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# KNIGHT'S TALES





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## WELCOME FROM THE HEAD

"No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man." This quote from Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher born in 544 b.c. seems particularly apposite as I look back at my first term at Chandlings. Or first term back, should I say?

Of course, during the intervening years, there have been many changes, as you would expect, however, the very heart of the school has not changed. There is a warmth and generosity of spirit that still shines through.

The children are as I remember them: bright-eyed, articulate and obviously enjoying themselves

immensely. Their days are busy and they certainly make the most of the wide-range of opportunities!

Importantly, the academic results continue to be impressive with over 50% of our Year 6 children gaining Scholarships and Awards to academically selective senior schools. They have demonstrated their huge breadth of talent by achieving Academic, Sport, Art and All Round awards. Their exceptionally strong results were very well deserved after all of their hard work, and it is wonderful to see what they have achieved. I would also like to pay tribute to all the staff whose dedication and commitment enabled each child to flourish.

Scholarship success comes at the end of an exciting term, and I am sure that you will enjoy reading about the many events that have taken place.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome this term - I enjoy meeting you at the gate each morning and seeing your wonderful children bound into school.

It is good to be back!

**Christine Cook**

### **Abingdon School**

16 offers including  
8 Scholarships/Awards

### **Bartholomew School**

1 offer

### **Bloxham School**

3 offers including  
2 Scholarship/ Exhibition

### **Cokethorpe School**

18 offers including  
1 Scholarship

### **Cranford House**

2 offers

### **d'Overbroeck's**

5 offers

### **Headington School**

12 offers including  
2 Scholarships

### **Magdalen College School**

11 offers including  
4 Scholarships/Awards

### **Matthew Arnold School**

1 offer

### **Millfield School**

1 offer

### **Our Lady's Abingdon**

3 offers including

1 Scholarship

### **Oxford High School**

3 offers

### **Pangbourne College**

3 offers

### **St Helen and St Katherine School**

8 offers including

1 Scholarship

### **Radley College**

1 offer,

Shortlisted for 13+ place

### **The Oratory School**

3 offers including

3 Scholarships

### **Tudor Hall**

1 offer

### **Wychwood**

4 offers including

1 Scholarship

# 40 DAYS OF KINDNESS!

The season of Lent began during half term. This year, unusually, almost all of Lent fell during the school term, and the whole school was challenged to mark it in true Chandlings style: instead of (or as well as, for some) giving something up for Lent, children and staff did their best to do something kind for someone else every single day. We worked out that this would lead to more than 16,000 kind acts within the Chandlings community between half term and Easter! 2A led the way with their brilliant assembly on kindness - they had been making cookies for neighbours, walking the dog and even presented the office staff with flowers. Year 5 suggested more things to do, anything from taking out the bins to treating your family to a trip to a cafe (which one of

our children actually did!). We will never know all the acts of kindness which took place, but we know it has made a real difference.

The whole of RD have worked hard as a team to fill their kindness jar and have voted for extra choosing time as a reward.

Nursery talked about kindness and quotes from the children were written on bubbles and displayed. Here are a few of them: "Give your friends cuddles.", "Playing with your friends is kind.", "Letting somebody play with the dinosaurs would be kind" and "You could help Mummy and Daddy dust the house to be kind."

3A were very proud of their own Kindness Board.



# FASCINATING FACTS LEARNT DURING STEM WEEK

STEM Week started off with a fantastic assembly introducing STEM. The children learned how the STEM subjects at school are used within some of the STEM careers. Parents in STEM careers were interviewed and shared their interesting stories with us. Another great assembly, which the children thoroughly enjoyed, was an excellent 'Potions Under Pressure' show by Curiosity Box. We saw some interesting experiments with exploding rockets and learned about exothermic reactions.

The Pre-Prep children were treated to a session based on Money with the Mathmagician. The Nursery children were visited by the Mini Professor, they wore lab coats and found out about chemical reactions.

There were two Science based school trips during the week. Year 4 visited Crocodiles of the World to learn about adaptations and habitats. They saw many types of crocodiles and even managed to touch an alligator, snake and tortoise. Year 2 visited Marwell Zoo and discovered different habitats. Despite the rain they saw many animals including a tiger and a kangaroo.

There were some excellent talks and workshops run by parents and people who work in STEM careers. The children made some real satellites from a deconstructed diagram, they completed a grip strength activity, learned about a project to clear up space debris, thought about fusion, Maths and engineering, found out about robotics used in the car industry, and finally Year 2 and Year 3 learnt how to code through a jam sandwich activity.

