

# Newsletter

9 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week ended on a high note with World Book Day. We are passionate about Reading at CPS and this was a great day to celebrate this.

## This week's Values Assembly Theme

Could you do more to protect your local area? It has been suggested that hazel dormice numbers in the UK have dropped by nearly 80% in almost 30 years and some researchers say people should be more worried for them. This week we considered different habitats and conservation based on this news story.

This week's story looks at events related to ...



### Democracy

We all have a voice and our opinions should be heard. If we want to help care for and protect natural habitats, we can use our voice and take action.

### Protected Characteristics

For some people, caring for and protecting natural environments form part of their beliefs. It will affect their life choices or how they live their life.



### UN Rights of a Child

We have the right to give our opinions freely about any issues that affect us such as issues in our local area. Adults should listen to us and take us seriously.



## TAKEHOME

Could you do more to protect your local area?



## In the news this week

It has been suggested that the number of hazel dormice in the UK has dropped from around 3.5 million to only 750,000 in almost 30 years. Currently, their conservation status is classed as 'vulnerable', but some researchers say people should be more worried for them. A recent report from the University of Exeter urges for hazel dormice to be reclassified as 'endangered' and calls for more conservation action.

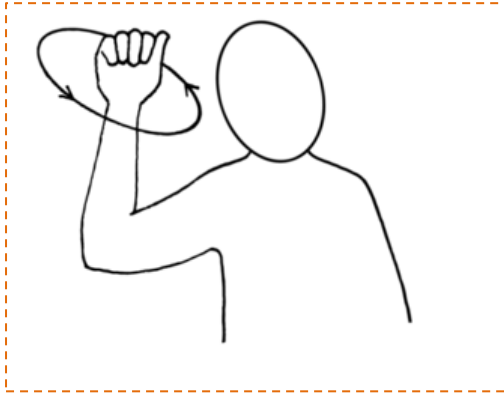
### Things to talk about at home ...

- Describe your local area to someone older. Ask them to share details about their local area from when they were younger. Was it different?
- Talk about different places e.g., the countryside, cities. How can people who live in each take greater care of local habitats?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

## Makaton

Our Makaton signs this half term are our school values. This week's theme is:



**Achiever**

## Office Hours

The School Office is open between 8:30am and 4:00pm. There is no-one available to respond to the gate intercome beyond these times.

- Children attending Clubs should wait at the gate and will be collected by the Club Leader.
- Children attending early morning tutoring should wait at the gate and will be collected.

## Parent Consultations

Thank you for your positivity around the learning environment and our school in general and of course about your children's learning after Parents' Evenings and Reports this week. To date, feedback has been overwhelmingly positive regarding the one day virtual and one day face-to-face option, providing choice for families.

## Claygate Community Pool

With the swimming pool nearing completion, please see the attached flyer from Kingston Royals, which has a link to sign up for swimming lessons.

## World Mathematics Day - Thursday 23rd March

To celebrate World Mathematics Day, the children are invited to dress up in digits.

Ideas could include: a football shirt/sports top with digits on, attaching numbers, birthday badges or playing cards to a hat, scarf or a top. You could make a hat and draw on digits, symbols or the four operations to wear with mufti clothes.

Dressing up in digits and World Mathematics Day activities are part of an immersive experience, providing opportunities for us all to get excited about Mathematics and develop a positive attitude, which is central to the vision of this subject at CPS.



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## World Book Day 2023

Wow, last Friday was certainly a World Book Day to remember! So many of the children, and adults too, took great pride in dressing as a character from a book.



Each class enjoyed an allocated time slot with another class, where they had the opportunity to use their oracy skills when sharing their favourite book.



We also had a magnificent response to the, CPS World Book Day competition. The Year 6 Reading Ambassadors thoughtfully chose a winning spoon for the EYFS and KS1 categories.

