



Chelmondiston CofE Primary School Newsletter



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If you have a safeguarding concern please talk to a member of our DSL team:

Kerry Palmer-Long, Lesley Etchingham or Tracy Whayman

For general information about our **Early Help Offer** and other **general information about safeguarding**, both in school and beyond, please follow the link to the safeguarding section of our school website.

<https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

The Good Samaritans

Millie	Cygnets	For being a supportive and kind talk partner
Matilda	Melissa	For helping a new friend to settle in
Jude	Edith May	For being respectful and helpful in class
Thea	Thistle	For being a considerate friend and peer
James	Edme	For being a supportive learning partner and a role model to his peers

Well done everyone!

Diary dates from Monday 27th April - Friday 8th May

Thursday 30th - Yr1 swimming

Monday 4th May - Bank holiday

Thursday 7th - Yr1 swimming

Future dates to the end of the academic year

Monday 11th May - Yr5 handball festival at Holbrook Academy (afternoon)

Thursday 14th - Yr1 swimming

Thursday 21st	Yr1 swimming Yr3/4 Egyptian morning in school
Friday 22nd -	PD day - staff training (non-pupil day)
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - half term	
Monday 1st June -	Children return to school
Thursday 4th -	Last Yr1 swimming
Monday 8th -	New Reception parents information session - 5-6pm
Tuesday 9th -	New Reception children stay and play session - 2.10-2.50pm
Thursday 11th -	First Yr6 swimming
Wednesday 17th -	Sports afternoon - details to follow
Thursday 18th -	Yr6 swimming New Reception children induction session - 9-10am
Monday 22nd -	Yr6 Crucial Crew - details to follow
Thursday 25th -	Yr6 swimming
Friday 26th -	Melissa sharing assembly - 2.40-3.10pm
Tuesday 30th -	Yr6 induction day at Holbrook Academy
Wednesday 1st July	New Reception children induction & lunch session - 10.30am-12.30pm New Reception parents to join children for lunch - 11.45am Thistle sharing assembly - 2.40-3.10pm
Thursday 2nd -	Last Yr6 swimming
Friday 3rd -	Learning log sharing session with parents - 2.45-3.10pm
Saturday 4th -	PTA summer fete
Tuesday 5th -	Coffee morning - 10:30am
Friday 10th -	PTA civvies day and discos
Monday 13th -	'Move up' Monday
Thursday 16th -	Yr6 leavers Church service and assembly (afternoon)
Friday 17th -	Last day of academic year



Dear parents and carers,

Our summer term has got off to a great start. Farmer Geoff visited us to explain how he is planting wild flowers to increase biodiversity in the field margins on the farmland near to the school and on the peninsula . He was joined by the chair of Chelmondiston Horticulture Society, Sally, as we have begun a project together to grow the same pollinating wild flowers on our grounds and at St Andrew's Church too. Thank you to Sally and Michelle, who joined us on Monday to help each class plant wild flower seeds. This afternoon, Y5 pupils visited St Andrew's Church yard to see which areas are being left to encourage biodiversity and to sow more seeds there too. Thank you to Rev. Liesbeth who led a blessing.



Farming and nature continued to have importance for us as Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed an exciting day at the School's Farm and Country Fair at Trinity Park last week. There is more information in the

Edith May section below. We were delighted that our guide for the day was Farmer Imogen, Farmer Geoff's daughter.

Last Friday Cygnet and Melissa classes walked to the River Orwell, spotting nature all the way and adding to their journey sticks. Thank you to Mrs Hopkins who was waiting for us at Pinmill Sailing Club, where children worked in groups to record their observations and enjoy a drink and a snack.



Please see the Topic Overviews section on our website to find out what your child will be learning about this term.

<https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/termly-topic-overviews?login=true&postLogin=true>

To find out more about what is taught for PSHE in the Changing Me unit, please visit our PSHE page here:

<https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/pshe-1>



We are so fortunate to have such a fantastic PTA! The quiz night last Friday was a huge success and we would like to wish the dads who are running in the London Marathon on Sunday good luck. Mr Scutcher is running in aid of WaterAid. Mr Harper is running to support our PTA - see the link within the PTA newsletter attachment if you would like to contribute for this worthy cause.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me if you have any questions about our school - you can usually catch me on the playground before or after school. Thank you for your continued support.

Lesley Etchingham, Headteacher

A message from the School Council

School Council have recently conducted some research into the snacks that children are bringing in and have noticed that some snacks being brought into school are not as healthy as they should be. The School Council will be delivering an assembly next week on 'Healthy Eating' and launching a competition for the design of Healthy Eating posters around the school, showing some of the healthier options that children could enjoy. Great, healthy snacks might include; apple slices, cucumber sticks and cheese cubes. However, we would love to see your ideas too!

FareShare Information from Chelmo Kidzone

We currently have a delivery at our Shotley Kidzone setting on a Wednesday afternoon, and food available from Chelmo Kidzone on Thursday mornings. The food is there to help support the community and us as a setting. We ask for a minimum £2 donation for up to 12 items of choice. Please pop in if this is something you are interested in.

