

Weekly Newsletter

*'Preparing our children for a world we know
and a world yet to be discovered.'*

Spring Term Parent Council

Thank you very much for taking the time to share feedback for this term's Parent Council Meeting. The discussion centred around the following points:

- **Reporting on your child's academic and personal development** - Parent reps provided really useful feedback on the mid-year Parents' Evenings as well as the draft Mini-Attainment summaries that will be shared at the end of the Spring Term. As teachers, we can sometimes forget we are using school-specific vocabulary so it was useful to collaborate to ensure these are as parent friendly as possible!
- **Use of MCAS** - we discussed the issue of having no search functionality in the messages section. We can certainly relate to this and feel your frustration on this point. We will share this feedback (again!) with the development team at the company. In the meantime, we will do our best to further streamline our communications on this platform to support parents/carers in seeing the most important content clearly
- **Charities work** - it was lovely to have a visit from the pupils that make up our Treasury (one of our Pupil Parliament Groups). They had minutes to prepare but did not disappoint the group with their input. Thank you for sharing ideas around any charities that you think would be great for them to contact about potential partnerships for the year ahead. This will now form the basis of their next couple of department meetings with Miss Blomfield as their link teacher.

In addition to the above it was wonderful to read the great feedback you shared.

'Parents' Evenings are amazing'.... they were 'really useful and offer insight into being able to see development.' *'Mini attainment summaries have been useful' '...they are helpful and clear.'*

'What a fantastic team...always good stories coming back of friendships, activities and fun being had!'

'The nativity and class performances were great and thanks so much for providing tea and coffee at the end on a particularly cold and wet day.'

'Drop off at the main playground is far more successful.'

'School trips were a success and generated a lot of excitement.'

'Real buzz about the book fair - children absolutely loved this!'

Thank you again for taking the time to share this feedback, it makes such a difference to the staff team to know their efforts are appreciated and valued by the children and yourselves. As a team, we hold the view that, despite great feedback, better is always possible and as such will use the additional feedback relating to the MCAS app, Dolce and the admin/payments of educational visits or visitors.

Mr Thompson, Head of School

Cheadle Hulme PS Y2 @CHPSYR2 · 9h
Creativity

We took inspiration from the front cover of our bookshelf text *The Invisible Boy*. We were creative in our own thinking as we used chalk to create artwork and games on the playground. We made a prediction using the front cover to infer what may happen in the story.



Cheadle Hulme PS @CheadleHulmePri · 1d
Geography and art workshop

Last week, @CHPSYR1 went on a trip to the Lowry Theatre! They explored LS Lowry's paintings in the gallery, and had a go at sketching what they could see. Then produced some artwork of our local area (past and present) inspired by this!



Cheadle Hulme PS Y2 @CHPSYR2 · 1h
Science

We set up an investigation to see what plants need to grow and survive. We planted seeds into 5 different pots and wrote a prediction on what we think would happen to each seed. Each of the pots will not receive either water, sunlight, soil or the right temperature.



Remember that you can follow each year group's Twitter feed and enjoy seeing what life at Cheadle Hulme Primary School is like for your child/children. Our Twitter handles are: [@chpsnursery](https://twitter.com/chpsnursery) [@chpsrec](https://twitter.com/chpsrec) [@chpsyr1](https://twitter.com/chpsyr1) [@chpsyr2](https://twitter.com/chpsyr2) [@chpsyr3](https://twitter.com/chpsyr3) [@chpsyr4](https://twitter.com/chpsyr4) and [@chpsyr5](https://twitter.com/chpsyr5)

Important Notes /Reminders

MCAS Balances

Thank you for making sure any outstanding payments are cleared from your accounts. Please remember to do this, particularly where you make use of Kids Club. Remember to speak with Mr Thompson, in confidence, should you need to discuss your account balance.

College Update

On Monday, we invited the Project Manager and Social Values Manager from Willmott Dixon, the contractors who will be building the new college building on the land next to our school. They spoke with the children about the design, the environmental considerations they hold highly and the potential impact that construction work can have whilst in the 'messier phases'. I have asked for an updated timescale for the project and key dates so that I can share this with families to be aware of.

Throughout the build we will continue to liaise with colleagues from both the college and construction company as we need to operate in a mutually considerate way as neighbours on site.

Attendance and Punctuality

Ensuring children are in school every day is one of the absolute priorities we must share as a school and parents/carers. In addition to this, arriving on time is really important as this ensures pupils get off to a great start from the minute they come into school. Our Education Welfare Office from the Local Authority regularly reviews attendance and punctuality and the reasons families share for not meeting the acceptable thresholds. Where attendance is below these levels, fixed penalty notices may be issued.

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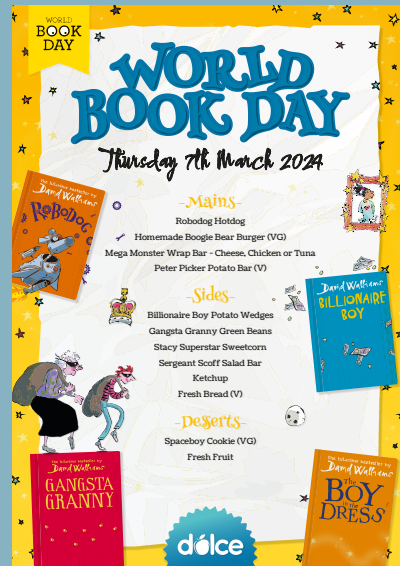
Mr Gillard led this week's Rights Respecting assembly and spoke with the children about their right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural activities. He spoke about the importance of sleep and the range of playground games and activities.



World Book Day

Last week, Mrs Maddison (Reading Lead) shared information about what we have planned for this year's celebrations and we have sent this again with today's Newsletter.

In addition to this, Dolce have a special menu for the day which will replace the existing option on SchoolGrid. Please review your child's order for this day if you had pre-populated this option a while back to ensure they have something you know they will enjoy.



We look forward to sharing highlights from the day with you!

Dates for the Diary

- 7th Mar - World Book Day (non-uniform)
- 8th Mar - Rec Assembly to Parents/Carers
- 12th Mar - Academy Committee Meeting
 - Visyon e-Safety event (rescheduled)
- 21st Mar - World Down Syndrome Day
- 28th Mar - School Closes for Easter Holiday
- 15th Apr - INSET Day
- 16th Apr - School Reopens for Summer Term

Class Assemblies will start at 2:30pm and you will be able to enter the school hall shortly before this time.

The full overview of key dates for the year ahead can be found [here](#).