Other competitions included a whole school Science poetry writing competition, and each class was invited to take part in a class STEM quiz where they had to use their observational skills. The winning class from each year have been rewarded with a picnic under their year group tree to take place during the Summer Term.

The week ended with some pop-up STEM stalls where the children met parents who work in STEM careers and learned about Space and how to care for the environment.

A busy and fun filled week where the children experienced some amazing learning opportunities.





### Big Science Event

All children in Years 1 to 6 took part in the 'Big Science Event', a County competition run by Science Oxford. The aim of the competition is to encourage children to devise, carry out and communicate Science questions that interest them. Pupils worked in small teams in their Science lessons, to plan and carry out their investigations. Each group produced a poster based on their experiment. During the last three years we have had the opportunity to represent Chandlings in the finals twice.

### Sundome

The Sundome from Culham Science Centre visited Year 5 to support their Science curriculum. They really enjoyed their time inside the Sundome where they learned about fusion and the work that is being carried out at Culham Science Centre. This linked two of their Science topics and extended their understanding of fusion.

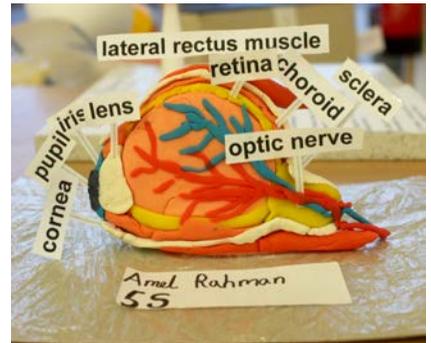


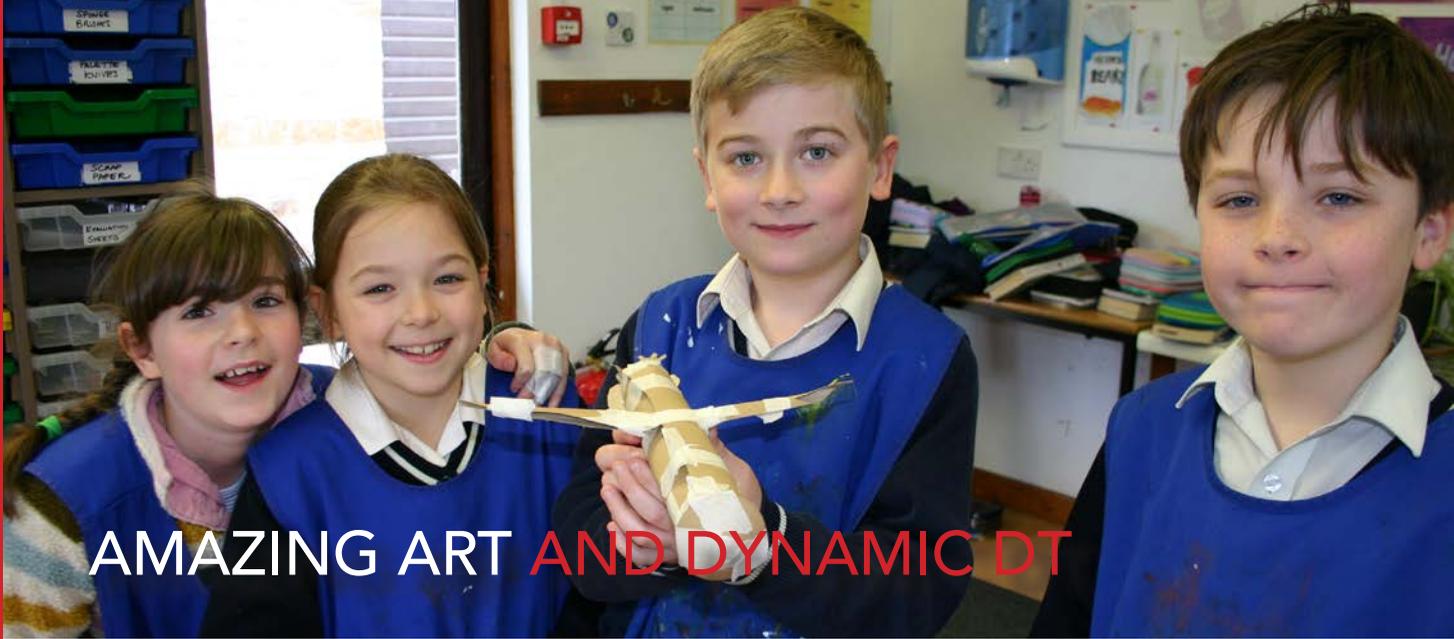
### Eye and Cell Models

Years 5 and 6 were asked as part of their homework to make a model using any material they liked and to label it. Year 5 made some amazing models of an eye, while Year 6 made some creative plant and animal cells. There was a huge range of materials used such as papier-mâché, playdough, polystyrene, clay and balloons. Some models were even edible! Well done to everyone for producing such fantastic models of a very high standard.

