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# KNIGHT'S TALES



# WELCOME FROM THE HEAD

## CHANDLINGS IS 25 YEARS OLD!

We enjoyed a very special event recently with a reunion for the headmistress and staff who started the school in 1994. It was lovely to welcome back Olivia Deighton and colleagues from those early years. They enjoyed touring the school to see all the developments, found their younger selves in the school photographs on display, and marvelled at the equipment they had used in the STEM Week 25 Machines Museum!

We are looking forward to our next whole-school alumni event and 25th Anniversary celebration in June.

From those earliest years, Chandlings earned its reputation for successfully guiding children

to the very best senior school for each individual. We have continued to do that and we are again celebrating another very fine set of results in the entrance examinations. Many congratulations to the Year 6 children, and also to the staff who have worked with such diligence and devotion to achieve these results. The icing on the cake is the 21 Scholarships and Awards which have been offered.

The post-examination curriculum for Year 6 is an exciting one and, as one parent commented, "Not to be missed!" The academic expectations remain rigorous, but are supplemented by life skills such as First Aid, Young Enterprise, Leadership and team-work. An excellent example of this is the Year



6 Production, The Chivalry Years, which took place last week. You can read about this in the following pages, as well as many other wonderful experiences that the children have enjoyed throughout the term.

I wish you all a very happy holiday.

*Christine Cook*

### The Oratory

Sports Scholarship - 2

### The Oratory

Academic Scholarship - 1

### Kingham Hill

Sports Scholarship - 1

### Cokethorpe School

Academic Scholarship - 1

### Headington School

Academic Scholarship - 1

### Headington School

Athlete Development Programme - 2

### Our Lady's Abingdon

Academic Scholarship - 1

### Abingdon School

Griffin All Rounder Award - 2

### Abingdon School

Head's Award for Maths - 1

### Abingdon School

John Roysse Award - 3

### Magdalen College School

All Rounder - 3

### Magdalen College School

Academic Scholarship - 2

### Magdalen College School

Governor's Presentation Award - 1



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# SCIENCE MODEL COMPETITION

## PLANETS, EYES AND CELLS

Last term Year 5 and Year 6 were invited to take part in a House competition to support their learning in Science. Year 5 were asked to make models of the Solar System or the Eye based on their topic - Light. Year 6 had the task of creating a model of a cell as part of their 'Microbe' topic. Both year groups produced some fantastic models using a range of materials and skills. The standard was even higher this year than before and judging proved extremely tricky. However after much deliberation Ms Cook chose some winners and runners up. Congratulations to everyone for a superb effort.



### Year 6 winners:

- Oliver S. - For originality and excellent presentation of your 3D plant cell model.
- Maxy W. - For bold colours and excellent descriptions of the parts of your 3D cell model

### Year 6 STEM winner:

- Jamie R. - For a good model of a cell showing fantastic woodwork skills.

### Year 6 runners up:

- Tallulah B. - For a great cell model with excellent labels and descriptions.
- Charlotte H. - For a well researched virus cell model with interesting detail.
- Leo B. - For a great cell model with fantastic labels and explanations.
- Etai G. - For a fantastic cell model with original features.

### Year 5 winners:

- Kyra E. - For a fantastic model of the Solar System and a detailed accompanying photo book.

### Year 5 STEM winner:

- Jack L. - For a fantastic model of the eye showing how we see. Great use of technology

### Year 5 runners up:

- Chiara R. - For a fantastic detailed model of the Solar System.
- Joshua M. - For a detailed and well presented model of the Solar System.
- Rico M. - For a great Solar System model showing the distances between the planets.
- Mila W. - For a great model of the eye with detailed labels.
- Oliver W. - For a fantastic model showing the inside and outside parts of the eye.
- Edward H. - For a great model and description of parts of the eye.

# STEM WEEK

What an amazing STEM week we had! It was very busy with some excellent assemblies, talks, competitions and workshops. Thank you to all the parents from STEM professions who came and ran STEM themed talks and workshops.

The week started off with an assembly to introduce the theme of machines and the number 25 to tie in with the school's 25th anniversary. With this in mind, Mrs Biggs set up a Machines Museum which proved very popular amongst all the children. It featured a range of machines from the past and children took part in a quiz to identify machines from close-up photographs. The winning class from each year will win a picnic under their year group tree during the Summer Term.

