LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another brilliant week of learning: many classes taking their first enrichment trip of the year so far. Thank you for all your support.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: This week in Nursery, the children have been learning all about Diwali. They enjoyed listening to *Little Glow* by Katie Sahota—a heart warming story about a quiet candle flame observing how different communities celebrate festivals of light. To join in the celebrations, the children also made their very own Diyas and delicious 'firework' fruit kebabs.

Reception: This week Reception children experienced their first school Cultural Awareness Day which has involved learning about a famous author Michael Rosen and performing his well-known rhyming story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. They thoroughly enjoyed all the associated Bear Hunt activities in the classroom and acting out the story.





Year 1: The highlight of our week was undoubtedly our fantastic trip to the Natural History Museum at Tring. The children represented the school brilliantly and loved spotting all the different animals up close. It sparked so many wonderful questions and great discussions! Back in the classroom, we have been working hard in Phonics, focusing on our long vowel sounds. The children are getting much more confident at spotting these digraphs and split digraphs in their reading and applying them in their independent writing. In Computing, we have been developing our digital art skills. The class loved experimenting with creating pictures on screen, learning how to make straight edges with the line tool, add bursts of colour using the fill can, and neatly fix any marvellous mistakes with the undo button!

Year 2: have had a fantastic week of learning. On Cultural Awareness Day, they thoroughly enjoyed learning about Michael Rosen, studying his poetry and enthusiastically performing a piece to the rest of the class. In English, the children took on the role of fact-finders as they practiced writing their own facts and deciphering true from false statements. Meanwhile in maths, they have been working hard to master their addition and subtraction skills, showing great focus and determination throughout the week.

Year 3: Have had a fantastic week of learning! We explored the mysteries of Stonehenge and discussed possible reasons for its construction. A highlight was our wonderful trip to COAM, where we experienced life in the Stone Age and Iron Age, trying activities such as making fire with flint, creating charcoal art, grinding flour, churning butter and making clay pots. We also completed our Rocks and Soils unit in Science and began exploring cave paintings in Art. To celebrate Cultural Awareness Day, the children thoroughly enjoyed performing poetry by Michael Rosen. Well done, Year 3!

Year 4: had an active and exciting week. A particular highlight was taking part in the netball and football festival at Dr Challoner's High School, where children represented our school wonderfully, showcasing our core values and fantastic sportsmanship. In English, they completed their newspaper articles on Shackleton's journey to Antarctica, taking great pride in their finished pieces. Meanwhile, in Science, the children investigated the properties of different states of matter, and in history, they explored and discussed the achievements of Alexander the Great.

Year 5: This week in English, pupils have been preparing to write a magazine article about the great Ignatius Sancho. To help them gather information and quotations for their articles, pupils took on the role of journalists, developing thoughtful questions to interview our characters, who were portrayed by their classmates. They recorded the responses, ready to incorporate these quotations into their magazine articles. In Maths, we have been focusing on fractions, gradually building our understanding and developing the skills needed to add and subtract fractions. Finally in Science, we have continued our topic on Earth and Space, exploring the planets and learning about their order in our solar system.

Year 6: Have had an eventful week! On Monday, Year 6 took part in the 'Primary Maths Challenge', which involved answering 25 difficult worded problems! Year 6 did extremely well and we hope to hear back soon about who will be advancing to the next round… On Thursday, we had our Cultural Awareness Day, exploring the work of Michael Rosen. Year 6 explored one his poems and explored ways to perform it in an engaging way. Well done!

To do this week …

- 17th Nov Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week)
- 19th Nov—Great Athletes visit—whole school workshops

Looking Ahead…

Click here for the full calendar.