### Trebuchet

Year 6 have been busy making a trebuchet this term. In Science they learned about forces, levers and how to calculate speed, while in their computer lessons they created plans of their models. In Maths lessons they did some data analysis and during their DT lessons they designed and made their tabletop trebuchet. A wonderful STEM project with some brilliant results.





# AMAZING ART AND DYNAMIC DT

All children have been involved in lots of exciting making this term and have had opportunities to work individually or as part of a group. Year 6 have worked brilliantly together to produce scenery and props for their production of The Merchant of Venice and should be really proud of all their fantastic efforts and teamwork. Meanwhile the whole of Prep have produced some wonderfully creative responses to this year's Young Art Oxford theme of Journeys. There has also been lots

of painting, sculpture and general creativity going on within all year groups and here are a few images of some of the work.

In DT the Year 6 pupils created some fabulous handmade wooden boxes, using tenon saws to make very strong joints. The boxes had inventive lid designs, making them very eye-catching. Year 4 made Vacuum Forming Chocolate Moulds, and also made a wooden Heart Test Piece made by hand, using coping saws, rasps, and sandpaper for the Jigsaw Project.





Year 3 constructed String Art Projects, learning designing skills, and woodworking techniques using hammers and nails.

During our school's STEM week children in Year 1 designed and constructed Space rockets using recycled materials. Tim Peake would be proud of our skills!



Year 2 children have further developed their sewing skills by designing and making their own hand puppets. As a special treat, they will have an opportunity to play with a real marionette that will be purchased from abroad over the Easter holidays.



Year 3 have been working on their embroidery skills using advanced stitches to decorate their monster cushions. They even incorporated a secret pocket in which to hide their precious treasures.



The first Furniture Making after school club was a great success in the Autumn Term, with some creative ideas designed and made to a very high quality.

# OUR WONDERFUL BOOK WEEK INVOLVED HIPPOS, SANDWICHES, TARANTULAS AND MUCH MORE!

We had a wonderful Book Week at Chandlings, despite it being cut short by the bad weather. We had visits from three authors. Helen Cooper talked to Pre-Prep about her new book 'The Hippo at the End of the Hall' which is full of strange and bewitching creatures and is a lovely book for parents to read with their children.

On Tuesday Prep children were joined by the Year 5 boys from Cothill for a talk from Katherine Rundell, award winning author of 'The Wolf Wilder' and 'The Explorer'. She told them how growing up in Africa, and her many travels around the world, have helped her to write her books. Her adventures included having pink dolphins swim under her boat and eating tarantulas!!

Matt Brown who writes the Compton Valance books had the Prep children in stitches when he told them that his key subjects for his books are 'Trousers, sandwiches and time travel' and his favourite sandwich is a ham and cheese sandwich fried in butter!

All the authors signed copies of their books for the children who had requested them and copies of all their books will be available for children to buy at the rescheduled book sale on Friday 27 April.

Chloe Inkpen visited school during the last week of term, as her visit in Book Week was cancelled because of the snow. She talked to the Early Years children about her books. One of her characters, Fred, in his first book he was very naughty and

then in the second book he had calmed down a bit and was less lively. Chloe also read 'The Hole in Zoo' where the animals in the zoo keep creeping out of a big hole, and told the children that there is more to come in her new book! Chloe did lots of amazing drawing and everyone went away with an activity sheet to create their own animal. Chloe kindly donated some of her drawings to Chandlings - watch out for them around school!





## VIVE LE FESTIVAL DE FRANÇAIS!

Le Festival de Français was first held at Chandlings in 2003. Fifteen years on and it's still going strong.

We know learning a language is a rigorous process demanding focus and determination. But we also know it is great fun. A group of Year 5 pupils joined the French Drama Club and planned and practised a performance. They were so excited to take part in the Festival.

Twelve schools participated this year: Abingdon School, Caardus, Cokethorpe, Cothill, Kitebrook,



New College, The Manor, Our Lady's of Abingdon, Rye St Antony, Summerfields and Wychwood. The Festival helps to forge links with neighbouring schools by giving reciprocal performances. On Thursday 8th February we all took part in a friendly and delightful event, sharing our love for languages. We were entertained with traditional songs - 'Pirouette cacahuète', famous ones such as 'Les Champs Elysées' and some fun ones requiring audience participation - 'Je suis une pizza!'

created a magical moment with the entire hall singing and joining in with the actions. We also had some refined sketches such as 'Le petit Nicolas' or amusing ones like 'Supersoupeman'! It all ended much too soon. The children wanted more and so did the teachers. It was a delight for the audience; for the teachers, it was a rare opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and for those taking part, it was a triumph. Vive le Festival de Français!