### EYFS Finalists



### KS1 Finalists

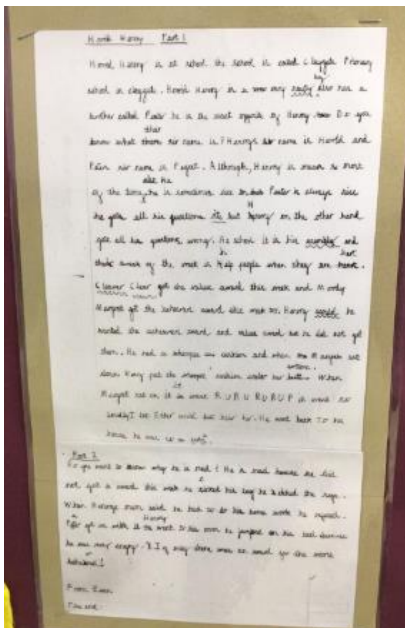


After careful deliberation, they announced the winners. Huge congratulations to: Otto (Year 1) and Leo (Nursery).

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Miss Cannons and Mrs Minter (our English and Reading Leads) enjoyed reading the amazing short stories that the KS2 wrote. A huge congratulations to Euan (Year 3) and Tess (Year 6).



## Cancer Research

Well done to Matilda (Beech).

She managed to give up sweets for a whole month and raised approximately £100 for Cancer Research in the process.

What a wonderful thing to do Matilda!



**CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK**



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## Doodle

Top Doodlers this week:



Top English KS1 :  
Sophie (Elm)

Top EYFS :  
Faith (Willow)



Top Maths Score  
EVER!  
Freddie (Elm)



Top Maths KS2  
Anna (Cedar)



Top English KS2 / Whole  
School  
Olive (Hawthorn)



***Congratulations to all of you!***

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## Football

Congratulations to the girls A football team who played Hinchley Wood last Friday in the league semi-finals.

They won the match 4-1.

Well done girls.



## Strike Update

Next week, the National Education Union (NEU) planned industrial action is **Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March**.

As teachers are under no obligation to let me know in advance whether they intend to strike, I do not know which classes must close or whether the school is able to stay open. I will inform you in the evening of Tuesday 14 March which classes are likely to be closed, providing confirmation by 7.00am on the days of the strike. **You will need to consider additional childcare arrangements on these dates.** Please note that previous class closures should not be taken as an indicator of closures for the upcoming days of industrial action.

The commitment of Team CPS to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that teaching staff make will not be taken lightly. **PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT STAFF DIRECTLY TO ASK THEM OF THEIR INTENTIONS.** Please do not contact them after the strike day to discuss their decision to strike or not; we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a ballot.

Children in classes which are closed, who are eligible for PPG and qualify for Free School Meals may collect a school packed lunch from the School Office between 11.30am and 11.45am on the day of the strike. (This does not include the Universal Free School Meals offered to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.) Please contact the school office if you wish to collect a lunch.

Children who are unable to attend school due to strike action will receive an authorised absence code. Remote learning will not be provided, however you are welcome to read, complete Accelerated Quizzes, Doodle activities, spellings, times tables etc should you wish.

## Easter Activities

Please see the attached flyers from Chertsey Museum, 360 Sports Education and Camp England with details of the activities they will be running during the Easter Holidays.

## Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM 2023	
10.3.2023	Oak Class Assembly (9.10am)
11.3.2023	District Cross Country
15.3.2023	Voice in a Million @ Wembley
17.3.2023	Red Nose Day
17.3.2023	Year 4 Bikeability
17.3.2023	Alder Class Assembly (9.10am)
20.3.2023	Early Years Mother's Day Celebration
22.3.2023	Year 5 Visit to Holy Trinity Church
23.3.2023	Maths Day
23.3.2023	Year 4 Visit to Lullingstone Roman Villa
24.3.2023	KS2 Drama Club Performance (4pm)
28.3.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Oak Class (2.50pm)
28.3.2023	KS1 Drama Club Performance (4pm)
29.03.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Pine Class (2.50pm)
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
SUMMER TERM 2023	
17.4.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
18.4.2023	Children return to school
1.5.2023	May Day Bank Holiday
8.5.2023	Coronation Bank Holiday
HALF TERM	
21.7.2023	Last Day of Term - 1.30pm finish

Please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#) as dates are added regularly and occasionally dates may change.