



All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Headteacher's Message

Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

Brrrr! A chilly start to our Spring term this week, but as ever, the children have returned full of bounce and vitality! It is great to hear them around school, starting Tuesday with our celebratory phonics assembly and the launch of our January value, 'Positivity'. It is so good to see the pupils well wrapped up for their social time outdoors, which is so critical to their physical and emotional development. We all need as many hours of sunlight as we can at this time of year!

Next Thursday, 16th January, is Maths Challenge Day at Chilwell Croft! We will be exploring and enjoying all things number-related. Even our school meal, which is free to all pupils, on that day will be based around the theme of shapes! Make sure you have your Times Tables Rock Stars login into hand. Please contact us if your child is unsure of their log in details.

Thank you, on behalf of all staff, for the thoughtful and generous gifts that families gave at the end of last term. It really is a kindness that is very much appreciated.

Have a great weekend and remember to keep reading!

Mrs. N Wragg
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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 14 th Jan	Inner City Academy Sports Festival - Selected Year 5/6 Students
Thurs 16 th Jan	Attendance Trip for Selected Children
Fri 17 th Jan	Science Workshop at King Edwards - Selected Students
Mon 20 th Jan	Chinese New Year Assembly - All Dolphin Parents Are Welcome To Attend at 2.50 pm
Tues 21 st Jan	Boccia Event for Selected Students
Thurs 23 rd Jan	Year 3/4 Steps to Success Festival - Selected Students
Fri 24 th Jan	Science Workshop at King Edwards - Selected Students
Mon 27 th Jan	Panthers Visit to Birmingham Open Media Headquarters
Tues 28 th Jan	Inner City Academy Sports Festival - Selected Year 5/6 Students
Wed 29 th Jan	Year 3/4 Steps to Success Festival - Selected Students
Wed 29 th Jan	Basketball Competition Year 5/6 - Selected Students
Fri 31 st Jan	Science Workshop at King Edwards School - Selected Students
Fri 14 th Feb	Last day of Half Term - School to Finish at 3.30 pm
Mon 24 th Feb	Children Back from Half Term Holidays - 8.40am Start
Wed 5 th - Fri 7 th Mar	Year 6 Residential - Condoover Hall (Shropshire)
Mon 17 th Mar	REC - Ash End Farm Trip
Thurs 10 th Apr	Last Day of Term
Fri 11 th Apr	Inset Day - School Closed for all Children
Mon 28 th Apr	Children Back from Half Term Holidays - 8.40am Start
Wed 30 th Apr	Yr 1 - Botanical Garden Trip





Weekly Attendance

Tigers 91.00%	Lions 98.00%	Dolphins 98.00%	Flamingos 99.00%	Leopards 92.00%	Pandas 90.00%	Parrots 98.00%
Penguins 95.00%	Foxes 97.00%	Lemurs 97.00%	Kangaroos 89.00%	Shrews 95.00%	Cheetahs 92.00%	Panthers 97.00%

Thank you to all who are working hard to achieve our 97% target. We can only do this if we all work together.

Our grand total attendance this term is: 94.70%

Attendance Competition!

Will You Win This Term?



Top Class Attendance

1st Flamingos - 99%
 2nd Lions & Dolphins & Parrots - 98%
 3rd Foxes & Lemurs - 97%

CONGRATULATIONS

Parent Workshops

- KS2 Reading - Tuesday 7th January 2024*
- Internet Safety - Tuesday 28th January 2024*
- EYFS/ KS1 Phonics - Tuesday 14th January 2024*
- Special Education - Tuesday 4th February 2024*
- KS2 Maths - Tuesday 21st January 2024*
- EYFS/Year 1 Talk for Writing - Tuesday 11th February 2024*

9 am – 10 am
 Main Hall - Please Enter Via the Pedestrian Gate
 Refreshments available

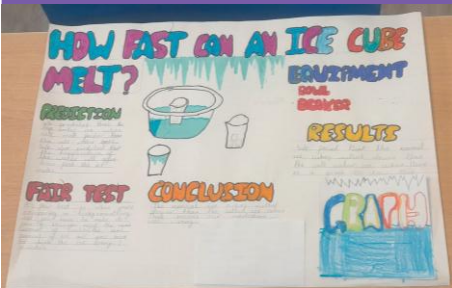


Cross-Curricular Week

This week, we kicked off the Spring term with cross-curricular learning about explorers, focusing on our values like aspiration, determination, teamwork, and growth. Check out the amazing work from Reception to Year 6 on display in the Main Hall next time you're in school!