## LA GALETTE DES ROIS

On Friday 12 January, Prep children welcomed the New Year in a very French way and celebrated the 'Epiphanie'. The children were able to sample La Galette des Rois a traditional cake in which 'la fève', a charm figurine, is hidden. The Galettes from the French Company 'Brioche Pasquier' were truly delicious.

The children performed the ritual of the Galette, where the youngest child goes under the table and directs the distribution of the pieces of cake. The lucky person from each table to find the 'fève' becomes the King or Queen for the day and gets to wear the paper crown. It gives children cultural awareness and they all thoroughly enjoy it. What a fantastic way to start the New Year!



# HOW LONG CAN A CROCODILE HOLD ITS BREATH FOR UNDERWATER?

On Friday 16 March Year 4 pupils enjoyed an exciting trip to 'Crocodiles of the World' in Brize Norton. The children learned many interesting facts about reptiles in an engaging talk, after which they were able to handle a tortoise, small alligator and a python. After that they moved on to see the Nile crocodiles being fed and discovered more about how they feed in the wild. The children then looked around the zoo and were enthralled by the fascinating ways crocodiles have adapted to their environment.

Amazing fact: some crocodiles can hold their breath underwater for up to 4 hours by slowing their heart beat down to about 3 beats per minute!



# NURSERY BECOME MINI PROFESSORS FOR A DAY!

Nursery were treated to a visit from Mini Professors, a company that inspires young children to love Science and help them to understand that it is going on all around them in everyday life. The children felt very grown up wearing mini lab coats and getting to help with each experiment. Professor Laura showed us how to make raisins dance in fizzy lemonade

and how fat particles disperse in milk when mixed with washing up liquid. Drops of food colouring had been added to milk and when the children touched these spots of food colouring with washing up liquid the colours danced around the tray, making a very swirly pattern. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and Science was certainly brought to life.



# INQUISITIVE YEAR 2 VISITS MARWELL ZOO



Year 2 visited Marwell zoo near Winchester, to learn about animals and their habitats which is a topic covered in their Science lessons this term.

During the day we discovered many things about the animals who live there. First we saw the penguins who started to dive in and swim seamlessly through their pool. Some even escaped up onto the rocks. We were lucky enough to see tigers, snow leopards, owls who didn't move a muscle, a black and white lemur who was cheeky and put his paw on the glass, a ring tailed lemur, a turtle and many other

animals. Next, we met an anteater who was bigger than we thought he would be.

After lunch we visited the meerkats and Mrs Dickinson even made George have a close up picture with a green lizard - thank goodness there was a glass window between them! We were sad to learn that many animals are critically endangered.

We enjoyed our trip and even the weather could not stop our fun.

*Written by Class 2D*

# FIREFIGHTERS TO THE RESCUE!

Firefighters of the Abingdon Fire Service came to Chandlings to show us their fire engine, the equipment they use and talk about what jobs they have to do. They showed us the oxygen tanks and masks they wear to help them breathe in smoky fires. They told us how we can help keep ourselves safe by checking that we have smoke detectors and that they are working. We looked at the special equipment they have to break into cars or buildings if people are trapped inside.

Then we all had a go at holding the hose like a real firefighter! We didn't spray it though as Miss Renshaw would have got very wet!





## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION: THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

Shakespeare is a challenge to be embraced at any age. The Merchant of Venice, our third play by the Bard in recent years, is classed as a comedy but there are many themes within it which are clearly not funny at all. However, the plot is clever, gripping and dynamic - perfect ingredients for this year's Year 6.

The production process began way back in November with auditions

and casting, seeking out potential and adjusting scenes accordingly. The play was then modernised appropriately and some artistic license added, although significant lines were kept original.

Rehearsals have been energetic, focused and great fun. The strength of the process is in watching a year group become a company, taking ownership and rising to the group challenge - to produce the best

work of drama they have ever been involved in and achieve a level beyond their best. All plays have a natural hierarchy but a major aim was to see the product as the sum of 40 something parts not simply a string of principals. Pupils have not only been on stage, several work as 'Crew', helped Mrs Lewis with the costuming, and all participated in stage design and manufacture under the guidance of Mrs Brown and the Art Department.



