



NEWSLETTER 1 Term 1  
Friday 13th September 2024

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"Achievement for All, Learning Together, Learning for Life"

Dear Chiddingly Families,

Thank you all for such a brilliant start to the academic year 2024-25. The children have settled into their new classrooms really well and the whole school has been so kind and welcoming to the new Reception children. Hoping you all have a lovely weekend and everyone has a well deserved rest.

Mrs Dann

## Reminders

- **Year 6** — please log onto ParentPay to give consent for Safety In Action by 19th September
- **Willow and Sycamore**—please remember they have swimming on Tuesdays this term
- **Oak Class** have Forest School on Thursday 19th September and **Willow Class** have it on Thursday 26th September. Please can children come into school wearing their Forest School kits. Uniform (or PE kits for Beech Class) must be brought in a named bag to change into afterwards.
- **All**—Boom Reader sign up— please make sure you are recording when you read with your child on Boom Reader instead of using the old reading record. Any difficulties with signing up or using it, please do not hesitate to ask.
- On Friday 20th September some of the **Year 5/6 boys** are taking part in a football tournament at Bede's. If your child is part of this, you will have received a GoogleForm to complete.

## Skills Builders (Next Two Weeks)

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

### Friday 20th September

Oak — Ronnie                      Beech — Amelia

Willow— Alanna                      Sycamore — Ava

### Friday 27th September

Oak — Mollie                      Beech — Bess

Willow — Albie                      Sycamore — Florence

## Lantern Walk

**Date:** Friday 20th September

**Venue:** Chiddingly Village Hall

**Tickets:** £2 on the door

**Starts:** Lantern making from 5.30pm, walk 6.30pm

**Refreshments:** Festival Bar

**Event directors:** Louise Champion & Julia Eldridge

**Sponsored by:** Active Education Sussex

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.

## Positivity Board



## 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: 96.81%

Whole school this year: 96.58%

Oak: 100%

Beech: 95.47%

Willow: 98.15%

Sycamore: 95%

**Well done, Oak!**



## Class Updates

### Oak

Oak Class have settled in well: with a big thanks to all of the classes as they have been playing across year groups in the playground and it has been wonderful to see so much support from their school community. Within the classroom, we have been enjoying getting to know each other by learning each other's names, likes and interests. We have especially enjoyed biking in our play area, painting and creating puppet shows!



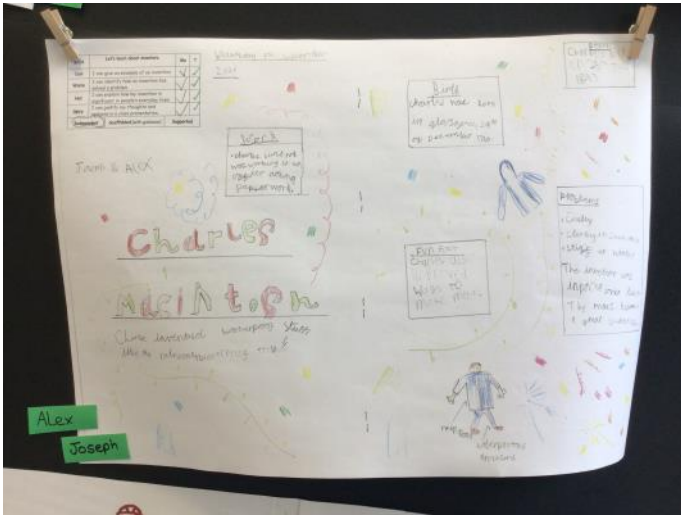
## Beech

What a great start to the term Beech class have had, we have been focusing on team work skills and independence over the last few weeks. The children have been acting out the story of the Great Fire of London, building maps in the small world and construction area to show how far the fire travelled and also naming key buildings in London. In science we have been learning about our senses and how our tongue helps us taste, the children took part in a food tasting session, we were amazed at how many children enjoyed tasting the sour lemons more than the popcorn!

