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Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM MRS MILES

Dear Parents

Another fortnight has passed and it has been packed with learning experiences for your children. Our wonderful Reception children have settled into life at CPS extremely well, although the realisation for some that they have to come in every day has started to sink in!

It has been great to meet more parents over the last couple of weeks and it was lovely to see you all at the Macmillan Coffee afternoon, an important charity to support as cancer can now impact everyone in some way.

As I said in previous messages, I am getting to know children, staff and parents and it has been fantastic to see all of the classes focused on their learning. I am currently putting together our school development plan for the coming year and I will share the key priorities in the next newsletter. As a school we are looking at our school values going forwards, please could you complete the questionnaire if you can. I am also keen to improve communication with yourselves and will have a new system in place for after half term to support school to home collaboration.

Best wishes,

Mrs Miles

Head Teacher

GOVERNORS NEEDED

Have you ever considered becoming a Governor of CPS? The Governing Board currently has several vacancies for Governors and would be delighted to welcome new members. This is an opportunity to get to know the running of the school better and to influence its future direction. So, if you are a parent or a relative of a child or perhaps you have friends who may be interested, please get in touch with the school and the Chair will contact you to have a chat. The Governors would welcome representatives from all year groups and would like to see a Governing Board that truly reflects the diversity of the children at the school.



W/E 27/09/24

Biggest improvement in accuracy over the last two weeks

Years 1 & 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1. Adelina 2. Esme 3. Gwilym	1. Casey 2. Theo 3. Harry	1. Kiera 2. Cali 3. Thiago	1. Samuel 2. J.J 3. Ella-Rose	1. Summer 2. Devin 3. Gabriella
Whole school top 3:				
1. Adelina 2. Kiera 3. Samuel				

Value Awards

20th & 27th September

Class	Values Award 20.9.24	Values Award 27.9.24
Nursery	William Francis	Talia Kainen
RA	Christopher Alyssa	Ozias Harper
RB	Mason C.B Tilly	Mason C Frances
1/2A	Reggie Coen	Imogen Lilia
1/2B	Harper Olivia	Poppy Natalia
1/2C	Nicholas Emily	Adelina Skyler
3/4A	Dominic Kiera	Kayden A Christopher
3/4B	Toby Ella	Jacob O Clover
3/4C	Cali Jasmine	Isabelle Theo
5A	Camilla Joshua	Matty Jacob
5B	Harper Tymofii	Archie Tyler N
6A	Dolly Bella	Diego Mason
6B	Gabriella Millie	Oscar Olivia B



Reception A



We have been having such a busy time in class. Our phonics lessons are going so well and we have been practicing writing our names, letters and numbers every day. We have been making many new friends and learning our school routines.



We have been spending lots of time outside: playing together, building, riding bikes, and telling stories.



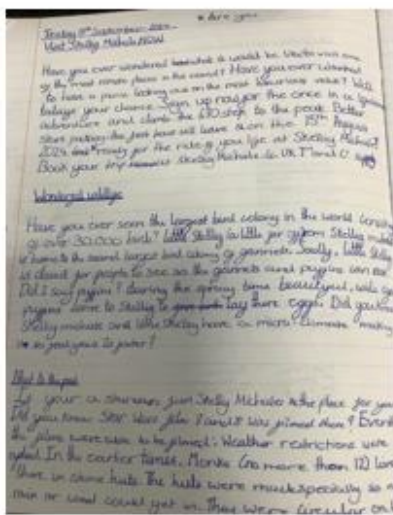
**In music we have been playing
claves and singing fantastic songs.
We love our music lessons!**

SPOTLIGHT ON 6B

6B has had a busy start to the new school year. Our enquiry question is 'How have humans dominated the planet?' We are learning about how living things are classified and finding out about Darwin's Theory of Evolution. Here are just some of the things we have been up to so far...

English

We are enjoying reading *Skellig* by David Almond and *The Last Wild* by Piers Torday. We are using these books to inspire our writing: we have written a tourist brochure about the magical island of Skellig Michael and our next piece of writing will be the diary of one of the characters from *Skellig*.

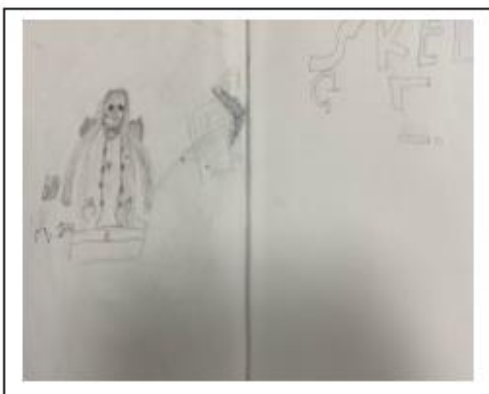


Tourist brochures on Skellig Michael



Art

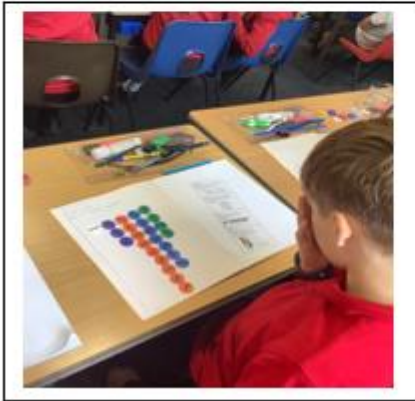
Our focus this term is on portraiture; we are creating artwork based on Skellig, using a mixture of different techniques.