# SMILES AND BLUE SKIES JUST A COUPLE OF WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE SKI TRIP.

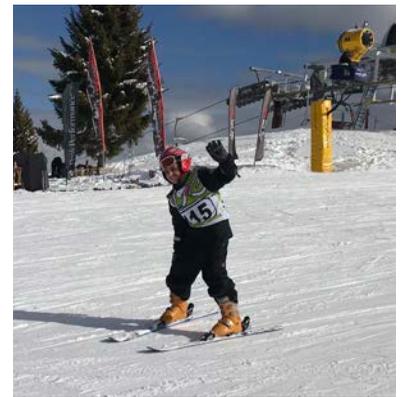
Fifty-one children and eight staff embarked on the journey to begin the fourth Chandlings Ski Tour through Europe towards Folgaria. Sunny blue skies and positive temperatures greeted us and the children enjoyed a lazy afternoon of catching up on sleep and SHOWERS.

As I opened the curtains on the first morning, you can imagine my delight in seeing the sun rising and not a cloud in sight. The early morning wake up calls were very much needed as the children had obviously slept like logs. Naturally there is always one dorm fully dressed in salopettes, helmets and gloves from 6am. After a short bus journey, it was time for our first morning on the slopes; for some, their first ever! Divided into their differentiated groups, all the children went off for the morning with smiles on their faces and excited butterflies in their stomachs. I had the pleasure of joining our beginner group on the first morning and it was wonderful to see them working so hard and

making improvements from the outset. Each day the whole group would meet back together for a warm lunch in one of the beautiful mountain restaurants, sharing tales of the morning's skiing and just generally enjoying a bit of time to recharge their batteries. There were some tired bodies after Day 1; however we were so proud of the whole group and each morning they brought boundless energy and the desire to ski harder and learn more.

As the week progressed it was lovely to ski with all of the different groups. The general standard of the children was excellent. Given a choice, I'm pretty sure they would have kept heading back to the Snow Park to practise their rails and jumps. However; our instructors insisted on a good proportion of proper technique coaching on each day to ensure that every child returned home a better skier than they left. Skiing on one ski, without poles, with poles above the head were just a few of the creative activities asked of the children.

Aside from the skiing, the children absolutely loved Bingo and Pizza nights, not to mention their hour of madness on the ice skating rink. The whole group were an absolute credit to the school and I can safely say that this was my favourite trip of all!



# BEAUTY AND THE BEAST AT DOWNE HOUSE

Over 120 girls from 9 Prep schools came together with the Downe House Drama Department for the Preparatory Schools' Day of Musical Theatre on Tuesday 27th February and what a resounding success it proved to be! As soon as they arrived, the day kicked off with a series of group warm-ups and games such as the hoola hoop game and passing the ball over and under.

The girls were then split into 6 groups and spent the day in rehearsals learning songs, dance routines and acting scenes from Beauty and the Beast. Without exception, the girls threw themselves enthusiastically into every activity and gave it their all with much encouragement and expert coaching by the Downe House drama, dance and performing arts teachers.

After a delicious lunch there was just one technical rehearsal in the



Performing Arts Centre and then it was straight into a full performance before a packed audience of family and friends. All the hard work throughout the day paid off and the girls performed a vibrant and inspiring showcase, demonstrating just what can be achieved with focus, determination and just a little help from the amazingly talented Downe House Drama Department.

## Quote from our girls

*"I loved the way the staff were so enthusiastic. They looked after us really well."*

*"Everyone was really friendly"*

*"I really enjoyed meeting new people"*

# MATHS AND MAGIC WHAT A WONDERFUL COMBINATION!

During STEM Week, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a visit from Tony Charles, a Mathmagician.

The sessions were based on the theme of Money. As well as with performing some magic tricks, which held the children's attention, he taught them quick methods of adding money using column methods and their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

The children were kept busy by

challenging themselves to have a go at working out the answers before they were explained in careful detail.

The best part was when he made the children calculate the length of different pieces of string.

On completion of this task, he shrunk and extended all three pieces of string to the same length. The children were left wondering and discussing just how he had done that!



# MUSIC YEAR 5 PERFORM

This year has seen the start of a new series of annual concerts at Chandlings. Last term we heard and saw the Years 3 and 4 combined, whilst this term it has been the turn of Year 5. These informal concerts have been a wonderful opportunity for the children to show what they have been learning within their one-to-one lessons either in or outside of school. This has been for many, their premiere performance on their instrument, in front of a supportive audience of family, friends and staff, and for the Year 5 pianists amongst them,

it was a chance to play the recently purchased Bechstein grand piano!

I have been very impressed with both their performances and the manner in which they have undertaken this event, including the entertaining compering that has guided us through the programme. Well done and thank you to all those involved. I very much look forward to hearing your progression over the coming years!