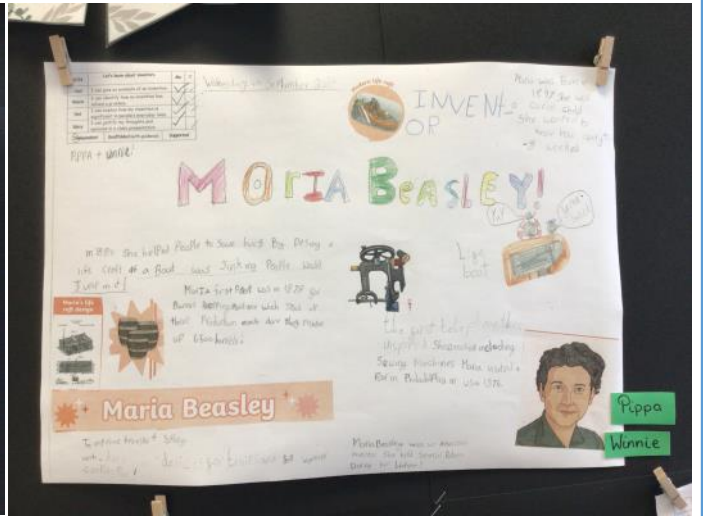


# Willow

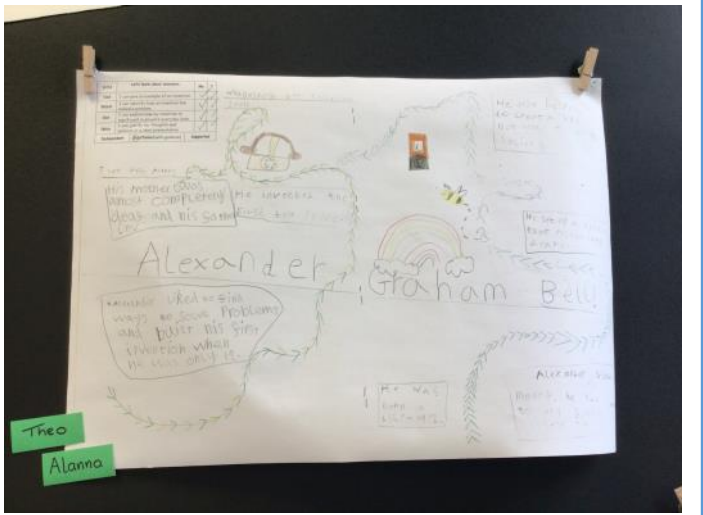
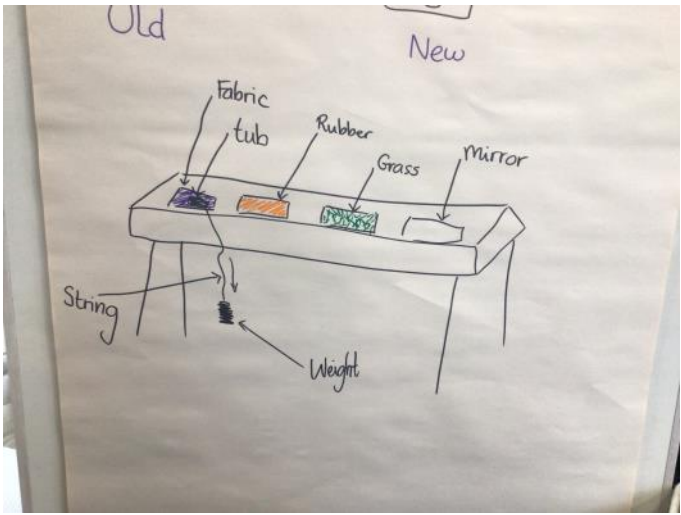
Willow class have settled back into school beautifully. They have been exploring their new topic of inventors. During their first DT lesson they worked with a partner to research and create a poster all about one of the famous inventors we are studying. They have also been loving tag rugby in P.E, their class book Rosie Revere Engineer and much more. Keep up the amazing work Willow!



