

# Academy Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Summer Term  
Issue: 2



This week, it was nice to welcome back Fr Francis into the school, working with our classes. He will be visiting every Thursday morning to spend time with one of the classes. This week our Nursery children did some work with him, and next week he will be popping into EYFS.

All our entries for the Chislehurst Environmental awards have been sent off for judging. The children have produced some fantastic work on the topic 'Design on Chislehurst'. We have looked at the variety of architectural styles and structural materials that make up our local environment. Fingers crossed we have some winning entries.

Next Thursday, we will be using the gym as a Polling Station. The school will remain open, as it has on previous polling days. Please be assured that we prioritise safeguarding on this day. Access to the gym is by the fire escape doors only, and the gym doors to the school will remain locked. Nobody will be able to enter the school via this route.

All windows to the interior of the school are blacked out. We will also ensure that we have additional staff on duty.

Year 1 have a busy week next week, with their trip to Orpington Library on Monday and their Free Range Assembly on Tuesday. We hope that parents and carers are able to attend the assembly and find out what the children have been learning.

Have a wonderful weekend.



## Lent Appeal – Building Bridges

Thank you so much for all your generous donations and thank you for helping us support a charity which is so close to our hearts.



**THANK YOU  
SO MUCH**

**YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Tinashe – Year 4  
 Julian – Year 3  
 Nyrah – Nursery  
 Grace – Year 2  
 Cydney – Year 1  
 Harry – EYFS  
 Evie – Year 3  
 Rikeem – Year 4  
 Adrian – Year 2  
 Arianna – Year 2



All birthdays have been listed in birth date order (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024)



## VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



### Confidence

*“Let us be confident, then, and say: “The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”*

*Hebrews 13:6*

EYFS	Oliver
Year 1	Sienna
Year 2	Chelsea
Year 3	Enzo
Year 4	Jake
Year 5	Jason
Year 6	Zahav

### Attendance

EYFS	96.3
Year 1	96.7
Year 2	91.3
Year 3	100
Year 4	96.2
Year 5	91.1
Year 6	99.6
Whole School	96.83

The winning class this week was **Year 3** gaining three stars for having 100% attendance. Well done to Year 6 this week for achieving over 97% and receiving a star.

How many children were late for school this week?

65

### Nursery Star of the Week



Tife



# Exploring texture

## APRIL'S ART CHALLENGE

Visual texture is the way an object looks as it would feel, if you could reach out and touch it. A useful drawing skill is to be able to create texture using your pencil or other art materials.

Each word below is a texture word. Can you create this texture using just a pencil?

- Sandy
- Furry
- Gritty
- Hairy
- Bumpy
- Fluffy
- Smooth
- Woven
- Prickly
- Scaly
- Pointy
- Flaky
- Rough
- Rocky
- Soft
- Wet



Your challenge is to create a piece of artwork showing texture. Think about how you move your pencil across the page to create the texture. Would it be best to move it quickly or slowly? What shapes or patterns could you make to help portray the texture? Go and investigate real objects that have this texture, then try to copy. Can you draw a picture, using just a pencil, to show texture? It could be a soft teddy bear, your furry pet dog, a scaly lizard, a feathered bird, a prickly cactus, a wet umbrella, the rough skin of an orange... experiment!

Hand in your creation to **Mrs Lee** by **Monday 29th April** for a chance to win an amazing arts and crafts prize!

Look out for the new monthly art competition in the newsletter at the beginning of every month.

## Meeting with the SENDCO (Mr O'Dwyer)

Please scan the QR code below should you wish to meet with Mr. O'Dwyer. You may want to discuss an ongoing concern, or discuss a new concern all together.



## Uniform

Please can you ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled, as it is getting difficult for children/staff to identify items of clothing if they do not have a name on.

In addition to the above, it has been noted that children are taking home named uniform that does not belong to them.

Please can you check all the uniform you have at home and ensure it belongs to your child. If you have another child's item, please return it to the school office.

It is important to teach your children how important it is to look after their belongings and this is difficult if items are un-named and unidentifiable.



## Summer Uniform

Although the weather is not quite 'summer', we would just like to take the opportunity to remind parents not to mix summer uniform with winter uniform.

Please note the following from our uniform policy:

*Green checked dress with white socks (not green tights).*

*White Academy logo polo shirt **worn without tie.***

We are proud of our uniform, and we would like to ensure it is looking at its very best all year round.



## Chislehurst Society Environmental Awards

On Wednesday, we dropped off our class entries for this year's Environmental Awards. They are currently being judged and then prizes will be presented at the ceremony on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Chislehurst Methodist Church. Please pencil in this date as we often have a few winners and would love some representatives from each class. When we have more information, we will let you know which classes have won a prize.





## Spring Term

Amendments are highlighted and Cancellations are in red.

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 1 Trip to Orpington Library
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 1 Free Range Assembly at 9am(all parent/carers welcome)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	School being used as a Polling Station – School open as usual
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 5 Bright Sparks Trip – Swimming cancelled
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SAT's Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 4 Trip to Orpington Library
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 1 Hall Place School Trip (further information to follow)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bird of Prey Visit
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Year 5 Kemnal Technology Visit
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Year 4 - MTC Parent information meeting (see email for details)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Year 5 Free Range Assembly at 9am (all parent/carers welcome)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Year 1 Church Visit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Crowning of Our Lady – Bring a flower to school with you
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Half Term Begins – No Evening Stars (4:30pm finish)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Year 5 Trip to Orpington Library
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	EYFS Church Visit
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6 Trip to Orpington Library
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Phonics Screening Check – KS1 (more information to follow)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6 Bikability Course – more information to follow
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6 Bikability Course – more information to follow
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 2 Trip to Orpington Library
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Welcome Meeting to new EYFS Parents at 5pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	St Peter and St Paul Feast Day Mass (parents/carers welcome for lunch) more information to follow
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Year 2 Free Range Assembly at 9am(all parent/carers welcome)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Circus Day – more information to follow
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Key Stage 2 Reconciliation
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6 School Journey to Thriftwood (return on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Mass – parents/carers welcome Close at 2pm – No Stars

### The Acrobatic Swan Lake - Offer

Take your family to a unique fusion of Western Classical Ballet and mesmerising Chinese Acrobatic Arts. The Acrobatic Swan Lake is a jaw-dropping phenomenon everyone will love! The Family Ticket is 4 tickets for £150 on the £85 price band - a saving of £190!

Promo code: TSTFAMILY

[Family Ticket Offer Click Here](#)





## Family wildlife walk and talk

📍 Hoblingwell Wood Recreation Ground, St Paul's Cray, BR5 2QB

📅 Sat 4th May 2024 11:00AM

Our family wildlife walk and talk will follow a route through our wondrous wildflower meadow and woodland, and taking in our new butterfly bank. Along the way our conservation volunteers will point out wildlife features of Hoblingwell, such as plants, fungi, butterflies, birds, and small mammals. We will also pick up any little bits of litter that we might find along the way to maintain the environment in good condition.

### Event Details

Starts at 11:00AM

### Location

Hoblingwell Wood Recreation Ground, St Paul's Cray, BR5 2QB