Get ready Year 6, your turn will be in your final term!



# HUNT THE CHOCOLATE BEFORE THE TEACHERS EAT IT ALL!

On the last day of term, all children took part in an Easter Egg Hunt. The Pre-Prep children had so much fun hunting for the chocolate eggs in various parts of the school. The Prep children had to work a bit harder for their chocolate! The Year 3 and 4 had a puzzle to solve with the Year 3 hunting just outside by the dining room and the Year 4 scoured the Nursery wood to try and find clues which

would help them solve their Easter puzzle. Letters had been hidden high and low, when found and unscrambled the phrase 'Wishing you joy at Easter' was revealed and the children were rewarded with a delicious chocolate prize!

Year 5 and 6 pupils ventured out in the cold air with a hint of rain threatening! The course had been laid out and there were 38 cones

for the pupils to discover, fiendishly hidden around the site. They had to write down and unscramble the letters and work out the hidden Easter message. A few groups got close and one team from 6M came the closest to solving the anagrams and were worthy collectors of their creme eggs. A great morning to set up their last day of term.



# ASTLEY, POLTIMORE OR RICHARDSON

## THE BATTLE OF THE HOUSES

This term we have had some great competitions amongst the Houses - Football and Netball matches, a Bake Off, Pancake races and the Book Quiz.

We were lucky enough to enjoy mild weather for the Football and Netball matches allowing both players and spectators to have an enjoyable afternoon outside! All the children showed great sportsmanship during the matches. Each team played with great team spirit and fought hard for their Houses. The winners for Football were Poltimore and the winners for Netball were Richardson.

Another year of culinary creativity in the Food Technology room where Years 3 through to Year 6 competed in the popular House Bake Off. In House teams children designed, prepared and baked a selection of mouth watering treats. Year 3 chose from a selection of ingredients and painstakingly arranged beautiful, colourful tasty salads. Whilst Year 4 baked fruit scones, Year 5 made ginger biscuits and Year 6 teams competed to make the most delicious chocolate and banana loaf. Each house was judged on

teamwork, tidying skills and the taste of their produce. As always the results were extremely close but the overall winner was Poltimore!

The great Annual Pancake races were as exciting and closely contested as always. Staff and children enjoyed the fast-paced relay races while the Houses roared their support on the sidelines! *The winners were Poltimore.*

The Book Quiz took place in the form rooms and the children had great fun as they worked together to answer questions in their House teams. Rounds included goodies and baddies, school days, connections, mystery and magic. Results couldn't have been closer and Poltimore were the overall winners.



# SPORT IAPS

The Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS) Sports Tournaments attract some of the strongest competitors in the country, so it is always with a tingle of nerves and a touch of excitement that the pupils from Chandlings approach these fixtures. Yet they all excel and quite significantly improve their skills and game play throughout the day, as they compete in up to six consecutive matches. This term Year 6 boys and girls played Hockey at Clifton College and Ashfold, the girls went to Queen Anne's, Caversham for Netball and a squad of Year 5 and 6 children gave their best in the pool at the Crosfields IAPS Swimming gala. Sadly the Cross Country at Malvern College was cancelled due to the wintery weather.

It is many years since Chandlings entered the IAPS Swimming gala, fortunately our school programme now caters and prepares its swimmers to the required standard. Top four finishes were achieved by Kai Wilkinson (freestyle), Sam Morris (back stroke), Leo Zhang (butterfly), Ana Galvani-Silva (freestyle) and the boys medley relay team.



The girls in Year 6 are exceptional in talent. They reached the semi-finals of the cup in both their Hockey and Netball tournaments beating traditionally strong games schools such as Eagle House and Durlston Court and local rivals St Hugh's and Headington. The boys also beat St Hugh's 2 - 0 on their way to the Plate semi final.

Looking forward Dominic Crowley will be our representative in the Squash Championships at Wellington College. As a Year 4 he is playing boys two years older but recently achieved 29th place in the National U11 Squash Championships in Hull. A team of three will compete in the Midlands Golf Championships at the Gaudet Luce golf club in Worcestershire.



# CHANDLINGS HOST CROSS COUNTRY AND YEAR 4 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

## Cross Country

It was with all limbs crossed and every breath held that Mr Brodley looked to the skies hoping for a clear dry day towards the end of February. For the ninth consecutive year, Chandlings hosted their increasingly popular Cross Country race around the beautiful, but challenging school grounds.