The parent workshops were amazing! The children made some real satellites from a deconstructed diagram, completed a grip strength activity, learned about the design process of cars, discovered more about forces and boats, thought about oils and lubricants in engines, found out more about the work at Culham Science Centre and used a robotic arm. We are very grateful to those who took time out to run these.



Throughout the week the children from Reception to Year 5 created marble runs trying to keep the marble rolling for as long as possible. This was also the theme for our successful Family Fun Event where families competed to be the best engineers. Their designs were wonderfully varied and congratulations go to the Stone family, 'The Beginners', who managed to keep their marble rolling for over 8 seconds!

The Pre-Prep had lots of fun with a Mathemagician who intrigued them with number tricks using the number 25. He also used machines ranging from watches to hair dryers in his tricks to demonstrate how Maths and Science are linked.

All children from Year 1 to Year 6 also took part in the 'Big Science Event', a county competition run by Science Oxford. The aim of the competition is to encourage children to devise, carry out and communicate scientific questions that interest them. Pupils worked in small teams, in their Science lessons, to plan and carry out their investigations. Each group produced a poster based on their experiment and these were displayed in the Lantern Hall during STEM Week.



# FRENCH DRAMA C'ÉTAIT MAGNIFIQUE

This year the French Drama Club performed a short play about "La télévision". What a treat! We were entertained by Président Emmanuel Macron and la Première Dame de France, some very entertaining adverts, a weather forecast and the song "Je chante sous la pluie!".

This was followed by "France has got talent" which included a variety of songs. "Je suis une pizza!" got the whole audience standing up and joining in. We finished with a touch of French cooking with Nigella and her crazy cooks.

The pupils made it look so simple and easy. However, we all know that performing is a challenging art,



particularly in a foreign language with the added complication of singing and dancing! They were amazing. We also took part in a language competition at SHSK and



the judges commented on their impressive French accent. Bravo les enfants!

## LA GALETTE BONNE ANNÉE

On Friday 11 January Prep children welcomed in the New Year in a very French way and celebrated the "Epiphanie". The children were able to sample La Galette des Rois, a traditional cake which hides "la fève", a charm of a figurine, inside it. The Galettes were generously provided by the French Company "Brioche Pasquier".

The children performed the ritual of the Galette, where the youngest child goes under the table and directs the distribution of the pieces of cake. The lucky person to find the "fève" becomes the King or Queen for the day, wears the paper crown and can have three wishes.

**Fatima, Year 6**, said 'As I'm the youngest I can go under the table and tap everyone's legs which is really fun.'

**Charlotte, Year 3**, found the charm and became Queen for the day. She wished for a real wand.

**Sami** who also found the charm said, 'I wish that everyone can have a wish!'

**Mrs Biggs**, wished for 'A successful start to the new STEM CREST club.'

The celebration provided our children with an opportunity to experience the French 'culture' and they all thoroughly enjoy it. What a fantastic way to start the New Year! **Bonne Année 2019!**



# WELLBEING HEALTHY MINDS, BODIES AND HEARTS

Our two themes for this term have been 'My Body' and 'My Heart'

My body relates to sleep, food and exercise. We had an assembly to launch the 'My Body' topic and highlighted the importance of keeping active, eating healthily and being mindful of how important sleep is. Mrs Brawn and Mr Boyle demonstrated how strong your body can be with their Plank Off!