Year 6

Year 6 conducted an experiment to observe how quickly ice cubes made from salt water or tap water melted and created a poster to present their findings.



Year 5

Students researched explorers Laurie Lee and Barbara Hillary, then created group posters to highlight key moments from their journeys.



Year 4

In Art, children used their creative skills to design and create paper airplanes, which they later flew.



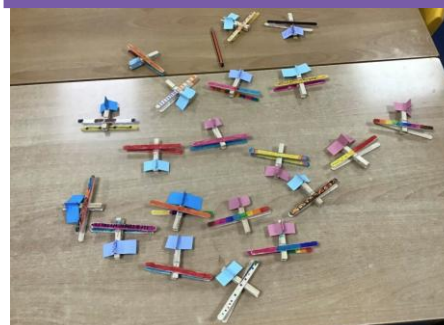
Year 3

Year 3 studied Japanese mountain climber Junko Tabei, learning about her birth country, nearby countries, the capital city, and mountains in Japan.



Year 2

This week Year 2 looked at Amelia Earhart and Michael Collins who were adventurers. Children took part in a variety of activities which included creating wanted posters, designing postcards, and building model planes.



REC

In Reception, we read *The Great Explorer*, where Tom travels to the North Pole. We explored maps, compared Newtown to the North Pole, and sorted automobiles by land, sea, or sky.



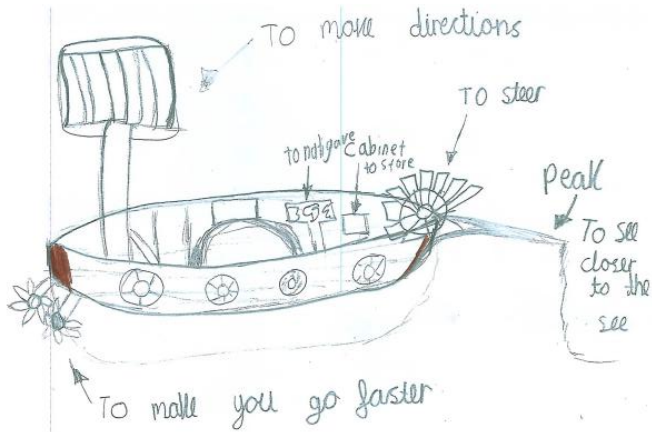
To ensure the safety and well-being of all students, we kindly ask that parents collect their children directly from the class line at dismissal. This will provide a secure and smooth transition from school to home.



Book Review

Student Work of the Week

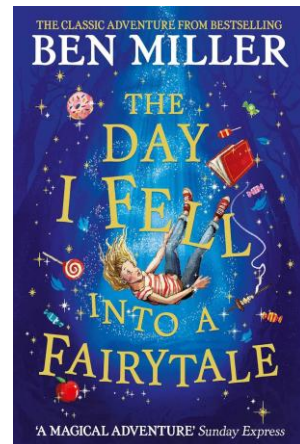
In D&T, Year 5 have been busy getting creative by designing a submarine/boat and labelling its features. Well done to Mumino from Shrewd Shrews, who has done an amazing job designing a boat and creating features to make it move.



The Day I Fell Into a Fairytale by Ben Miller

The Day I Fell Into a Fairytale by Ben Miller is a fun, fast-paced adventure for young readers. When 12-year-old Frannie accidentally falls into a magical fairytale world, she must navigate strange creatures and challenges to find her way home. Miller blends humour, heart, and fantasy, creating a charming story that's full of twists. With themes of bravery and self-discovery, this whimsical tale is perfect for anyone who loves a good adventure with a dash of magic.

Mr Giblen



CCA Planner

Challenge for Year 3 and 4:

Have a look on page 67 and check how many words you can read and spell!



Phonics

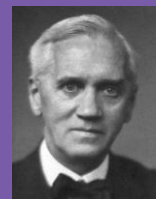
Here is the sound of the week:



Scientist of the Week – Alexander Fleming

Best known for discovering the world's first broadly effective antibiotic substance.

Scan the QR code to discover more fun facts.





CCA Photo Gallery