Maths

This term, we are developing our knowledge of place value and decimal numbers. Every morning, we practice arithmetic skills through our Fluent in Five tasks.

We are continuing to consolidate our times tables knowledge through regular use of Times Table Rock Stars.



Extra-Curricular clubs for autumn term

A link to sign up for after-school extra-curricular clubs was emailed to parents on Wednesday:

- Clubs will run from the week beginning 23rd September until week beginning 2nd December (No clubs in week beginning 21st October due to Parents' Evening).
- KS2 (Year 3-6) clubs will run 3.15pm-4.15pm
- KS1 (Years 1-2) clubs will run 3.15pm-4.00pm (No clubs for Reception in Autumn term)
- The form closes on Tuesday 17th September. You will receive an email after school on Wednesday 18th September to confirm which club/s your child has a place in.
- We will try to accommodate pupils in their chosen club but it will be on a first response basis.
- All pupils will be released through the pupil entrance door on Victoria Road at the end of their club.

Dates 2024-25

Tuesday 8 th October		Y1/2 trips to Lea Wood
Wednesday 9 th October	9am	Churn coffee morning
Thursday 10 th October		Y1/2 trips to Lea Wood
Thursday 17 th October		Art and science day
Week beginning 21 st October		no after-school clubs
Wednesday 23 rd October	9am	Churn coffee morning
Wednesday 23 rd October	3.30 -7pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 th October		School photos
Friday 25 th October		Last day of term
Week beginning 11 th November		Anti-bullying week
Monday 11 th November	9am	Reception phonics talk for parents
Wednesday 13 th November	9am	Churn coffee morning
Friday 15 th November		Children in Need
Wednesday 27 th November	9am	Churn coffee morning
Week beginning Monday 2 nd December		Last week of clubs
Monday 9 th December		Pantivity at the Baptist Church KS2 1.30pm
Tuesday 10 th December		EYFS production to school 9.30am and to parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December		EYFS production to parents 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	9am	Churn coffee morning
Thursday 12 th December		Christmas Discos in hall: EYFS 2.15pm-3.00pm (classroom), Y1/2 3.30pm-4.15pm, Y3/4 4.15pm-5.15pm, Y5/6 5.15pm-6.15pm
Wednesday 18 th December		Christmas lunch
Friday 20 th		INSET
** KS1 Christingle, KS2 carol concert TBC		

Music news



Instrumental lessons

We have some places in school to learn guitar with Roi (£9 per lesson). Financial support might be available for those in receipt of pupil premium children.

After 14 years, our drum teacher Tim is embarking on a new adventure in Wales. We thank Tim for all the pupils (and teachers) he has taught in this time and wish him well for the future. Mrs Alvarez is working hard to find a replacement so we can continue to offer drum lessons at CPS.



The poster for Five Valleys Music Centre features a large stylized number '5' in blue and green. Inside the loops of the '5' are two circular photos: one of a young man playing an acoustic guitar and another of a young woman playing a French horn. The text is arranged around these elements, providing contact information and a QR code.

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Five Valleys Music Centre

Archway School, Stroud
Saturdays: 09.30 - 12.30

Music sessions for all
young musicians from
beginner to advanced

Join now!
01452 427242
gloucestershiremusic.co.uk
glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Make music,
make memories



At **Five Valleys Music Centre**, students learn and develop as a musician. They offer opportunities to children of any age who play an instrument to any standard (even if you've just started lessons). You do not have to have passed any music grades to attend, and we welcome all instruments.

They have an orchestra, string group, wind group, choir and more – and play a mix of classical, folk, jazz, and pop music. The staff will encourage every member to experience the exciting feeling of playing in ensembles as an extension to lessons and musical activities in schools.

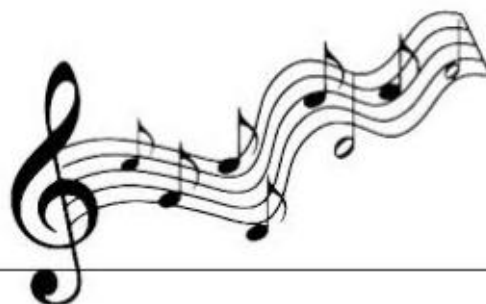
When: Saturdays 9.30 – 12.30

Where: Archway School, Stroud

For more information, go to gloucestershiremusic.co.uk or contact glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The cost works out as **just £5.46 per session & full bursaries are available for those facing financial hardship.**

If your child has expressed an interest in learning an instrument or you would like more information about what we offer at Cirencester Primary school, please ask Mrs Alvarez or the office staff.