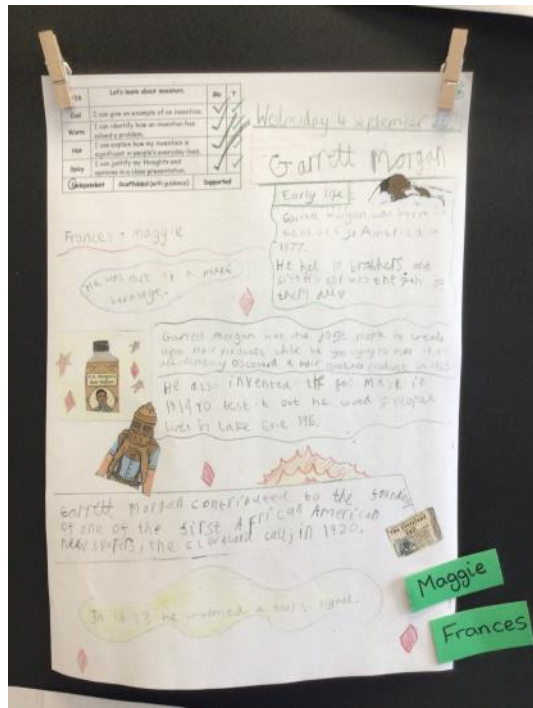
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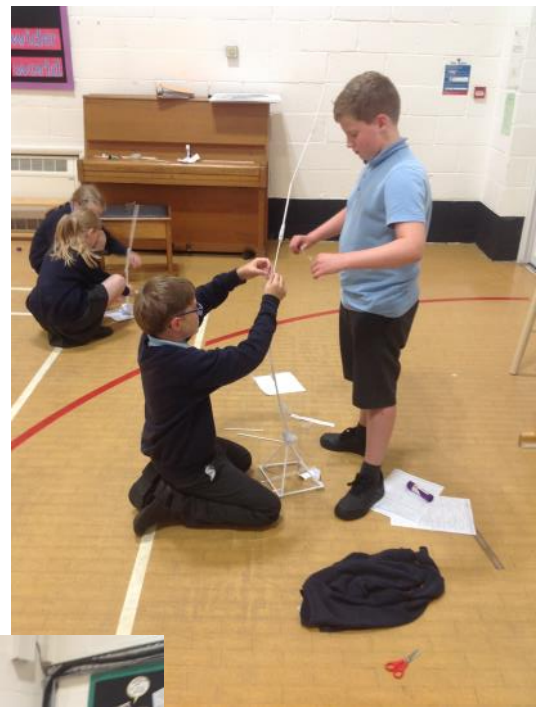
Theo  
Alanna



Maggie  
Frances

## Sycamore

Sycamore Class enjoyed a couple of afternoons of team-building skills last week as they got to know each other more. In groups, they had to make a range of human objects and created a mixture of animals and furniture just using their bodies. They also worked hard to make the tallest tower in the class using art straws and scrap paper.



## Forest School

Beech Class started their session at Forest School today by sitting around the fire circle: we recapped on the ways to be safe while having a fire. Some children chose to stay and practice their fire lighting skills. They did this by striking a flint and steel to create a spark that would then light a piece of cotton wool, this was rather tricky but a few of the children managed to get a flame. Unfortunately our fire didn't take and as a class we talked about why the fire was unsuccessful "the wood is wet" and the wood needed to be dry to be able to burn.

There was lots of bug hunting happening and the children found all sorts of creatures hiding under the logs. One Woodlouse that was found was given the name Fred and they even found a few newts. Using bug catchers to collect them. They were then able to look at an ID sheet to help them to identify what they had found "I have a Devils Coachman".

Some children chose to practice their tool skills. They started by using some secateurs to cut some Hazel, then using a peeler they stripped off all the bark. They then used wool to decorate their sticks by wrapping it round one end before tying it off, some children choosing to try learning a new know called the whipping knot.

We finished our session today with a game or spirit of the forest. The children had to make it from one side of the forest to the other without being caught by the spirit, if they were caught they then became a tree and part of the forest.



## Summer Holiday Helpers

Wilfred and Ollie were busy making a new tower for the Forest School area during the summer holidays with Miss Waterman.

