



St Catharine's Catholic Primary School

Cross Country Triumph

43 pupils and 7 supportive parents walked up to Chipping Campden School yesterday morning. We had high hopes for at least 6 of our athletes and they did not let us down. Most of our runners were hoping to improve their position this year. This happened all across the board. There were 6 schools in all.

Alexander Mc and Alfie came first in their age categories. Both boys seemed to run effortlessly and cruised to victory. All the boys have improved year by year and it is lovely to see them achieving at this level. The girls from years 5 and 6 were up against a very strong field and did well to run hard all the way. Georgia, Emily W and Anna excelled themselves. A great effort by all the year 3 and 4 children who were not daunted by the length of the course; they were a credit to the school. We have lots of new runners this year and hope to see great things in the future. Overall, St. Catharine's School was placed second in a group of six! Well done everyone and thanks to all the parents who walked up with us and supported the children. (Frances Heneghan)

We all had butterflies in our stomachs, the girls did anyway. Xanthe came in 4th position in the Year 3 and 4 Girls' race. Alex did really well in his race, he came first, so did Alfie in his boys' race. Emily, Georgia and Anna all came in the top 20. The worst bit was near the Horse Chestnut trees because the conkers were slippery; towards the end it was exhausting because people were catching up. The grass was wet so difficult for gripping; the uphill section near the courts was tricky. The end was hard and we were tired and emotional after the race. (Phoebe, Georgia, Emily W and Gemma)



"You feel like you're almost there but your chest is painful and you have a stitch..."
Georgia

School Council

School Council has been busy! So far they have been working on a plan to improve clubs, supporting the new cook Rachel in improving the uptake of school meals, they have produced guidelines for a good code of conduct in the bathrooms and requested a disco, wonderfully facilitated by FOSC.

Chaplaincy Team

Chaplaincy Team has been formed this year through a type of audition process. Although all pupils are chaplains, certain pupils have volunteered to read in Gospel assemblies, selected the hymns in assemblies, led the morning prayer and more, and teachers have nominated these pupils to be part of the Chaplaincy Team this year. Chaplaincy now stretches through all the year groups so that when our current Y6 leave, the work builds.

Advance trip warning

EYFS and KS1 will be making a trip to the incredible 'Play Village' in Warwick on Tuesday 20th November. More details will follow after half-term and parents will be able to volunteer (fight over!) spaces to support the trip.



September Attendance

Noel 98.3%

Brook 98%

Wilson 97.1%

Greene 97.1%

Dover 96.7%

Ashbee 96.7%

Behaviour Example

In Assembly each week, children who have travelled 'over the rainbow' in EYFS/KS1 and into 'gold' in KS2 on our behaviour system have been celebrated. Mrs Welch would like to make a special mention of Lexie, Poppy Pr, Rory and Shamarah who have been recognised more than 4 times during the half-term. Thank you to children who are always quietly working away!

Boys' Floorball

Another two convincing displays by St Catharine's Floorball Team took place last week. The first match was against St James A team who are a good side. However, St. James's goal tally stayed low due to excellent defence from Ed S, Charlie S and Jack H who were all as steady as rocks throughout the afternoon. Seb's amazing reactions resulted in several superb saves and gave him man of the match. The attacking players kept plugging away at a good defence. Eventually, Max B and Jacob D were rewarded for their efforts and Max scored from a free pass. The score was 1-1.

After that first match, the team never looked back. They played Ilmington who attacked from the start but it was inevitable that St. Catharine's would score. They shot at goal with such ferocity that the goalkeeper rarely saw the ball. There was some excellent passing into Jack H (man of the match) who cleverly positioned himself near the posts resulting in a superb goal. Max B rounded off the afternoon with another goal and a decisive victory. The score was 2-1. Well done boys!
(Frances Heneghan)

St. Catharine's 1 St James 1 (Max B 1)

St. Catharine's 2 Ilmington 1 (Max B 1, Jack H 1)

Coming Soon... Mrs Smedley's Girls' Football Club news

Curriculum News

Some great learning has taken place across the Curriculum this term and here are some highlights from different subjects:

History/English-Year 6 pupils stepped back in time to World War 2, were evacuated on a local steam train and produced excellent written work.

Geography- A local walk and use of a drone enabled Brook Class pupils to visualise the journey through Chipping Campden of the witch from Julia Donaldson's 'Room on a Broom.'

Dance- Wilson Class enjoyed a Capoeira workshop, Dover Class embraced African dance, whilst our most gifted and talented dancers were challenged by a Contemporary Dance Masterclass, all delivered by Ms Amy Lovelock.

Design and Technology- Ashbee Class have designed and sewn all the mattresses for the princess in the tale of 'The Princess and the Pea.' Brook Class have designed and constructed some excellent brooms!

RE- Greene Class have created their own world using salt dough, considering what they think a world needs.

Maths- Check out the Year 4 Reasoning board along the main corridor, showcasing the equity of provision for Y4 pupils in Wilson and Dover classes.

PSHE- Mrs Dee's 'No Outsiders' assemblies using books such as 'Wonder' have opened up great discussions and inspired the wider reading of the pupils.

Phonics- New 'Story time Phonics' scheme has started in Greene and Brook classes.

GOVERNOR NEWS

As we come to the end of Autumn Term1, there have been a great many changes taking place in school.

Governors wish Mr Ellacott, Mrs Smedley and Miss Ryder every success as they begin their teaching careers. Good wishes are also extended to all staff for their hard work and dedication in taking the school forward.

Governors extend heartfelt thanks to Myra Whitehouse as she steps down as Chair of Governors after many years of dedicated service. We are delighted she will remain on the Governing Board as a Foundation Governor.

We welcome Vin Kelly as our new Chair of Governors, supported by Chris White as Vice Chair. We also welcome Mrs Christine Richmond as an Associate Governor.

The Governors have met for their Annual General Meeting, as have all committees. Governors have continued with their own training; Myra Whitehouse, Jane Cannon, James Lindner, Chris White and Gemma Richmond have all undergone training in their areas of expertise. (Jane Cannon)