- 16th Nov Yr 4 Ancient Greece HOtP Day (in school)
- 16-20th Nov Anti Bullying Week 17th Nov Odd Socks Day.
- 17th November—Odd socks Day (all children)
- 19th Nov Great Athlete event
- 25th Nov Adam Baron author visit (Yr 2-6)
- 27th Nov PTA Xmas Fair (from 4.30pm)
- 30th Nov-4th Dec Assessment Week
- 5th Dec PTA Dinner Dance
- 11th Dec Xmas Jumer Day
- 11th Dec Radio Christmas (selected Yr 6 children)
- 15th Dec Nativity Dress rehearsal
- 16th/17th Dec Nativity (EYFS/KS1)
- 19th December End of term 2pm finish

Premier Education update:

Please click here for the weekly announcement from Premier Education.

Premier also run local holiday clubs—further info can be found by following this link.



Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to **Srishta** (Rec), **Nyla and Ben** (Yr 1), **Casper** (Yr 2), **Mia** (Yr 3), **Theia** (Yr 4), **Ellis** (Yr 5) and **Arjun** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.

Anti bullying week: In line with our commitment to anti-bullying, and the bronze award from the Anti-Bullying Alliance (in 2023) we will be publicising Anti-Bullying Week again this year. We are inviting the **children to wear odd socks on Tuesday 17th November** to make anti-bullying visible, recognised and talked-about. I will be running an assembly that day, with the theme "Break the Silence." Further information can be found (and a good conversation starter with your children) by clicking here.

An optional donation of £1 can be made by clicking here, please note there is no expectation to donate, however the Anti-Bullying Alliance uses these donations to help children experiencing these issues.



Great Athletes Day: Thursday 19th November we are welcoming a GB athlete (Luke Davies—Judo) to school to do workshops with all children from Nursery-Yr 6. These workshops include sponsored circuits. The children will have come home already with the sponsorship forms. Further information for parents can be found by clicking here. On this day, please can all children come into school in their PE kits—for the whole day. Please also see the letter I sent to you yesterday with further details. **A significant amount of sponsorship has already been raised. Thank you to all families for your fundraising efforts!**

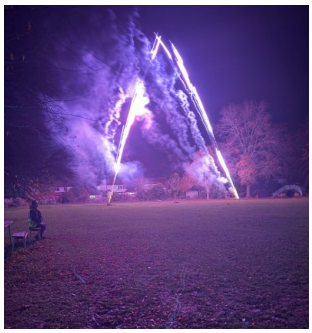
Dojo Points

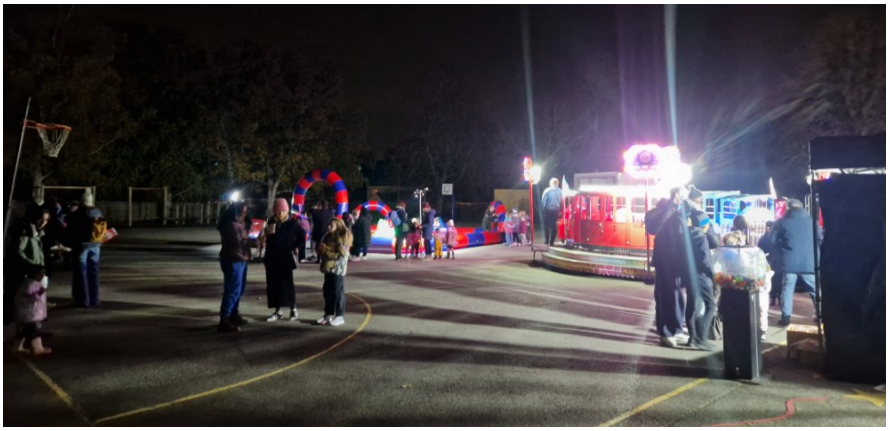
(house points are awarded at the end of each half term)

1059	881	1054	1081
2nd= Burton 0 pts	2nd= Loudham 0 pts	2nd= Bendrose 0 pts	1st= Coleman 3pts

PTA Fireworks Night: We had another fantastic fireworks evening, last Thursday, which proved to be another excellent fundraiser for the PTA. It was lovely to see so many families and community members enjoying the show and interacting with each other socially. Big thank you to my Year 4 helpers for the mic countdown as well as Mr Garrett and the PTA helpers for another excellent show.