Thanks, Kidzone



Our extracurricular clubs

We currently have spaces in both clubs, run by our PE coach, Mr Dale:

After school **football club** - Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm

For details & how to book - <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12219-937464/>

After school **gymnastics club** - Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm

For details & how to book - <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12219-937472/>

Here are our amazing learning highlights from the last fortnight:

Cygnets

It was lovely to walk to Pin Mill with Cygnet class last week. We spotted many signs of spring including blossoms, flowers and lambs. Cygnets listened for birds, learned about plants and considered their favourite views with their Melissa class learning partners. The children also made journey sticks, where they collected various natural items to remember their journey. The children then used these sticks when we were back at school to help them retell their route and make maps of where they had been.



In Literacy, the class has been reading '10 things I can do to help our world'. The children have thought about all of the wonderful things that they love about our world. They were fascinated to discover that 18 cups of water are wasted every time someone leaves the tap on when brushing their teeth. They learned about saving electricity and made fantastic posters to remind us all to switch lights off when leaving the room. Inspired by the story, they have also worked collaboratively to make brilliant collages of the earth and have used cotton wool and cress seeds to make a growing planet earth. Children also planted lots of seeds.



Year 1s have also started swimming this week and they very much enjoyed taking 'pet ducks' around the pool!

Melissa



Our Art this term is inspired by traditional Aboriginal art, some of the oldest known art in the world. Last week the children created their own dot paintings, inspired by nature. They thought carefully about colours, shapes and patterns that they wanted to use. This week they learned about didgeridoos, and started designing their own decorations for a didgeridoo.

During our walk to the river last week, children discovered a wide variety of wild flowers and identified other plants which kick started our new Science topic - Plants. Back in class, the children have set up a fair test to see which conditions plants need to germinate and grow. They planted three sweet pea seeds in potted compost. One seed will have no light, one will have no warmth and one will have no water. The children have also each planted a sweet pea seed which they are hoping will successfully germinate and grow ready to be planted out in our raised bed.



In Maths, Melissa class started a unit on fractions. They enjoyed cutting out paper shapes and investigating different ways to fold the shapes to find halves and quarters. This week the children learnt how to find fractions of quantities.



In History, Melissa class started to learn about The Great Fire of London. The children compared London today with London in 1666 and have made their own timelines of those four significant days in September 1666.



Edith-May

At Chelmondiston, we always aim to make our lessons as engaging as possible, and very often, with thanks to our wonderful rural surroundings, nature lends a hand too! Such was the case when Pierre, the french partridge, called in to observe the children's multiplication skills - much to their delight!



Then, on Thursday, our animal encounters increased ten-fold at the wonderful School Farm and Country Fair. The children had a very full day learning about all aspects of farming, rural life and wildlife. Key highlights included: sheep shearing demonstrations, fruit tasting and watching sausages being made - and tasting them! Edith- May learnt about everything from drone crop-spraying to blacksmithing. The children were completely absorbed by everything they experienced and were an absolute pleasure to take on a trip.



In English, the children are now engaged in writing a persuasive letter to other Headteachers, encouraging them to take their classes too, by explaining how educational their day was.

In History, the class is now stepping back in time to Ancient Egypt and, 'on theme', our Summer Reading Challenge (of winning a 'brick' for achieving 80% or higher in an Accelerated Reader quiz) is resulting in so many 'bricks' to build our own 'Pyramid of Giza' that we may have to build a second too!

Thistle

Enthusiastically, the class started their new text, *The Last Wild*. The children have completed a role on the wall for the main character, Kester, used their inference skills to learn about him, and completed a short character description.

As mathematicians, the children completed their perimeter and area unit and began their new learning, properties of shape. This week, the children found the area of rectangles and compound shapes, understood degrees and classified different angles.



As scientists, the class completed an investigation to find the best insulator for my coffee cup! Most of the class predicted tin foil would be the most effective and surprisingly, it was not! The class created a sleeve, made from a different material, and recorded the drop in temperature, using thermometers.

As musicians, the class worked together and created a 'body percussion loop', using symbols to represent the different sounds.

And as engineer constructors, the class created their own 'Doodler' - a motorised product that illustrates continuously. Their creations are wonderful!





Edme

With just 2 weeks until our Year 6s sit their SATs, Edme Class has been fully immersed in *Operation Preparation!* Daily times tables drills, extra Maths and lots and lots of Grammar revision have been the order of each day. As a result of all of this focused learning, Year 6 can now confidently order and compare fractions, decimals and percentages; find any percentage of a given amount and calculate the perimeter and area of different types of triangles, composite shapes and parallelograms. Aside from this, the children have worked hard to become fluent at recognising and using the whole range of punctuation taught in KS2, including the hyphen, the dash, the colon and the semi-colon. The children have added these punctuation marks to their repertoire and can use them to express ideas more effectively in their writing.

Science learning about electrical circuits has been a welcome break from the rigour of English and Maths learning. In these lessons, Year 6 has begun to investigate the ways in which a circuit can be manipulated to affect the brightness of a bulb and the volume of a buzzer. They have recorded these circuit variations using the correct symbols in each circuit diagram.

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed PE lessons this week. The focus this half-term is striking and fielding, which has enabled the children to practise hand-eye coordination while batting for their team in a game of rounders. The children have also worked together on strategy, positioning themselves carefully to field and return the ball to catch their opponents out.



Finally, in Computing lessons the children have learned how databases are used to store and easily sort information. To do this, the children have used filtering along with the 'and/or' function to find information that satisfies a given set of criteria. Through this learning the children discovered lots of interesting facts about the passengers on board the Titanic.

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