

Dear Chiddingly Families,

What a brilliant start to Term 5! Oak have started their topic of 'how does it grow?' and had a lovely opportunity to explore the woods. Beech Class got



stuck straight into their topic last week and went to Ollie's farm to see the lambs and calves. They had a lovely Spring walk back to school! Willow Class are learning all about rivers and have started investigating the water cycle. Sycamore Class have started their conservation topic and are looking forward to their residential trip coming up this term. Hopefully the weather will start to feel more like Spring soon! Mrs Dann

Reminders

- **Beech Class** please make sure you give consent for the Eastbourne trip via ParentPay ASAP.
- All—Please remember Monday 6th May is a bank holiday and the School will be closed.
- Sycamore PGL please make sure children arrive at 12pm at Windmill Hill on 20th May with a packed lunch. If your child is not coming, they need to be in school in the morning like normal.

<u>Skills Builders</u> (Next Two Weeks)

You are welcome to join us in our celebration assemblies on Fridays at 9.15am.

Friday 3rd May

Beech—Jacob Willow—Penelope

Sycamore — Poppy

Friday 10th May

Beech— Holly Willow — Scarlett

Sycamore — Dexter

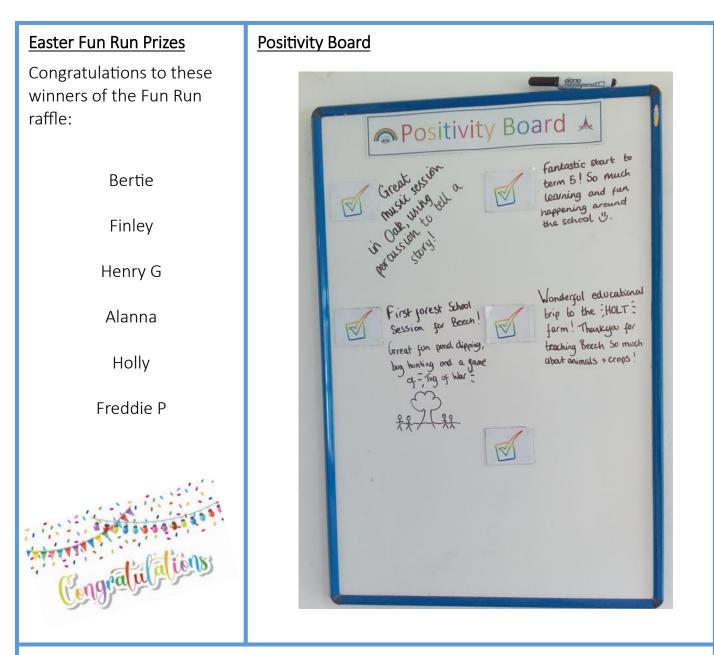
Skills Builders (Last Two Weeks)

Congratulations to the children below for receiving their skills builders in the last two weeks.





If you need the newsletter or other school letters to be in a different format, please speak to Mrs Dann in the school office. If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Dann.



Attendance

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognising that each school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development. It is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts on their progress.

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Whole school this week: 95.27% Whole school this year: 93.94%

Oak: 100%

Beech: 97.85% Willow: 95.93% Sycamore: 90.37% Well done, Oak!



<u>Oak</u>

Oak have been busy planting and observing growth for our 'How Does It Grow?' Topic. We have been to the woods to see the bluebells and made journey sticks to collect our findings, drawing some of the things we saw and discussing where these plants come from. We've also all planted our own bean stalks and have been recording their growth in bean diaries, and we're very excited to see how they keep growing! In maths, we've been counting beyond ten and learning our 'teen' numbers, thinking of '10 and more'!





Beech

We went on an adventure to Barn Farm and found out about cows, sheep and where our food comes from.

We looked at different crops grown in the fields and leant about the foods we eat! We then went for a walk to look at what is growing in our local area and the habitats in the forest.



We also had 'Nature Makers' in to deliver a session for Earth Week. We planted sunflower seeds and made Earth pictures out of natural materials.



<u>Willow</u>

This term Willow are learning about rivers. They have been looking at the water cycle in Geography and they all created their own beautiful water cycle posters. Here are just a couple. In Science they have been classifying animals in lots of different ways. They then looked at the most common way scientists group animals and compared that to their ideas.













