



CHARLESWORTH SCHOOL

...from tiny acorns great oaks grow

School Newsletter

25th June 2021

Head's message

As I have previously mentioned, cases have risen sharply recently, particularly amongst school age children. Some of our neighbouring primary schools are beginning to see positive cases and are having to close entire class bubbles. This is something we would like to avoid at Charlesworth if at all possible, but it does mean that we all need to work together. Glossopdale and the surrounding areas appear to have cases spiking.

It has caused us a lot of anguish in limiting, postponing or even cancelling school events. I appreciate that some Year 1 parents haven't yet experienced a sports day, Year 6 have missed out on so much in their final year at primary school - opportunities that they won't get again. These examples are just the tip of the iceberg. However, as I have said in previous communication, we are not making these decisions lightly and they are being made to keep our entire community as safe as we possibly can and so that we can minimise any possibility of any of our families having to spend the first part of the summer in self-isolation.

It has been a tough 18 months for everyone. Whilst we haven't all been in the same boat, we've all be battling through the same storm. When reports are sent out in a couple of weeks, celebrate what the children have achieved under very unusual circumstances. Together, everyone has done their absolute best. I have banned the phrase "catch-up" from being used with the children – replacing it with the term 'cracking on', exactly what we have been doing here at Charlesworth. We are where we are and will do everything we can to make sure they all bounce back.

Have a lovely day, hug your nearest and dearest and smile.



Going for Gold award

Our Going for Gold award is a weekly award given to a child from each class in recognition of their learning, behaviour, attitude or achievement.

Class one: Our 'Going for Gold' award this week is for Fred, who has been making some really good choices and has been trying hard to show care and consideration for others both in class and outside.

Class two: The Class Two 'Going for Gold award' is going to Noah – for always working hard, being on task and asking and answering questions. He is kind to everyone and a really good friend too.

Class three: This week's Golden Girl is Lottie C for her super topic work on rockets. She takes responsibility for her own learning and cooperates well with others - well done!

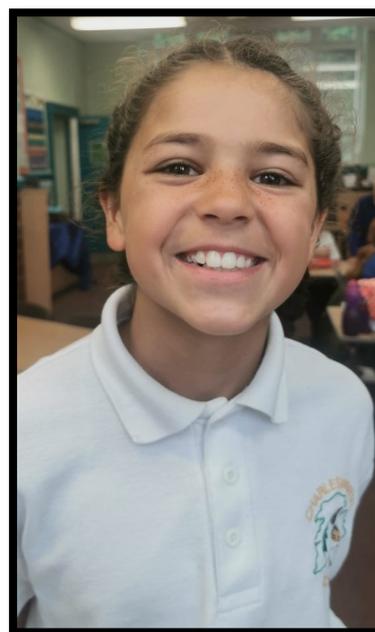
Class four: Kady has received Going for Gold for class 4 this week because of her increasing confidence in reading her work out loud and having the patience in teaching Mr Whiston a new dance.

Head Teacher's Award: The award this week goes to Fletcher in Class 4. He has worked tirelessly to battle with tricky maths challenges and to rewrite an improve his writing. I am really impressed with how he takes on board advice and always seeks to do better.

Awards

We award a Bronze award for reaching 100 Dojo points, Silver for 200 points and Gold for 300 points. These points are typically awarded for displaying our school values consistently and are key to what we encourage in the behaviour of children at Charlesworth.

This week 's awards are all Juniors Class 3 Beth Aoife Harley all achieved their Bronze award and Eden Scarlett B Luca reached their Silver, in Class 4 Declan reached his Silver and Ella achieved her Gold award, well done to all of you!



Transition

As you will have read in our Parentmail message yesterday, following the guidance this week from Derbyshire County Council, we will be unable to hold the transition days as planned. Having the children visit their new classroom and mix with children from another bubble is not at all recommended as you can imagine.

As such, we have had to cut back on the planned activities in order to keep the class bubbles intact. Year 2 will still have the opportunity to visit Top Site on several occasions to get orientated with the playground and learn about where they can play. In the meantime, we are planning creative ways for children to get to know their teachers whilst maintaining the bubbles.

Class Four

As all the children are beginning the process of transition to their new classes, Class 4 have been taking part in transition sessions with St Philip Howard. Although we only have 1 child going there this year they have let the whole class join in. The children have loved taking part in them and this week they had to compose and perform a rap about the planets. Miss Hampson & Miss James introduced it.