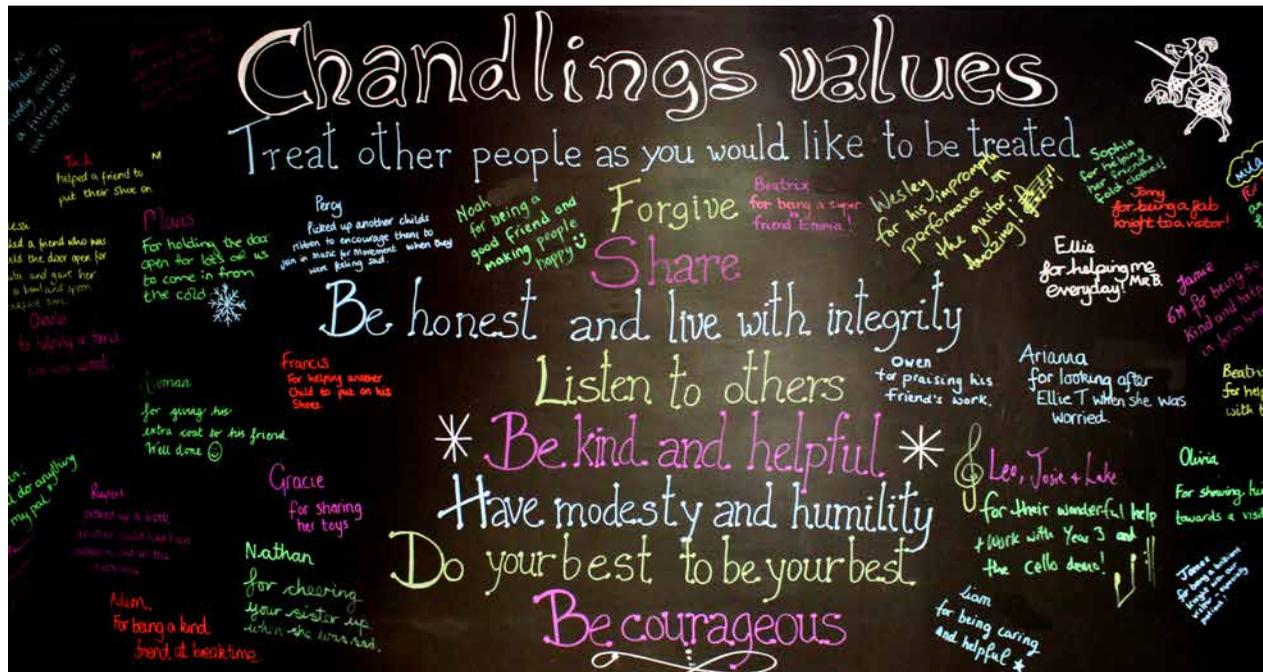
## Mental Health Week

This year Mental Health Week focused on being Healthy - Inside and Out. For the first time we took part in the Mind.B Schools Sit Together where the children gathered in the main hall and sat quietly whilst Madame Martelli got them to concentrate on their breathing. The children began the day in a very calm and peaceful manner.

After half-term the focus shifted to 'My Heart' and the children were encouraged to do something kind, and if a 'thank you' or a 'how can I repay you' was offered, to say 'Pass it On!'. The acts of kindness could be small things or big - the aim of this was to start chains of kindness that would affect our wider community too.

## Wellbeing Microsite

Do have a look at our Wellbeing Microsite via the Parent Portal where you can find notes from our latest speaker Alicia Drummond plus tips on Mindfulness and other useful resources to help your child's wellbeing. Information and a video about our next speaker James Shone is also on there.

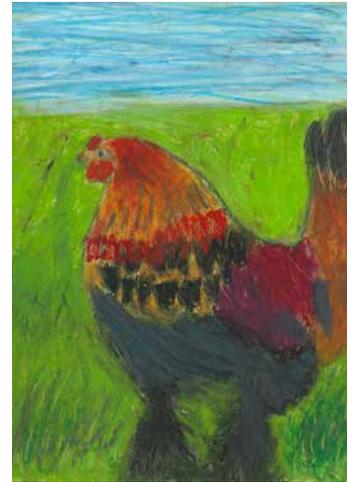


# YOUNG ART OXFORD

## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

We have had some fantastic artwork created for the Young Art Oxford competition this year which all pupils from Reception to Year 6 entered. The theme for 2019 was 'Home'. Before embarking on their artwork we had discussions with the children about what this meant to them and the results showed the diversity of our children's experiences.

'Home' encompassed images of the family, favourite foods, bedrooms, and hobbies. Several children chose to show the natural habitats of animals and their pet's favourite places to sleep. Some children were keen to express environmental concerns about the earth and how we must look after the environment.





# NURSERY WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD

This term we have focused our activities around this book. We have been making maps and learning about different animals, how they sound and what their babies are called. During circle time we have talked about how to behave and being honest in the context of sharing and telling the truth.

On a beautiful sunny day, the children put on their Wellington boots, collected their maps and went to find pictures of the animals that had been hidden around the school grounds.

We then finished up in the children's favourite place - The Nursery Woodland where we played number game with ladybirds and number leaves which consisted of throwing the dice and placing the correct ladybird onto the correct leaf.



# RECEPTION TRIP TO ROVES FARM LITTLE LAMBS WERE BORN

What better way to celebrate the arrival of Spring than to visit a farm and that is exactly what Reception did. They had the most wonderfully educational and enjoyable day at Roves Farm.