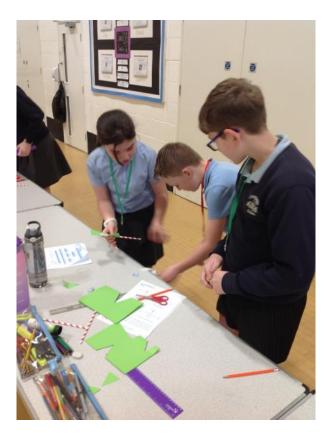




<u>Sycamore</u>

Sycamore Class enjoyed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) day with children from Park Mead. They worked in teams to design and construct gliders, rockets and parachutes and accumulated points throughout the day - congratulations to the Chiddingly winning team of Olivia, Luna and Lyla! All the children represented the school brilliantly and were praised for their good behaviour, hard work and manners.







Forest School (This Week)

In Forest School we were looking for the colours in nature and finding what wonderful colours our Earth gives us. We also went pond dipping to explore what lives in the water whilst exploring their habitats linking this to our science topic. Some of us helped to sort the veg patch and planted some vegetables including potatoes.



Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you again for all those that got involved in the Easter Colouring. We managed to raise enough money to purchase 6 sets of playground games. They include 'X and O' 'Squares' 'Categories' and 'Connect 4'. The children are already enjoying having some quiet but competitive fun at break times!



If anyone would like to purchase these games for home use, travel or holidays, please visit 'Piece of my Heart' on Facebook. If you quote 'Chiddingly School' we will get a set of 4 for £4.50!



Dates For Your Diary

May 2024

6th — Bank Holiday Monday (school closed) W/c 13th May — SATs Week (Monday to Thursday) 17th — Beech Eastbourne Trip 20th to 22nd — Sycamore residential 24th — Term 5 Ends June 2024 3rd—INSET Day 4th — Term 6 Starts w/c 10th — Year 6 Bikeability 21st — Sports Day July 2024 9th — Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 11th — Summer Production 17th — Leavers' Assembly 22nd — Term 6 Ends

23rd — INSET Day

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

September 2024

2nd & 3rd—INSET Days (other INSET Days for this academic year to be confirmed)

May 2025

June 2025

July 2025

5th — May bank holiday

23rd — Term 5 ends

2nd — Term 6 starts

22nd — Term 6 ends

October 2024 25th — Term 1 ends

November 2024

4th — Term 2 starts

December 2024

20th — Term 2 ends

January 2025

6th—Term 3 starts

February 2025

14th — Term 3 ends

24th — Term 4 starts

April 2025

4th — Term 4 ends

22nd — Term 5 starts

The Challenge will begin in libraries on **Saturday** 6th July and end on Saturday 7th September.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

To take part in the Challenge children need to read six books of their choice that they have borrowed from the library or downloaded from their e-book library over the summer holidays. They are given rewards for each book they read and a certificate and medal if they manage to complete the Challenge.





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If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)





Are you a parent or carer?

Do you have any questions or want some advice, tips or ideas to help you support your child?

Come along to Park Mead for coffee, and an informal chat with Vickie who is a parent/carer practitioner from me & my mind.

Wednesday 8th Nov 9.15-10.45- Anxiety and Worry

Wednesday 13th March 9.15 10.45 Sleep, food and mood

Wednesday 10th July 9.15 - 10.45- Transitions

For more information, please speak to Sian Leahy SENCO



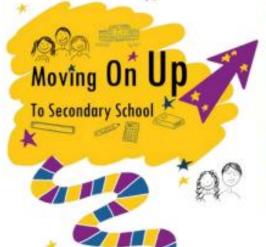
CLASS & CLASS+

This workshop is designed to support you and you child to feel confident about the transition to a new school

This session is for parents/carers who have an autistic child, or the autism pathway or with additional needs that is transitioning between Year 6 and Year 7

This session will use the Moving On Up To Secondary Transition resource and will share ideas, advice, top tips and key informatic to support transition.

CLASS+ and CLASS are running 5 virtual transition workshops. Please choose one of the following dates



Friday 26th April 10:00 - 11:30am
Thursday 9 th May 1:00 - 2:30pm
Tuesday 21 st May 7:00 - 8:30pm
Thursday 6 th June 10:00 - 11:30am
Wednesday 3rd July 7:00 - 8:30pm

To book onto the virtual event go to Join the guestlist – CLASS & CLASS+ Parent Transition Workshop – Microsoft Teams, Multiple dates and times (tickettailor.com) or visit www.facebook.com/CLASSPlusEastSussex and

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We recognise that accessing help and support services can be tricky for some families, especially if they don't know where to look. That is why East Sussex Family Hubs now have an advice and support phone line, where families can call us to ask any questions they might have about family life - and if we can't help, we'll point them in the right direction. Contact us directly by phone or email: 01323 46 46 55 (lines are open Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Fridays 9am to 4.30pm)

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