



CHELLASTON JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2016



Congratulations to James Smith (Dovedale) who has been awarded a Blue Peter Badge for his interesting letter to the team about the fun time he has at clubs, especially when he went to camp at Drum Hill. Well done James!



On Tuesday 23rd February we took two teams to take part in the first round of Quiz

Club. It was an exciting afternoon which saw teams from many schools compete against each other in a general knowledge quiz which was incredibly close and very tense to watch.

'It all began when Mrs Chapman and Mr Jones gathered us all together. The day was finally here. We got on the minibus and organised who would be in which team. I was with Owen, Skye and Charlie. It was quite a long journey but it was funny. Once we arrived we suddenly felt nervous.

The man explained how the quiz would work and then we started. It was very close throughout the quiz between us and a school called Little Sutton.

The questions were very difficult but we held on and in the end we won! It was a great experience and we really enjoyed it. Semi-finals here we come!'

Connor Johnson (Hartington)

I would like to thank the children for their superb behaviour and fantastic attitude - they all represented the school so well.

The teams were:

Aadarsh Jagannathan Y3, Arda Iridzhan Y4, Jasmeet Taggar Y5, Myla Nicklin Y6 and

Charlie Fitzpatrick Y3, Skye Moore Y4, Connor Johnson Y5, Owen England Y6.

Mrs Chapman

Educational Visits & Trips

We are in the middle of another busy term. The year got off to a great start with a theatre visit from Jack & The Beanstalk, funded by our PTFA.

Last half term saw Y4 & Y6 enjoy food technology making pizza and curry (which was very nice by the way!)

Various school trips and visits continue to enhance the curriculum, including the Year 5 Drumming Workshops with Beth de Lange:-

"We had a great time learning bell, chekere, djun jun and djembe rhythms with all the Y5 classes. We sang a song or two and then once the rhythm was cooking some of the children got up and danced. Woo!"

<https://bethdelange.wordpress.com/workshops/>

Y4 visited the Think Tank in Birmingham children where they took part in the 'Electrifying Science' show which follows scientists through history as they make their first startling discoveries about electricity. They watched some hair-raising experiments into how electricity is used and took part in their larger than life circuit! They also took part in a 'Crime Detectives' workshop, becoming forensic scientists and helping to solve the Thinktank burglary.

Hartington class took part in the first of several sessions of “Brilliant Derby” with author Andy Cope. Brilliant Derby is a project to empower the children of Derby to deliver 'positivity', 'happiness' and 'brilliance' across their schools and communities. The aim is to transform lives and embed 'brilliance' into the school ethos.

Y4 had an ‘electrifying day’ on 3rd March with an Electric Lego Workshop and Y3 are looking forward to their visit on 22nd March to the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham to see the Horrible Histories “Groovy Greeks” production.

And finally, Year 6 will no doubt be thinking, and getting excited about, their PGL or Activity Week in June. Thank you to parents for your continued support with Educational Visits.

Assemblies

During school assemblies this half term we are thinking about the theme of “Generosity”. We have reflected on how giving of your time and enthusiasm can cause a ripple effect. Indeed random acts of kindness can help make a better world for us all. We have invited visiting speakers into assembly and covered Islam and British Values as we aim to promote tolerance and respect. Rev BJ Facey from St Peter’s Church in Chellaston is due to talk to the children about Lent on Monday 7 March.



Co-Co (Community Cohesion) Project

In Year 5 we plan visits to other schools in different areas of Derby as well as hosting visits from these partner schools. The community – cohesion (Co-Co) work is very positive. It is fantastic to see pupils working together and building bridges across communities.



PTFA Update

Recent events have been very successful, thanks to your continued support:-

Valentine’s Discos – £690.96

Ladies’ Pampering & Shopping Night - £418.42

Don’t forget next week is our Bag2School collection – please bring in your bags to school by 9.00am on Friday 11th March – thanks!

Fundraising



Our non-uniform day in February raised £217 for UNICEF and £220.49 for our chosen charity Cancer Research UK. As always, a massive thank you to parents and pupils for your continued support.

We have already raised £1124 for Cancer Research so far this year, and with Easter Egg raffles planned in a few weeks’ time (more info to follow), we hope to raise even more!



I have been particularly impressed by the work of the School Council of late. They are showing a real commitment and mature approach. We try to keep pace with their suggestions for improvements at CJS. Mrs Richardson and Mrs Slack do a great job guiding and supporting the Council. Keep up the good work CJS School Council; we are very proud of you!

Theme Days



On Thursday 11 February the whole school enjoyed a French Day. Mrs Guyatt planned various activities for each year group to help celebrate and develop our French skills. We had a great day and enjoyed the crêpes! The next Theme Day is Book Day on Friday 11 March – remember to wear your pyjamas/onesies!

Parents as Partners

We look forward to seeing all our parents at Parents' Evenings on Monday 7th March and Thursday 10th March.

Assessment Update

A leaflet is going out to all pupils, updating parents on assessment at CJS. Please read prior to Parents' Evening. Thank you.

Behaviour

May I thank all our parents for their support with behaviour. The vast majority of children at CJS have very good manners, show respect for all and have such a positive attitude to learning. As I walk round school looking at a range of lessons I can sense a real 'buzz' for learning, which is great to see. We have reviewed the school policy on Behaviour and will be uploading this to the school website shortly.

Website

A reminder to all parents that we have a very detailed website, including lots of information on school policies and the curriculum. Please note that information regarding the Curriculum Assessment, Key Objectives and Y6 SATs is all under the 'Curriculum' tab.

Maple Drive

A reminder about keeping all our children safe around school:

- Please don't park in front of the Children Centre gates
- Please don't park/stop at bus stops
- Please don't make three-point turns on Maple Drive
- Please do not park in private areas or block local residents' drives etc.

Thank you to all parents who do park safely and responsibly and help keep our children safe.



Rehearsals are progressing very well and we will all look forward to the performances on Monday 21st March and Tuesday 22nd March at 7.00pm.

All parents are welcome to come and see this performance. If you are interested please complete a ticket application form and return it together with your payment of £2 per ticket to Mrs Slack in the office.

Football

The next match is on Friday 11th March v Duffield Meadows at home – come on CJS!

Girls' Football

Miss McGinty is preparing to take a Y3/4 girls' team to a tournament on Tuesday, 15 March. There will be further information for Y5/6 girls after Easter, so watch this space girls!

Tag Rugby

The Tag Rugby tournament is on Thursday, 17th March from 1.30 pm at Chellaston Academy. Children involved will receive letters next week.

Sport Relief

We will be celebrating Sport Relief on Friday 18th March when children will be encouraged to come to school in sports kits and be ready to do a fun Sport Relief Mile! Further information will follow.