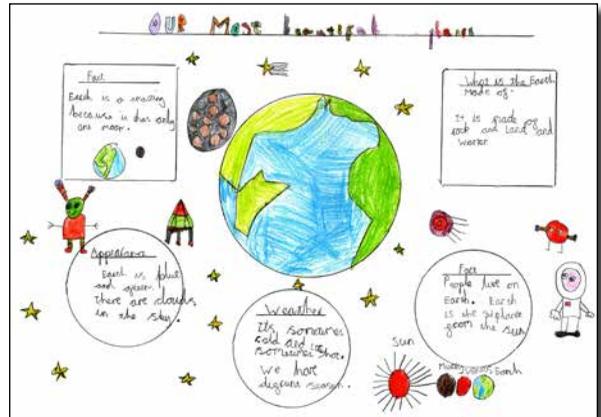
They had a very bumpy tractor ride, bottle fed some very hungry kid goats and held friendly rabbits and guinea pigs. The highlight of the trip was actually getting to see twin lambs being born. It

was amazing to witness and the farmer explained exactly what was happening. We want to say a very big thank you to Roves Farm for the most fantastic day out!



# YEAR 1 SPECTACULAR SPACE

This term, Year 1 children have been learning all about Space and where we live.



# YEAR 2 FEARLESS FIREFIGHTERS

This term the topic for Year 2 children was Fire and Ice and they were lucky enough to have a visit from the Fire Service.

A Fire Truck arrived at Chandlings and we found out what the role of a Firefighter involves. We learnt that they not only fight fires, but they are also involved in many other types of rescue. They taught us how to keep ourselves and our families safe.

We were then allowed to explore the fire truck and saw that they carry 254 pieces of equipment on this vehicle which is an enormous amount!



# YEAR 3 VISIT OXFORD NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM **SCARY SKELETONS**

Year 3 visited the beautiful Natural History Museum in Oxford. We spent time investigating different animal skeletons including learning facts about exoskeletons and endoskeletons. We were fascinated by the museum's animal displays and the children couldn't miss the huge inflated bacteria hanging from the ceiling. Some of the children were even lucky (brave) enough to hold a Madagascan cockroach! After lunch we visited the shop and the children impressed us with their

manners and mental arithmetic skills. Finally we ventured into the dark and mysterious Pitt Rivers Museum. We saw lots of unique artefacts and were particularly interested in how the displays were set out in preparation for the children's own Mini Museums later in the year.

One of the children said, *'This is so amazing! I've seen things that I have never seen before!'*



# YEAR 4 VISIT THE STORY MUSEUM **ANIMAL MAGIC**

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Story Museum, even though it was a somewhat damp day! First they explored Oxford on a 'Wonder Walk' and learnt about the famous authors who lived and worked in the city. The children learnt about how these landmarks inspired the

fantasy worlds of Middle Earth, Wonderland and Narnia and they collected stickers at various important places along the way. Later on, during their workshop they discovered the roles animals can play in stories. The children listened to two traditional stories

from around the world, including 'The Golden Fish' which is a Chinese folktale and 'The Monkey's Heart', a folktale from India. Finally the children dressed up and sat on the famous throne, which for some was the highlight of the trip!



# DOWNE HOUSE MUSICAL

## A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR

The Year 5 girls spent the day immersing themselves in the world of musical theatre. Divided into different groups, each one spent the morning putting together songs, dance and drama based on Mary Poppins. In the afternoon they had a 'technical rehearsal' which enabled them to put all five scenes together and create a play for the parents to watch. There were over 120 girls from a variety of Prep schools attending the event and our girls loved every minute spent on a big stage.



# YEAR 6 SCIENCE OXFORD MATHS SHOW

## RICE, CHESS AND PROBABILITY

Year 6 gathered in the Main Hall to see a Maths Show presented by Science Oxford. The fast-paced presentation covered a range of topics and involved plenty of audience participation. The children learnt about the five Platonic Solids, which are 3D shapes with congruent regular faces and were fascinated by the story of the Grain of Rice and the Chessboard. This ancient story brilliantly demonstrated exponential growth, as doubling the number of grains in each square soon resulted in a very large pile of rice.

Before the show, children were asked to make a number of choices on a slip of paper. At the end, our visitor predicted that only one or two children would have made a particular combination of choices. He was right! Year 6 were pondering over this for the rest of the day. Was it really magic or could it possibly be something to do with probability...?



# YEAR 6 PLAY THE CHIVALRY YEARS

It started with "The Early Years" - many years ago in another world. Then came "The Courting Years" - 2015 here at Chandlings. And now, to complete the trilogy, we have "The Chivalry Years" - Chandlings 2019.

