacle course before taking part in a grand relay to finish.

Nursery 2 experienced a more structured event on the Reception track in which they tried their best at a range of individual and team races. They completed an exciting obstacle course; travelling under, over and through obstacles, threw a beanbag as far as they could and raced along a 35 metre distance. The highlight was the water balloon race which wrapped up the morning as the children played in the water to cool off in the hot weather.

The Reception event introduced the children to an increased level of competition in their races with stickers awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place runners for each race. A new feature to the event saw Mr Brooks lead an aerobic warm up for the children with some in the crowd even joining in. Primed and ready to go the children tried their best at all of the races and giggled with joy as they took part in the jelly and water relays to close out the morning. A special thank you also to Mrs Wimborne who provided a demonstration of the obstacle race in her final ever Sports Day at Chandlings.



SPORTS DAYS

The Year 1 & 2 event was sadly hampered by rain showers but this did not deter the children or parents who watched on with enthusiasm as their children took part in both track and field events. Year 1 enjoyed a taste of the long jump and bean bag throw before racing on the track over a 50m distance and taking on the obstacle race. The Year 2's meanwhile took part in their chosen field event and then all enjoyed the chance to race over 200m and 75m. The afternoon drew to a close as both year groups completed a soggy than normal wacky water relay.



SPORTS DAYS

The weather held fair for Prep sports day which for the second year in a row was split with Years 3 and 4 competing in the morning and Years 5 and 6 in the afternoon. This feast of inter-house athletics was as to be expected very competitive between talented individuals and between the houses. Poltimore were ahead after the morning's events but slipped away in the afternoon to allow Richardson to take the title.

The longer distance races were truly spectacular between Belle W. and Martha P. in the girls 800 metres and a stunning individual performance by Laurence M. in the boy's race. Martha edged it on the line whilst Laurence put on a one person show of true class.

Celeste B-C with a brace of first places in the 200 metres and the vortex along with a second place in the shot won the Vitrix Ludorum whilst Jonty M. lived with the pressure of expectation and won the boy's 100 and 200 metres and his long jump to take the Victor Ludorum. Congratulations to both of them and to all the children who took part.



GIRLS' CRICKET

This term brought about the opportunity for Year 3 & 4 children to play a combination of single sex and mixed gender matches. In Year 3 the focus was very much on learning the game and developing basic batting and bowling skills whilst in Year 4 the girls impressed with their tactical knowledge and desire to develop their technical skills.

The Year 3 team played friendly matches against Beachborough, Rupert House and St Hughs and it was clear to see their progression as they took on The Manor in the latter part of the term.

The Year 4 girls relished the opportunity to take part in the St Hughs Festival in the early part of the term and used this to progress their skills. Across the term they took on Rupert House, Ashfold, St Hughs and The Manor, always turning out assured performances.

The Year 5 & 6 girls combined forces this term to play in mixed age group matches. In training they impressed with their technical and tactical knowledge with a number of girls also enjoying the opportunity to play hard ball cricket in monday night squad sessions. Although the fixture list was slightly reduced this term due to the weather, the girls put on impressive performances against Ashfold, Oxford High, The Dragon and Kitebrook and the U10 girls enjoyed taking part in the St Edwards Cricket Festival.



YEARS 3-6 BOYS' CRICKET

As a sport cricket is booming at Chandlings with all 7 nets being in constant use by both boys and girls at lunch time. The numbers staying for Monday night extra squad training were very high so it is no surprise that standards of play improved throughout the summer. The weather played its part and the rain stayed away for the majority of matches.



Year 3 played a mixture of mixed ability and ability grouped pairs games. As a group they look to have the potential of being a strong year with bat and ball. This was shown in their final games of the season against Ashfold when few wides were bowled but many boundaries were hit. By the end of Year 4 every pupil is expected to be able to bowl overarm and begin the play with a straight bat and this year's crop set a high standard.

Colts cricket is a mixture of Year 5 and 6 who occasionally play together but mostly in their age groups. They were really enthusiastic and worked incredibly hard on their games. Across the board the bowling improved quite dramatically which was markedly shown in 3 highly competitive house matches each one decided by less than 3 runs.

PREP SCHOOLS TRUST GOLF DAY

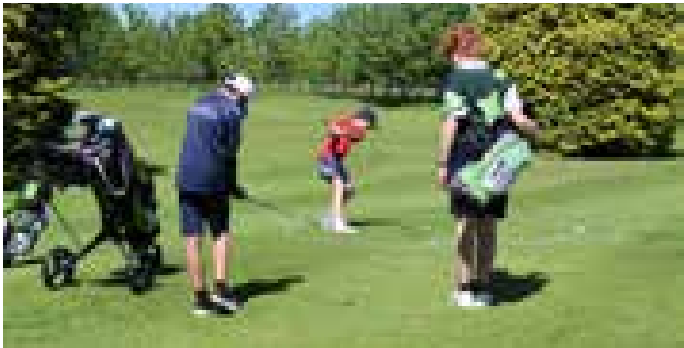
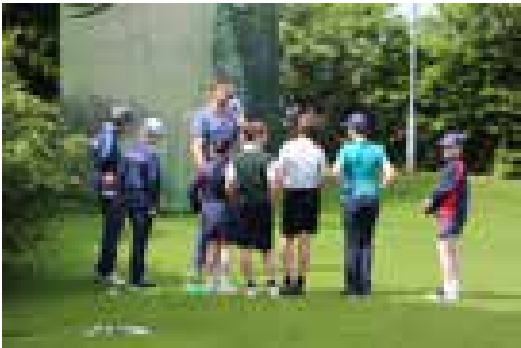
On Thursday 19th May 2022 the inaugural Prep Schools Trust Golf Competition, in glorious sunshine, was held at two of the member schools; Chandlings Prep and Cothill.

