



# NEWSLETTER



**OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT – UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY – TEAMWORK**

June 2023

What a fabulous day we had for the Schools of Chesham Carnival. I thought all the floats were so colourful and exciting and our float looked absolutely marvellous. Thank you so much to the parents who organised it all and the staff and pupils for helping make the fabulous decorations. We were highly commended for our efforts. Well done to you all.



## Y1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 1 visited Whipsnade Zoo on Monday after raising an amazing amount of money from their Sponsored Scoot. They had a wonderful time seeing lots of different animals and took part in an African animal workshop where they learnt lots of interesting facts. It was a successful trip with lots of sleepy Honey Pots on the journey home.

## Bronze Arts Award

Some Year 6 children, studying their Bronze Arts Award, enjoyed a trip to Tring Natural History Museum to visit the Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition. Miss Thorp led the children around the exhibition explaining the photography skills involved in each photograph. The children developed their own views on each photograph and shared these as a group.


We were also thrilled to welcome back past pupils in order to award them their Bronze Arts Award certificates from Trinity College London. A huge congratulations to Anni, Abigail, Samuel and Anna. It's so lovely to celebrate our pupils' achievements, past and present, and we love to hear how they are getting on in their secondary schools.



## School's Anniversary

We are so excited that 2024 will mark the 150th anniversary of our school. Lots more information will follow in the coming months, but if you were a past pupil we would love to hear from you with your stories and memories of your time at the school. Any information can be emailed to us on [anniversary@hcschool.uk](mailto:anniversary@hcschool.uk) and further details of all the exciting events that we will be planning will follow soon...

## Sports Day

is now on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July**   
All details are on the original letter sent out and parents will shortly be sent out a text to inform them of the name of their child's Kith and Kin family group (different to house). It would be great if children could wear a T-shirt of their house colour please.

## Reading in Windmills

A big thank you to Mr Young's parents who have built a fantastic reading den for Windmills. It really is a super exciting place to settle down in with a good book. All our youngest pupils absolutely love playing in it (and reading, of course!).





Our school is thrilled to announce the recent creation of our **school social media pages**! We would like to invite all parents to keep updated with all the exciting events occurring at our school.

You can follow us on:



Instagram: hawridgeandcholesburyce



Twitter: @HCCESchool



Facebook: Hawridge and Cholesbury Church of England School

### Mini Enterprise

How creative are our Y6 children! An amazing variety of goods were on sale last Friday, all developed and created by our oldest children. We definitely have some future entrepreneurs.



### More Chicks born in H&C

Cherry Platts had a lovely surprise when two chicks hatched last week. Pickles and Cookie were the first to arrive (photos above), followed by Nugget, Crystal and McFluffy. The class have democratically voted for these great names.



### Well done Y5!



### Poem Competition

This morning we welcomed the Hospice of St Francis and Chapter Two bookshop into school. They talked to us about the important work the Hospice does. Year 5 were presented with a special bookmark to celebrate being 'Highly Commended' in Chapter Two's Class Poem Competition. Thank you for visiting us and helping us to be eager to make a difference



Mrs Davey spoke in Celebration Assembly on Monday about a problem she has in her garden, which you (like me) may also have experience of. The Box Tree Caterpillar was first spotted in the UK in 2007 and has been a problem in gardens since 2011. A bit like the notorious 'Hungry Caterpillar' this greedy visitor munches its way through a huge quantity of food. Rather than ice cream and cherry pie, however, it devours the leaves of box hedging killing the plant in a very short period of time. This RHS link tells you more

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/biodiversity/box-tree-caterpillar>

We have many native caterpillars who also feast on our leaves but are not as greedy and do not cause the same devastation. I wonder what would happen if the Box Tree Caterpillar ate all the box hedges in the country or even the world? Reflecting on this and greed made me think that if we take more of something than we need, it could potentially be destroyed for ourselves and for others.

**"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor"**

**Proverbs 22:9**

Finally, an enormous thank you to Mr Backhouse for spending time at our school filming and for all the work he will be doing creating a video for our website, featuring all the wonderful things that happen in our school. I am so looking forward to seeing it and can't wait to share it with everyone.