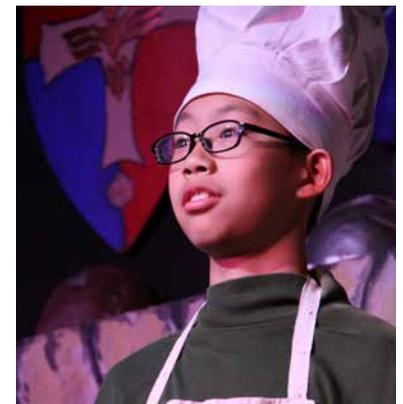
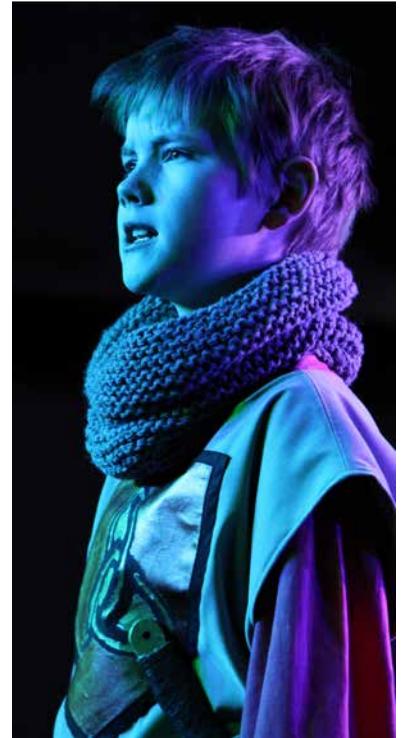
Arthurian legend offers a range of options and dramatic possibilities - comedy, action, morality, traditional adventure, and a whole range of mystical characters and tales. These can be moulded, twisted, turned and torn to the heart's delight, before being glued back together to make some sort of sense! And all because nobody knows the truth. Perfect licence.

At the heart of this production was a cast which became, and forgave the cliché, the sum of its parts. If I am honest, which I will be, it was clear through the audition process that the talent was evenly spread and

so casting was hard, yet easy in the sense that inclusiveness was easier to achieve than in some years.

Rehearsals, as is always the aim, were energetic, focused and fun. The expectations were high, and the pupils' movement from individuals within a group to characters within a cast was a pleasure to observe.

Many, if not all, reached a wonderful level in performance, rising again to the audience and collective desire to eek out their very best and beyond. Pupils have not only been on stage, several worked as 'Crew', and all participated in stage design and manufacture under the guidance of the creative Ms Prosser in the Art Department. We are also indebted to the skill of Mr Stratford and his joyful band, and to Wendy Lewis for her costume design, imagination, and late night sewing.





# YEAR 6 SKILLS WEEK

## LEARNING SKILLS FOR LIFE

The Year 6 pupils completed an in-house Cycling Programme and took part in Team Building challenges using spaghetti, newspapers, marshmallows and more! Thrill Education came in to work with pupils on real life problem solving skills and Oxfordshire First Aid spent a morning looking at the basic treatments for injuries. Later in the week pupils spent a lot of time in Bluebell Woods doing some fire

building and safety as well as having a timed 'go' on the low ropes course and constructing some dens. To cap it off they had some Mindfulness sessions, to relax following their performances of Arthur The Chivalry Years production. The week ended with the traditional Easter Egg Hunt involving a very tricky phrase that was very difficult to decipher! Great fun and hopefully some skills for life.



# ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

## WHAT HAS THE EASTER BUNNY HIDDEN?

On the last day of the Spring Term it is a Chandlings tradition to have a variety of Easter Egg Hunts. These took place across the school. Nursery and Reception were hunting in the Nursery Woodland. Year 1 and Year 2 went to the Bluebell Woods for their egg adventure. Year 3 looked for letters to make two Easter words (bunny and chick) behind the dining room. They were also challenged to make an exciting sentence out of the two words. Year 4 searched for letters to make a sentence (Wishing you joy at Easter) in the Nursery Woodland. Years 5 and 6 had to search throughout the school grounds for letters that made up the sentence 'Easter is a symbol of hope and new life.' Everyone had a lot of fun!