Yo Philli Howard

Sit up and listen
Here's our rap
For Ella's transition

Hey, yo I'm closest to the sun,
Coming here won't be much
fun,
My days are longer than my
years,
Burning too a crisp is my worst
fear.

Venus is the host in the sys-
tem,
It is sometimes called earth's
sister,
Venus is the good of love,
It spins around like a dove
above.

Hey, Earth is the next one,
The third planet from the sun,
A day on Earth lasts 24 hours,
The atmosphere has lots of
showers!

Next up is the red planet also
known as Mars,
NASA doesn't think its all that
far,
Named after the good of war,
It has led gravity so you can
jump more.

Jupiter has rings, but they are
hard to see!
It has 79 moons as greedy as
can be,
The king of the gods like you
and me,
It doesn't have a single tree!



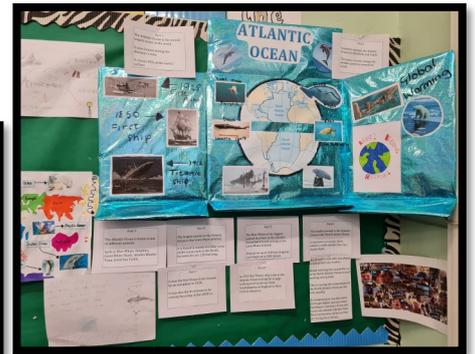
Infants

At lunchtime this week we have been taking part in some socially distanced activities with both classes. On Thursday we had a 'Distanced Disco' where the Infant children danced along to some great music and had lots of fun whilst maintaining covid safe regulations.



Class Two

Class Two have been learning all about the oceans, the beautiful work they produced at home is up on the wall and making the classroom look fantastic with all the facts and drawings!



Class 1

This week we have been exploring plants and growing and the children have made their own Garden Centre. They have loved exploring plants, buying and selling things and taking on roles in the shop. Some great language and skills have been used this week.



Breakfast Club

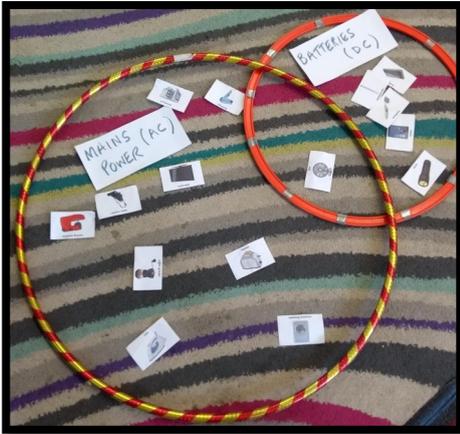


This week the children have had great fun exploring cars and racing them. The children worked in teams to test how fast the cars were and looked at how to make their cars faster. We have also enjoyed some delicious food with cheese toasties, pancakes, tiger bread, fruit, crackers and cereal.

It has been lovely to welcome some new children to Breakfast club over the last few weeks too. If you would like to know more about the things we do at Breakfast Club, please speak to Mrs Collier or Miss Barton.

Class 3

In Science we discussed which everyday appliances are powered using electricity before identifying electrical hazards/risks. As part of BBC2's competition, we also designed a pollinator-friendly garden, choosing features that will attract bees and butterflies. We were thrilled to have Jude play a variety of woodwind instruments in class; which should I choose to learn!!?? Look out for a Parentmail coming shortly for more information about this.



Around the world

We would like to give a shout out for Ayden and Fletcher for working together to create this fab boat where they sailed round the world.



Year Six Leavers' Fun Day

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Zoom call to share our plans for the Year 6 Leavers' Fun day. Again, plans have been impacted by both the advice from DCC and my concerns about the number of cases locally.

Whilst Year 6 have missed out on key events in their final two years at school, I am keen to not have them disappointed by having a venue cancel on us or by the children having to isolate at the start of their summer holidays. As such, we have booked PAS sports to deliver a whole day of fun just for Year 6.

The morning will be on site, with soft archery, fencing, boxing, ten pin bowling, tri golf and other fun competitions. In the afternoon we will be visiting the park to set up shelters and play escape games that involve puzzle solving and team-work. A fun day of building memories is planned for these special children come rain or shine.

5 Pence collections

Huge Congratulations to Class 4 who have reached the top of their 5 pence bottle, the date of their non-uniform day will be confirmed early next week! Just Class 2 and Class 3 to go, come on lets get there before the end of term.