Village Day Art competition: I'm sure many of you have seen the flyer Mr Attwell posted on Google Classroom advertising the Village Day Art Competition that has just been launched. It would be great to get as many of our budding artists as possible to submit an entry. If you didn't see the information , please see the flyer opposite.

Share your creative talents and help us to celebrate!
Little Chalfont Village Day – 19th June 2027

LITTLE CHALFONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Little Chalfont COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Information Recreation Education Culture

2027 marks the 20th anniversary of Little Chalfont Community Library, and we are delighted to be celebrating this special milestone as the theme for our next Village Day.
To help us celebrate, we are inviting the three local primary schools to take part in a special art competition. We would love pupils to create an original book cover inspired by one of their favourite books.

Theme: Design a new cover for one of your favourite books.
Submission format: All entries must be submitted as high-quality electronic files in either .jpg or .pdf format.
Closing date: Friday, 9 April 2027.
How to enter: Please email all submissions to villageday@littlechalfont.org.uk

Entries will be judged by a panel from the Little Chalfont Community Library. The winning entries will be announced by the end of April 2027, with notification sent directly to the relevant school office.

If you have any questions, please contact us at villageday@littlechalfont.org.uk





Tree planting: As I'm sure most of you know, I am an Eco-warrior at heart. This week we had 315 sapling trees delivered from the Woodland trust (Community tree planting initiative). Some of the lunchtimes this week some of my fellow Eco Warriors in Year 4, 5 and 6 (**Kai, Luke, Daniel, Hetsi, Theo, Josh** (Yr 6), **Samadha, Myla** (Yr 5) and **Kinza, Emma, Olivia, Amelie** (Yr 4)) helped me to plant a number of them by the front carpark and outside Reception. The 250 or so that are left over will be given out to any children (that want them) to be planted at home. I wanted to give them out on our Celebration of Life Day on May 9th, however it is better for the health of the trees for them to be planted in November/December time. I will put a notification out to parents the day before this big giveaway will take place, if you would like to take one or two, please help yourself. All trees are native varieties, please be aware that one of the varieties is Hazel, which is not suitable for any families with nut allergies.

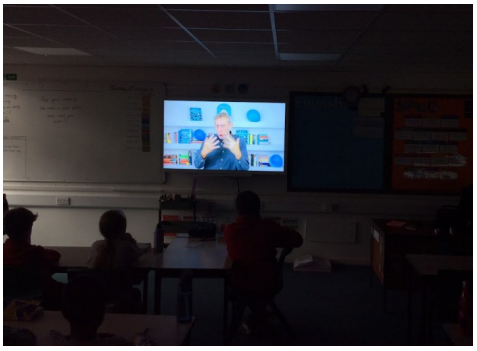
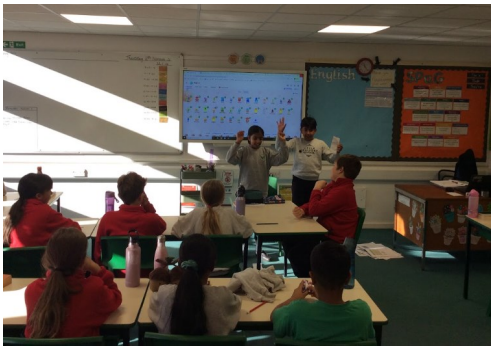
Cultural Awareness Day: This week, our school came alive with colour, storytelling, and celebration for our Cultural Awareness Day! Taking inspiration from the much-loved children's author and poet Michael Rosen, we brought together a celebration of our community's rich cultural heritage with a special focus on **oracy**—building the confidence and skill to express ourselves through spoken language.