# BOOK WEEK GIGANTIC DINOSAURS, STORIES ON BUSES AND TEACHERS DRESSED FROM HARRY POTTER!

Our Book Week 2019 got off to a slightly crazy but hilarious start in the form of beloved author of *Astosaurs* and *Young Bond*, Steve Cole. Steve (and his ukelele) took us back to how he developed the concept for the first book he ever got published, inspiring us to give imagination to the most normal of objects - a cucumber and a banana - and to see how we can all shape exciting stories out of everyday life. It was fantastic to see our Year 4s and Year 5s, alongside our partner school Dry Sandford, develop Superheroes with amazing powers, including a Superhero Guinea Pig that could overwhelm villains with one squeak!

Jay Jay Burridge, artist and writer, brought along his life size T-Rex (complete with saddle) - the protagonist of his best-selling *Supersaurs* series. 'The Tyrant' greeted everyone arriving at school on Monday morning and set the scene nicely for Jay Jay's fascinating talk about dinosaurs and their history in Oxfordshire. Jay Jay shared that he is dyslexic, but the fact that he has gone on to write a series of books should inspire us all to try our hand at writing, even if we aren't the most confident writers. He also let us in to a secret - that he has been commissioned to write

a *Supersaurs* screenplay! So watch this space for *Supersaurs* arrival on the big screen...

Author Laura James got Year 1 and Year 2 laughing with her funky hats: the children became sea captains, cowboys, pirates and safari explorers for the duration of her talk during which they also co-created a detective story that even Fabio the World's Greatest Flamingo Detective would have been hard pushed to solve! Terry Milne, author and illustrator of the lovely book *Charlie Star*, explored character generation with Reception and invited them to practise their illustration skills by using an ingenious technique of drawing around a hand and using your imagination to develop the image into different characters.

A highlight of the week pulled into the Chandlings drive early on Wednesday morning: *Once Upon a Bus!* Throughout the day the children ventured onto the magical double-decker story bus to hear magical retellings of *Alice in Wonderland*, *the Gruffalo* and *Commotion in the Ocean*. The staff were also encouraged to get involved, with a lucky few starring as the evil Queen of Hearts!

We rounded off the week with our annual World Book Day Quiz, followed by a day of dressing up that raised money for the regeneration of Oxford's wonderful Story Museum. Our Friday Book Fair really brought the library to life with children piling in to browse and buy a new book from a range of the latest titles chosen by our local bookseller Mostly Books.

A big thank you must go to Miss Brown, our librarian for organising such a fantastic week.





# YEAR 5 INFORMAL CONCERT

Friday 8th March sounds like any other day in the calendar, but not this Friday 8th! Not only was it the day for dressing up as a character from a book as part of Book Week, but we also had the postponed winter team photographs, and the 'piece de resistance' - the Year 5 Informal Concert!

An incredibly varied programme featured some truly accomplished, emotional and diverse instrumental performances. Thank you to all the children involved, whether performing or compering, and also to the perapettic team. A wonderful concert and a really lovely way to finish another busy week in the world of Chandlings!



# YEAR 3 CELLO EXHIBITION

Year 3 were treated to a really interesting talk and demonstration with our very own Cello Teacher, Mrs Evans and three of our Year 6 cellists. During the demonstration we were mesmerized by the wonderful tones of the instrument and its incredible range. All the children were then able to get 'hands on' with the instrument. If your child would like to start learning the cello (or any other instrument), please do ask for a trial lesson.



# ENGLAND RUGBY STARS TRAIN THE YEAR 6 CHILDREN WHAT AN EXPERIENCE

It's not everyday that you meet top players from England's Rugby team and then have them coach you as well. That is exactly what some of our Year 6 girls and boys were lucky enough to experience on Tuesday 26 February.

Mr Brodley and Miss Wilkins took the children down to Oxford

Rugby Club where Tom Curry, Billy Vunipola and George Ford were waiting to take them through their paces. The children enjoyed a fun training session with the England players and definitely came away having learnt lots of new skills. They also learnt from Billy Vunipola that the way to succeed is "to stick at it and work very hard."

As if the day couldn't get any better, the children also appeared on the BBC South Oxford News and four children were interviewed.

It was an inspiring day for all the children and who knows maybe one of them might be putting on that white jersey in the future.



# BOYS' HOCKEY AND FOOTBALL

## GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS ACROSS THE YEARS

Throughout a rain soaked first half of the Spring Term the boys played football changing to hockey after the break. Both games are similar invasion games with the same team size, organisation and tactics. It has been an excellent season from all the teams from Year 2 to 6. The Year 2 boys began their inter-school fixtures with matches against Moulsholme, The Oratory, Christchurch Cathedral School and The Manor. These were in both football and rugby. The parents were fantastically supportive, as always and the boys showed a great competitive edge on the field of play before being perfect hosts at match tea.