A massive thank you for all their help with recycling the pallets by taking them apart and putting it all together by sawing and drilling.





## Dates For Your Diary

### September 2024

15th— Chiddingly Church extends a warm invitation to everyone to our Harvest Festival Service at 10am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, to be taken by Fr. James Vine. Any tins or packets of food are very welcome and will be donated to the Hailsham Foodbank. We look forward to seeing you there.

17th— Willow and Sycamore swimming

19th— Oak Class Forest School

19th—Year 6 Safety In Action

19th—Sycamore poetry workshop

20th—Some of Year 5/6 boys at football tournament

24th— Willow and Sycamore swimming

26th— Willow Class Forest School

### October 2024

10th—Harvest Festival assembly at 9.10am

25th — Term 1 ends

### November 2024

4th — Term 2 starts

### December 2024

20th — Term 2 ends

### January 2025

6th—INSET Day

7th—Term 3 starts

14th — Term 3 ends

24th — Term 4 starts

### April 2025

4th — Term 4 ends

22nd — Term 5 starts

### May 2025

5th — May bank holiday

23rd — Term 5 ends

### June 2025

2nd — INSET Day

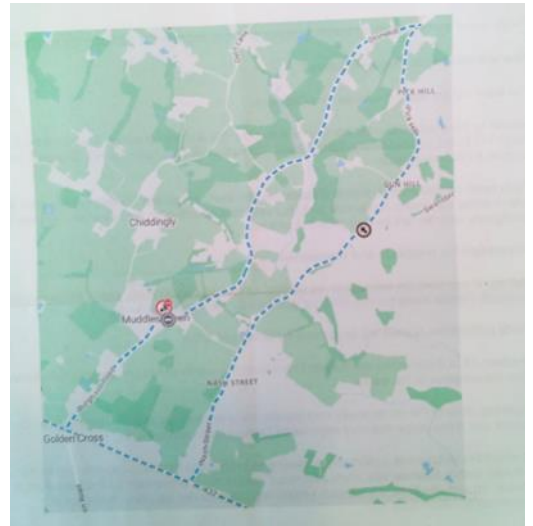
3rd— Term 6 starts

### July 2025

21st—Term 6 ends

22nd — INSET Day

Please note that on **Monday 16th September** there will be roadworks (9am to 4pm) outside the Old Forge.



# NEW INFORMATION ON PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL

# 5

## CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF TERM TIME LEAVE

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

# 10

## SESSIONS OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

## PER PARENT, PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

## FOR EXAMPLE

3 siblings absent for term leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

# 1

## FIRST OFFENCE

For Term Time Leave or Irregular attendance £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

# 2

## SECOND OFFENCE

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

# 3

## THIRD OFFENCE

Fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child

The Pioneer Attendance policy can be found on our website: <https://pioneerfederation.co.uk/chiddingly/policies/>



# HAILSHAM HOCKEY CLUB

## Junior Hockey Training

Junior Hockey Mixed Training  
Wednesdays during the school term  
Years 1 - 6 | 18.00-19.20  
Years 7 - 11 | 18.00-19.30

📍 Hailsham Community College (Snr School)

**NEW PLAYERS:**

First session **FREE**

**FREE HHC T-shirt with second session**

Email: [contact@hailshamhockey.co.uk](mailto:contact@hailshamhockey.co.uk) to join in



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# NEW! Oral Health webinar

with HALO (Healthy Active Little Ones)  
& the Parenting Team



## Battles with tooth brushing?



- Our Oral Health session for parents & carers covers:
- ◆ Advice on developing healthy habits for toothbrushing
  - ◆ Guidance on sugary foods
  - ◆ Bespoke support for children with SEND
  - ◆ Ideas to support your child's health and wellbeing

*Families attending will receive a FREE toothbrush and toothpaste pack for their child/ children*

Upcoming Dates:

**Monday 7th October 12:30 to 2:30pm**  
**Tuesday 26th November 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

To book your place, email the Parenting Team  
[EH.O-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:EH.O-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk)  
Or call: 01424 725800