General Information and Updates

Bikes and Scooters – Please can you remind your child these should not be ridden on the school site.

Naming school uniform - We have lots of uniform without names on, we cannot return items if we do not know whose it is. Please can you name (even if it is with a biro), your child's name or initials.

Sickness – Please can we remind parents that a child that has had sickness or diarrhoea should not return to school or nursery until 48 hours after the last incident.

Headlice – Please check your child/ren's hair regularly for headlice and treat immediately if necessary. Supermarket own brand conditioner and a headlice comb should remove the lice.

Parent Pay - A kind reminder to all families that we are a zero-debt policy school, please ensure that your school dinner balances are topped up

If you would like to support children in school as a reading volunteer, please could you pop into the office to let us know what days & times you might be available.

Foodbank

As part of Harvest we would like to have a collection for the Cirencester Foodbank. There will be a box at the main entrance for items and I have put onto the newsletter items that they are in particular need of at the moment.

Thank you.

KS1 - Start and end of the day

The children are doing really well when coming into school and are becoming really independent. Could you help us with this by letting the children line up on their own as this will help them before they walk into class. If you have any message for the class teacher, could this be passed on at the end of the day.

Manv thanks.

Tree Carvings

Cirencester Town Council launched a competition for local people to name the three tree carvings in the natural play area in Abbey Grounds. Children in our school put forward a variety of names. We found out last Friday that two of the names from our Year 1 /2 C class have been chosen! The Hare carving will be called 'Luna' and the Phoenix carving will be called 'Soar.' If you go to BBC Sounds and Radio Gloucestershire on 20th September at 1hour and 48mins into the show you will hear the segment.


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 CACHE Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
 CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN

Six Week Course
 Mon - Fri
 9:30 - 11:30am
 12:30 - 2:30pm
 4 - 4:30pm
 (last optional session for reflection and support if needed)

Level 1:

- CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
- CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
- Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

Level 2:

- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours

Level 3:

- Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Either Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit),
- OR, be in employment, able to attend the sessions and earning less than £23,500 per year
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Can't be an Asylum Seeker
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

Go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more info'



Cotswold Community Builders
YOUR COMMUNITY YOUR VIEWS YOUR ACTION

Our Community Builders, **Sue and Kate**, are touring around the district on the NHS Bus for their **Community Wellbeing Roadshow**. The aim is to support and connect people in the Cotswolds.

Come along and speak to Sue and Kate between 10am - 3pm

Tuesday 17th September
Cirencester Market Place

Thursday 19th September
Stow Market Place

Tuesday 1st October
Bourton-on-the-Water Co-op car park

Tuesday 15th October
Tetbury Tesco

Tuesday 12th November
Fairford Community Centre

Tuesday 26th November
Northleach Westwoods Centre

Thursday 28th November
Moreton-in-Marsh Town Centre



At these locations we will be joined by some of the following CIRENCESTER FOODBANK, THE CHURN PROJECT, COTSWOLD FRIENDS, CITIZENS ADVICE, STRONG & STEADY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE CARERS HUB, WORKING 4 WELLBEING and more.

An exciting opportunity for residents to speak to our experts about how to make changes within their community.
COME AND JOIN US!

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

For more information, please email: community.support@cotswold.gov.uk



AN EPIC JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY IN LEGO® BRICKS

BRICK HISTORY

29 JUN - 6 OCT

Just under two weeks to visit the Brick History Exhibition (LEGO®) at the Museum of Gloucester!

Looking for healthy after-school snack ideas?

We've got you covered!
Our free, Beezee Families healthy lifestyle programme can help your family make healthy habits.

Tuck into these healthy snacks:

- Two wholegrain crackers and tzatziki
- Rice cakes or corn cakes
- Two crackers with a spread of low-fat cream cheese and cherry tomatoes
- Plain or Greek yoghurt and fruit
- 150ml homemade fruit smoothie
- Vegetable sticks (carrot/pepper/cucumber) with hummus
- Fruit kebabs
- Wholegrain toast with a thin layer of peanut butter
- Breadsticks
- Handful of dried fruit
- Dried apple slices (slice into 1/4 inch circles, bake at 200 degrees until dry)
- Handful of homemade popcorn
- Homemade fruit ice lollies
- Apple slices with peanut butter.

Want more healthy lifestyle support?
Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or Click the link



*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 4 and up.

Gloucestershire County Council

Harvest Collection

COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST MOST NEEDED

- Rice (packets and pouches)
- Instant coffee
- Biscuits
- Tins of oatmeal
- Tinned meat
- SNACK foods e.g. cereal/breakfast bars, savoury crackers, crisps, chocolate bars
- Toilet cleaner (no bleach please)
- Shower gel

DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.

You can also donate money to help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.

Stay up to date with the full list of the items we need, by downloading the BankFood app to your mobile device and following Cirencester Foodbank.






cirencester.foodbank.org.uk
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