Back in February the Year 6 'A' hockey team won the St Edwards' festival and following a tournament at Oxford Hawks went through to represent Oxfordshire at the Southern Regional Tournament at Woking. They had a fantastic day where they drew with Kent, then beat Sussex before losing in the main competition to Surrey.

Moving forward it appears the mantle will be passed on as the Year 5 teams had resounding wins over Cothill whilst the Year 4 proved to be strong in the fixtures against Magdalen.



We also had a fantastic Cross Country event hosting over 600 pupils from 23 different schools. The race sizes ranged from 70-115 making for a busy afternoon! Stand out team performances were our Under 8 Girls and Under 10 and 11 Boys whose team totals were 88, 75 and 81 respectively. A lot of work goes into organising a day like this and huge thanks must go to

the staff who marshalled, handed out race numbers, indicated race positions, provided refreshments and first aid. Particular thanks go to Mr Maskrey for his help with traffic solutions (11 coaches to park!) and Mr Graham for his techno whizz spreadsheet without which results, the old fashioned way, would have taken much longer.



# GIRLS' NETBALL, HOCKEY AND CROSS COUNTRY A FANTASTIC TERM OF SPORT

Despite the season being interrupted early on by rain and snow, all girls from Year 3- 6 enjoyed developing their Netball skills this term and every girl in the Prep represented the school in matches on numerous occasions. Throughout the course of the season, girls across all age groups have demonstrated tremendous determination and resilience in the face of some tough opposition.

The U11 and U10 teams faced familiar foes in Headington and Rupert House and were delighted to record impressive victories against Beachborough and Akeley Wood.

At the U11 Netball IAPS competition the team played with real heart on their way to finishing third in their group and narrowly missing out on the chance to qualify for Nationals on goal difference. Both U10 teams also enjoyed the chance to compete at the St Hugh's tournament and despite some incredibly tough matches played with smiles on their faces until the very last match.

At the County Hockey tournament, the U11 team performed well with a comprehensive win over Carduss and competitive matches against local rivals Headington and The Manor. They finished third in the competition just missing out on the chance to progress through to the regional phase of the competition.

At U9 and U8 level, all girls had the opportunity to represent the school on at least five occasions and teams from both age groups developed their Netball skills through matches in both the High 5 and 7-a-side formats of the game. The U8s relished their first experiences of competitive fixtures and were impressive as they transitioned into the full 7-a-side version of the game. Our U9A team proved themselves to be a formidable team, recording impressive wins over The Manor, Kitebrook, Thorngrove and Beachborough.

Our Year 2 girls also enjoyed their first taste of fixtures, playing in a Tag Rugby festival at The Manor, Hockey against Brockhurst and Marlston, UniHoc against The Oratory and their first competitive Hockey tournament at The Oratory where they came away as tournament winners.

At the Headington Cross Country in March which served as the culmination of our Cross Country season the girls enjoyed success in all races entered with 2 individual third place finishes and our U8,U9 & U10 teams all finishing third overall.



# ACTIVITY PAGE

## SPOTLIGHT ON HORSE RIDING

### Chandlings Riding Club

Horse riding sessions run on Wednesdays and Thursdays. In Pre-Prep, groups are split into the year groups, whilst in Prep they are a mixture of Year 3 to Year 6, but split into different abilities.

Blewbury riding school has a variety of ponies, from small ones to medium sized to accommodate children from Reception to Year 6. These ponies also help with riding for the disabled back home at Blewbury.

Under the watchful eye of Annika, the riding instructor and her helper, riders learn how to approach and behave around ponies. Through various activities they are taught how to groom, tack up, mount and dismount, walk, trot, canter, jump small jumps and play gymkhana games. The aim is to establish the partnership between the rider and pony and the children are encouraged to work independently.

This year the children have all been working hard on their BHS Junior Progressive Riding Tests. The Reception group have really enjoyed grooming the ponies and picking their hooves out.

In the Summer Term, the drier weather and lighter evenings enable the children to do more jumping and venture outside the arena more often.



# INTERVIEW WITH SUSAN BRENNAN HEAD'S PA

Each term the School Council organises an interview with a different member of staff. They decide upon the questions and then follow this up with an interview.