With a sigh of relief, he started the first race for Year 4 boys and by the end he was cheering Dominic Crowley to victory. He was the only winner for Chandlings although Oliver Roberts finished second in the Year 6 race. Overall, the boys finished third and the girls eighth from twenty competing schools.



## Year 4 Football Festival

Following the Inter-schools Cross Country, two days later, Chandlings were the host once again for their Year 4 Football Festival. Teams from Magdalen, Claire's Court, Moulford, Bruern Abbey and Akeley Wood played across three pitches in a feast of football. Mr Graham was immensely proud as Chandlings lifted the trophy by the narrowest of winning margins, a solitary goal.



# SPORT ENJOYED BY ALL

## Boys' Sport

Between the bouts of severe weather we have had gleaming moments of highly enjoyable match play against local schools in fixtures and in new age festivals, where no-one keeps the score.

Year 2 boys were bouncing with uncontrollable excitement before playing Moultsford at Tag Rugby. They weaved their way around the pitches scoring a plethora of points which was repeated against The Manor at Moultsford's own festival. Known as the Knights and Chargers their only loss was when they played each other.

Boys in Prep began the term playing football before moving to football with a stick - namely hockey after half term. They are both very similar 7-a-side invasion games with different skills but the same tactics. Chandlings are proud that they can be creative with their fixtures to include every pupil most weeks, yet stretch those with natural ability. Results for all ages and levels against local schools have been very good and when playing festivals at Dean Close and Claire's Court the boys have excelled. Every boy at Chandlings can feel proud of the way they conducted themselves, their ability to be hosts and their play.



## Girls' Sport

The rather chilly Spring term has been a busy and exciting one for the girls from Year 2 and upwards participating in matches and tournaments, in various sports.

The Year 2 girls focused on developing Netball skills as we had a match at the Oratory. The girls all learned about the various positions on the court and were really impressive in their match. Soon after we had another competition to play Tag Rugby at Moultsford and with the girls already having a good knowledge of the sport they were excited and felt prepared. This was a thrilling afternoon for the girls going up against some strong competition. The highlight of the event, was one team facing the Chandlings boys' team, and getting to wear some snazzy green headbands! We ended the season with some Unihoc. All girls had a good understanding of Hockey and we were excited to be participating in The Oratory's tournament.

This was a superb afternoon and

all girls should feel proud of all they have achieved. A special mention goes to Evie Jeffries who was selected as the player of the Tournament and was presented with a giant medal!

The girls in Prep had a great season, facing some strong competition from local schools, and all showing huge improvements. The Year 6 had

a particularly strong season, with both A & B teams being unbeaten throughout. A really impressive achievement for those girls! A special mention to those girls who took part in the Headington Cross Country, Mila Wilkinson finished third place and achieved a bronze medal and Chloe Paulus made her debut for Chandlings, finishing fourth place. Amazing results, well done girls!



# BREAKFAST WITH MRS COOK!

The School Council invited Ms Cook to join them for one of their meetings this term so that they could ask her some questions and get to know our new Head. Lots of questions were asked while breakfast was eaten and the School Council felt that they discovered lots of interesting facts about our new Head, including what type of music she enjoys listening to and what she was like at school!



## 1. Etai, 5LG - What is your full name?

Christine Anne Cook. Anne was my father's favourite girl's name!

## 2. Tom, 6H - Why do you like Chandlings?

Chandlings is very special for me because I was one of the first five teachers to join the school when it first opened. It was a very different school then, but it has always been special.

## 3. Lily, 6P - What was your first impression of the school?

How beautiful the school still looks as you come up the drive. Seeing the school and the grounds make your heart sing every morning!

## 4. Xanthe, 3A - What is the naughtiest thing you did at school?

I once organised the whole class to not answer any questions in a lesson! They all pretended to look confused and the teacher got angry and eventually we cracked and answered the questions.

## 5. Farrah, 4N - What did you want to be when you were growing up?

I loved animals so I wanted to be a vet. I used to have lots of pets -

dogs, cats, guinea pigs, goats, cows and ducks!

## 6. Louis, 3T, Isaac, 4G and Esmond, 5B - What is your favourite subject to teach?

My favourite subject is English then Music and Games. I love writing stories and I have kept my English book. I remember writing a story about horses being rounded up as I used to live in the New Forest.

## 7. Freyja, 4H, Jemima, 4V and Pratibha 3AB - What are your hobbies outside of school?

I try really hard to keep fit - going to the gym and swimming a lot. I love reading and going to the theatre!

## 8. Dora, 3B and Bethan 5S - What are your favourite animals?

Ponies and dogs.

## 9. Jemima, 4V - What sort of music do you enjoy listening to?

All sorts! I love classical music. The last concert I went to was Natalie Imbruglia, just last week! That was rather groovy! I also like Ed Sheeran, Fleetwood Mac and Bob Dylan.