Chandlings entered a team of 5 boys and 1 girl in their team of Emile, Sammy, Max L, Rufus, Sid and Toby.

The day began with a coaching session led by two golf professionals from Frilford, followed by some fantastic golf played around the two school courses. The courses were in beautiful condition and a huge thanks must go to our Groundsman Rob Maskrey and his team as well as Mr Clarke for organising the event.

The competition was split into three prize categories; Junior, Senior and Whole Team Score. Chandlings were runners up with Cothill taking the Overall Team Prize. All schools competing achieved some great results making it a tough challenge.

Congratulations to our golfing team and we are already looking forward to the next one!



INTERVIEW WITH MR FOSTER

Each term the School Council organises an interview with a different member of staff. They decide on the questions and then follow this up with a face to face interview.



What school did you go to when you were younger?
I went to Yellow Wood Park primary school in Durban, South Africa, and a secondary school in Durban called Durban High School. So I have only been to two schools.

What was your favourite lesson when growing up?
In primary school I most enjoyed Science- it was very hands-on and we did lots of experiments. In secondary school it was geography. I had a very inspiring teacher who taught us about volcanoes, earthquakes, hurricanes and different countries and I found it fascinating.

What was life like when you were younger?
My childhood was slow, easy, happy-go-lucky. I enjoyed riding bikes through the neighbourhood, playing with mud, throwing mud balls with friends from our village. There was no technology, we made our own games up, we used our imagination!

Did you have any pets when you were younger?
I had lots! I had a blue budgie which sat on my shoulder. We had three dogs (at different times). We also had chickens and rabbits. My whole young life as a child was spent with lots of pets. We had a lot of space in the back garden. Everyone in the neighbourhood had pets and we used to visit our friends and play with each other's pets. That was a big part of my childhood.

Did you do any jobs before Chandlings?
Yes- but always as a teacher. I taught in two primary schools in Durban before coming to England- 6 years in each school

What rank were you in the South African army when you were younger?
I was in the South African National Army. I did my teacher training for four years first, though, and I was then conscripted into the Army in 1990 for one year. I trained in the army to become an officer (a Lieutenant). I did my training in the Infantry School.

Why did you want to work here and when did you start here?

I had already finished a postgraduate qualification back in South Africa while I was teaching in Durban. Back in 2001, two of my friends came over to work here in England. I applied for six jobs, and a job came up at Chandlings as Head of ICT. I had to fly over from South Africa to England. The Headmistress of Chandlings at the time, Mrs Forest, made a deal with me. She said she would pay for my flight to come over for an interview. But, if I got offered the job and didn't take it, I would have to pay for my flight myself!!!! Luckily, I fell in love with Chandlings as soon as I drove up the driveway!

How long have you been at Chandlings?
I have been here at Chandlings for 20 years, since September 2002.

What do you like to teach more: Geography or ICT?
That's a tough question- it's like asking me which of my children I prefer!!!! Both subjects are exciting. Computers empower children and geography makes us conscious of the choices we make; how we treat our planet and how our planet treats us. I like both- there is a good balance between them.

What is your favourite place in the school?
It is near the top lake, on the bank. On weekends, Mrs Foster and I go there with family and take a picnic and just sit there and enjoy the surroundings. You could be anywhere in the world....you could be in a faraway wood and it is very peaceful. You see lots of wildlife like deer, rabbits, moor hens and ducks.

What is your favourite food served at Chandlings?
Any type of roast because it is the only time of the week when I can eat a roast.

What is your favourite tree?
The big Oak tree in Chandlings as you go up the drive on the right in the field. (Mr Foster showed us a cool photo he'd taken of the tree called 'Man versus Tree')

What is your favourite style of music?
Rock music- but not too loud!! I like the Irish band U2, the Scottish band Simple Minds and I like Coldplay too. I've seen them all live.

JUBILEE FUN



PATCH FAMILY PICNIC AND FUN AFTERNOON

We were thrilled to welcome so many families to the PATCH family picnic and fun afternoon. The weather held out and we were delighted to raise over £2000 towards our chosen charity Helen & Douglas House.

Picnic blankets were laid out and the children (and parents!) had a vast array of different activities to enjoy. They threw themselves over the inflatable assault course; hurtled around the Chandlingsapolis 500 Trike Races; had a go at the golf and croquet challenges; found the bullseye at the archery and beat the ex-professional goalie! There was even a Chandlings Knight beanbag challenge. Pilates in the Park and 80s style aerobics got everyone's heart rates up too! The children loved getting their faces-painted and the parents loved trying to take the paint off later that evening!

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Mullick and Mr Brodley for pulling it all together and of course all the parents and staff for providing the different stalls and activities.





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