1. What exactly is your job at Chandlings?

My job is being Ms Cook's personal assistant, I also organise the parent meetings.

2. How did you get the role?

I was the receptionist for 4 years, and then I became the PA to Ms Cook.

3. How long have you worked at the school?

I joined Chandlings in January 2013.

4. Why did you want to come to Chandlings?

I came to Chandlings because when I had my interview I walked around the grounds and thought it was a wonderful school and the children are really kind.

5. Is this your first job?

No, I was the PA for the heads at colleges in Yorkshire and Oxfordshire.

6. What was your old job?

My old job was being the personal assistant of the Principal of a college in Oxford and the personal assistant of the Principal of a college in Yorkshire.

7. How long have you been Ms Cook's personal assistant?

Since January 2018 when she started.

8. How hard do you need to work to be able to keep your place as Mrs Cook's PA?

I need to work very hard, I have to look after her very well and always be one step ahead.

9. What do you think of our school?

I think it's marvellous. I love the grounds and the people I work with are amazing. The pupils are lovely.

10. Who, apart from Ms Cook, is your favourite Head of Chandlings?

Mr Newton.

11. If you didn't work at school, what would you do?

I would work for the homeless or a charity.

12. Who is in your family?

Me, my husband Damian, Alfie my cat, 2 children, 3 step children and 2 step grandchildren- the children are all grown up and don't live with me anymore!

13. What is your hobby?

I do photography and ballroom dancing.

14. Have you ever tried surfing?

I have, I went to Florida and I was rubbish, I couldn't even kneel and I kept falling off.

15. Which is your favourite country?

England because there are lovely beaches and fantastic countryside.

16. If you could go on holiday, where would you go?

I would go to Iceland to see the northern lights but during my breaks I go to Yorkshire to see my family especially to see my mum.

17. What is your favourite food?

Pasta

20. What is your favourite type of cookie and chocolate?

Chocolate chip cookie. There is no other! My favourite chocolate has to be dark mint chocolate.

22. What would be your dream Easter egg?

Huge Cadbury Creme Egg.

23. What is your favourite song?

Valerie by Amy Winehouse.

24. What types of films do you like watching and what is your favourite film?

The films I like watching most are comedies. Something to make me laugh. But my favourite film is It's a Wonderful Life.

26. What was your favourite subject at school?

English, NOT Maths or Chemistry.

27. What is your favourite colour?

My favourite colour is blue.

28. What is your favourite animal and if you had a pet what would it be?

Cats because I have a cat called Alfie. Other than cats I would have chickens.

30. What is your favourite sport?

My favourite sport is rugby. I love watching it.

# CHARITIES

## WORLD BOOK DAY/WEEK

The climax of our World Book Week was the annual World Book Day dress up event. Staff were thrown back into their school years as they came into school sporting outfits from the massively popular Harry Potter series. There were some incredible costumes on display, and money was raised in aid of the Oxford based Story Museum. The money raised will help them refurbish their rooms so that the Story Museum can continue to inspire and excite the next generation of readers.



## YEAR 6 PLAY DONATIONS

After much hard work and wonderful performances, the final curtain closed on the Year 6 play. In between their performances, the children still found the effort to encourage the audience to contribute towards our charity, Blue Skye Thinking.

## BLUE SKYE THINKING ASSEMBLY AND COG CERTIFICATE

During the term, we were fortunate enough to have Sally Hall from our school charity, Blue Skye Thinking, join us to lead an assembly. In a moving and informative talk, Sally spoke about the good work that Blue Skye Thinking has already done and what they would like to raise money for in the future, as well as informing the children of the charity's background.

At the end of the assembly, Chandlings Prep School was presented with a certificate to commemorate our donation towards the phenomenal, interactive "Loomstallation Display" at the John Radcliffe Children's Hospital. This fantastic piece of art was the result of constant hard work and help from a variety of donors. It is displayed in the hospital for thousands of children to appreciate and enjoy.



## COMIC RELIEF

400 red noses were sold in support of Comic Relief this year, as staff and pupils alike tried to get their favourite nose. They were worn proudly throughout the day as everyone showed their support for a fantastic charity.



# PATCH

We're really excited about Chandlings' 25th Anniversary Ball on 22 June 2019 and have been busy getting ready! Tickets can be bought online via the PATCH 25th Anniversary page on the website under News and Events.



**22 JUNE 2019**

# SILVER BALL

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25TH ANNIVERSARY**

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