## 10. Honor, 6S - Are you an eco-friendly person?

I do recycle at home, and I turn off lights and I am keen to promote this topic in school.

## 11. Dora, 3B - What country were you born in?

I was born in Shropshire, England. I lived in Jamaica for a while and then Portugal before moving back to England.

## 12. Louis, 3T - What is your favourite children's book?

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver.

## 13. Isaac, 4G - Do you speak another language?

I speak a little French - answered in French!

## 14. Bethan, 5S - What are your favourite sweets?

Skittles and mini Snickers bars.

## 15. Freyja, 4H - Do you have a favourite board game?

Monopoly and Cop it.

# MAKING A WOOF FOR CHARITY!



Chandlings was delighted to support the Dogs Trust Charity this term. Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity and cares for over 15,000 dogs each year through its network of twenty rehoming centres in the UK.

Despite the cold and wintery weather, the charity team had a successful cake sale which also promoted the use of Fairtrade products. We organised a 'Name the Cuddly Dog' competition to help raise money for our charity. Donations poured in as everyone was keen to get involved. The names that the pupils guessed for the dog definitely made us all laugh! A big thank you to all those who donated cakes and their time to support our charity.

A great highlight for us this term was Chandlings involvement in the Blue Peter Mega Mileathon Sports Relief Challenge. On the 8 March,

twelve of our children took part in this marathon, alongside Blue Peter presenter Lindsey Russell who is a former Chandlings pupil. They ran a mile at Brasenose Sports Centre and then went on to run another mile at the Oxford University running track, where Roger Bannister completed his historic race. This was a particularly poignant occasion as Roger Bannister sadly passed away on the 3 March 2018. The children were filmed for a Blue Peter episode shown on CBBC, which aired on the 22 March. We all had a lovely day. The children were brilliant role models and we could not have asked for a better group to represent Chandlings.

During Fairtrade fortnight (28 February - 11 March) our Eco Committee held a Pop Up Cafe. The cafe served Fairtrade tea and coffee sponsored by Waitrose.

During their Food Technology lessons Year 6 made delicious banana cakes using only fairtrade ingredients which were sold on the day. During the lessons Mrs Rau and Mrs Saxton talked to them about the importance of Fairtrade. We were also promoting the work of SESI, an Oxford organisation, who sell refills of washing up liquid and conditioner, to reduce the amount of reusable plastic bottles we throw away. Gardening club also sold some of the plants they had grown for Mothers' Day.

Thank you to all the parents who helped support their children to bake 'Fairtrade' cakes to sell in support of 'Fairtrade' and 'The Dogs Trust'.



# PATCH

## Pre-Prep Movie Night & Prep Disco

For the third year running the Pre-Prep children were treated to a Movie Night courtesy of PATCH and with the help of the staff.

The children trooped into school in the morning armed with teddies, their PJs, onesies, beanbags and cushions, their excitement clear for all to see.

Come 4.00 pm they all settled down with their 'treat bags' to enjoy the full cinematic experience.

Reception and Year 1 transformed the Lantern Hall into a mini Odeon and loved every minute of the film 'Sing', this is about the adventures of a musical theatre owner who is down on his luck and launches a talent competition!

Year 2 gathered in the Inner Hall and thoroughly enjoyed 'Captain Underpants', with children, staff and parent helpers all roaring with laughter at the antics of George and Harold and their unlikely superhero.

Meanwhile, over in the Main Hall Years 3 and 4, and then later Years 5 and 6, were applying their glow in the dark face paint and cracking the light sticks for the disco.

There was some great dancing on show and our new Head Ms Cook even put in a few moves of her own on the dance floor.

All in all a great evening for all the children. Thank you to everyone who helped out.



## Quiz Night

One of highlights of the PATCH calendar is the annual Quiz Night and this year's event did not disappoint.

Teams of parents and staff battled it out to answer the questions and complete the challenges set by our very own 'Genius Quiz Mistress' Jillian Andrews, ably assisted by Manjari Chandran-Ramesh.

Everyone brought picnics and drinks and enjoyed the PATCH puddings throughout the night.

As well as the usual 'Pot Luck', 'Sport & Leisure' and 'Picture' rounds the teams were set the very appropriate construction challenge to build a Chandlings Knight using only newspaper, wooden kebab sticks, coloured paper and sellotape.

Every team rose to the challenge incredibly well, but in the end 'The Team in First Place' lost their crown from last year and 'Paxman's Posse' emerged victorious.

Well done to everyone who took part.





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