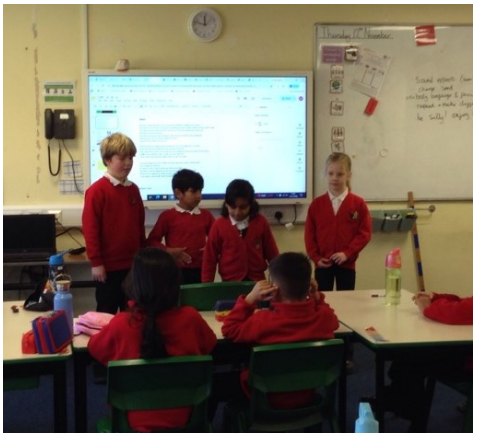
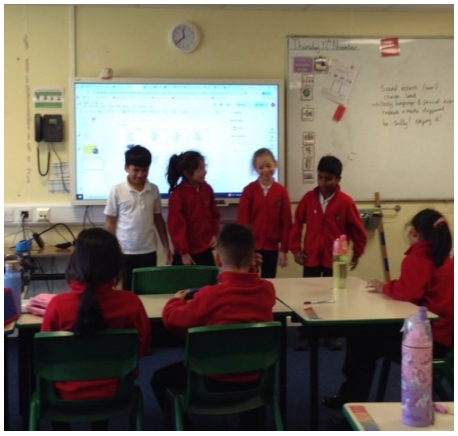
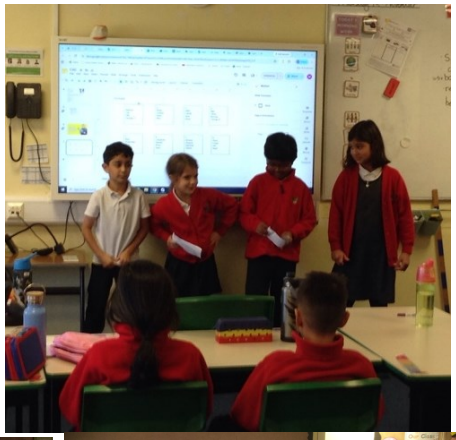
Throughout the day, pupils from EYFS to Year 6 explored how our backgrounds, languages, and family traditions shape the stories we tell. Inspired by Michael Rosen's signature rhythm, humour, and expressive storytelling, classes crafted and performed their own poems and spoken-word pieces celebrating their heritage, family traditions, and favourite foods from around the world.

It was wonderful to see the children using voice, gesture, and active listening to share what makes their families unique, while learning about the cultures and experiences of their classmates. Every classroom was buzzing with energy, empathy, and pride.

A huge thank you to our pupils, staff, and families for helping us celebrate the diversity that makes our school community so special. Over the weekend, why not ask your child to perform their poem for you or share a story they discovered from another culture?

As you can see from the pictures, another fantastic, enriched, immersive experience for our children.







Blackbelt Reader: It's been another excellent week of relentless reading from the children in KS2. Please look out for the new sign at the gate giving further information (and reminders) about this excellent scheme.

During Celebration Assembly today, the following children were given their next grade belt (and bookmark) in recognition of reaching the next milestone in their reading progress.

Yellow belt—Divya (Yr 3), Henry P (Yr 4), Samardha (Yr 5), Luke (Yr 6)

Orange belt—Ellis (Yr 5), Daniel and Arjun (Yr 6)

Green belt—Siddhik (Yr 4), Jan, Reyansh and Dylan (Yr 5) and Eliza (Yr 6)

Red Belt— Hollie (Yr 4)

Remember: Read to succeed!

Foodbank donation: The Little Chalfont Community Association is collecting food for any families in need on 14th November. Please see the attached flyer if you are able to support people in our community.

Thank you for all your support,

Grateful and undaunted

Mr Hacking



LITTLE CHALFONT
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Food bank donations for 14th November

Please bring food bank donations to Chenies Parade
or Cytiva's car park, Amersham Place, from 9 am to 12 pm

What we need:

The Chiltern Foodbank priorities for the 14th November collection are as follows:

- Advent calendars
- Tea bags (80s)
- Jam/marmalade
- Pasta 'n' sauce packets
- Tinned or packet macaroni cheese
- Christmas chocolates
- Hair conditioner
- Household cleaner
- Kitchen towel

The demand for food parcels remains as high as ever and your continued support is much appreciated. Many thanks.