

Temperance Term 2

News Magazine

December 2019





Principal's Message

It really doesn't seem that long ago that I was writing to you all just before October half term, but here we are at the end of the Temperance Term, with 2019 drawing to a close.

As you will see over the following pages, it has been another very busy half term both in and out of the classroom. Over the last week alone there have been a multitude of festive enrichment activities taking place, and our Year 11 and 13 pupils have been working extremely hard in their mock examinations - now ready for a well earned break!

The House system continues to thrive. Congratulations to Noctua and Pegasus who are currently in the lead, but there is a long way to go before the House cup is awarded! Plans have also come together over the last couple of weeks for our first House Festival which will be taking place in July. More information to come in the new year.

It has been an absolute pleasure to sign off so many trips this term, including the Christmas Fair trip to Lille last Friday. Thank you to all staff and parents who have supported in these ventures. We will be announcing the launch of a very exciting expedition opportunity for our Key Stage 4 pupils early in the new year.

Huge thanks to you all for your involvement and commitment to school events over the last half term. It was lovely to see so many of you lining the streets of Chichester for the Remembrance Parade, where I had the pleasure of walking alongside our CCF contingent and pupils from the School. The Christmas Fair was hugely popular - thanks to the CFS Friends and all of you for your support - and it was wonderful to see so many of you getting into the festive spirit this week at our carol concert at Chichester Cathedral and the KS1 Production. On a personal level, it has been so refreshing for me to be communicating with so many of you on a weekly basis to celebrate your children's successes, both in and out of school.

As the term and calendar year draw to and end, it is also time for some fond farewells. Mr Cardus, Head of Science is emigrating with his family to Australia in January. Mr Cardus will be greatly missed; during his time at the School he has taken Secondary Science from strength to strength and has established highly successful practice for both our GCSE and A Level cohorts. He leaves the department in capable hands; Mrs Muriel will be taking on the role of Interim Head of Science from January. I would also like to congratulate Mr Cardus and his wife on the arrival of their second daughter, Isabel Jane Cardus, earlier this month and wish them all well on their exciting new adventure.

We also say farewell and good luck to Mrs Kidd, DT teacher, who is taking up a post at Chichester College and to Mrs Bramall, Year 2 teacher. We wish them both all the best.

All that leaves is for me to wish you all a wonderful holiday. I sincerely hope you all get plenty of time to spend with your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 7 January, ready for an exciting year ahead.

From all of us at Chichester Free School – a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2020.

EYFS

What a fantastic term it has been! We started our learning journey focusing on 'People who help us' and had a brilliant 'Helping Heroes' day in November. We loved the visits from West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service in the morning and our special guests in the afternoon. Not only were these guests heroes who help our local community, but some of them were heroes in the form of parents too! A special thanks to Dr Burkes, our local GP (also parent and Governor at CFS), Mrs Blanford-Davies (nurse and mum to Ray), Sargent Bulger (Sussex Police and dad to Harriet) Mrs Emmett (Radiographer and mum to Miss Emmett) and Roy, our lolly pop man and mini bus driver. The children loved exploring the equipment our guests brought in and testing it out! The hats were a particular favourite. We also got to see a fire engine and police car.

As the weeks have gone by we have been working hard on our phonics and blending. The teachers have been very impressed with the progress the children have made, with some children starting to read and write simple words. The creativity hasn't stopped - with lots of junk modelling, painting, gluing and sticking the children have developed their independence with finding resources to use when creating an idea in mind, and using equipment safely and independently.

As Christmas gets closer and Jack Frost has started to appear in the mornings, we have taken an interest in this time of year and created a Winter Wonderland in Apple class with the help of some of the children. There has also been a reindeer food creation station, Christmas crafts and more glitter sprinkled around the classrooms than you can ever imagine! The children have loved this magical time of year as the learning environment has adopted a Christmas theme in every area!

We have also had a naughty Christmas elf causing trouble.... but don't worry, he's just keeping an eye on the children for Father Christmas!

We hope you have a fantastic Christmas time and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year. Merry Christmas!



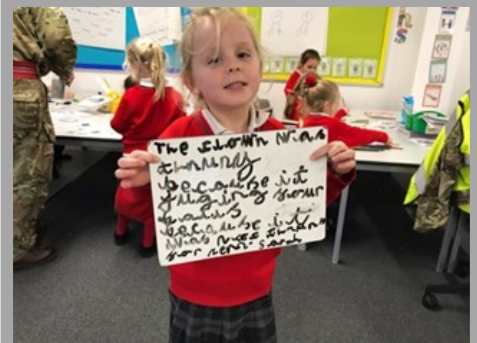
Key Stage 1

Year 1.

Times have turned colder down in Year 1 this half term. As scientists we have been 'Polar Explorers' and found out all about the Arctic and Antarctic. We went for a visit to the Arctic and found snow, polar bears, igloos, arctic foxes, ice and much more.

From this immersive experience we have looked at the best clothes to wear to keep warm, identifying and classifying different types of animals and been on a winter walk to investigate the changes that are happening at this time of year.

In Maths, we have been busy learning different methods of how to subtract within 10. Our key text for the half-term, 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey saw us have an alien encounter in the playground. Toys had been sucked up by a spaceship and dropped back into our playground. As part of our learning about the book, we have used adjectives, bullet points, speech bubbles and created lost posters.



Year 2.

This half term the children have enjoyed becoming historians and learning about the Great Fire of London. They have explored how London has changed since 1666 and how the fire started, looking at maps and photographs to compare modern day London to 17th Century London.

The children have done lots of drama, pretending to be Thomas Farynor and a Town Crier. They found out about a man named Samuel Pepys and the diary that he kept during the fire. They then wrote their own diary entries about the fire.

The children were inspired by the Great Fire of London to create their own fire paintings and 3D Tudor buildings, which they used to recreate the Great Fire at Forest School! It was very exciting!

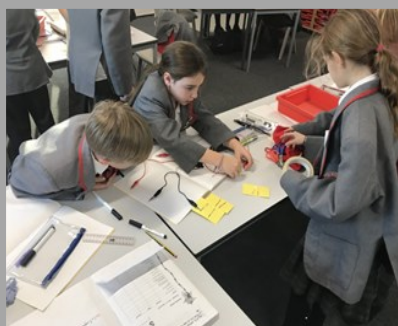


Key Stage 2

What a fantastic and busy term we have had this year. All the teachers and support staff are so proud of the hard work and effort that has gone into learning.

Years 3 & 4.

Years 3 & 4 have been working together on a learning experience centred around The Butterfly Lion. They began their topic with a trip to Chichester Festival Theatre where they had the opportunity to watch The Butterfly Lion show. It was a fantastic event and the children were commended by several members of the public on their behaviour with one saying 'It was a pleasure to share the performance with your pupils!' The year groups then split off with Year 3 focusing on their new topic centred around 'light and shadow' whilst Year 4 turned to an exciting electricity topic ending the term making their own 'buzz games'.



Years 5 & 6.

Years 5 & 6 have been learning about the Victorians, using the book Street Child as a stimulus. The children were immersed into this topic through a Victorian day where they all dressed up and took part in a typical Victorian School day. The children also had the opportunity to learn traditional Victorian dances and Victoria games.



Achievements

Well done to the Years 5 & 6 football teams. This term, they took part in a local schools competitions with the girls coming 3rd and boys 4th in the final.

Key Stage 3

Year 7. We have enjoyed studying the play Much Ado About Nothing this half term and have thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

We had some great comic strips showing their understanding of the plot, some colourful and interesting fact files showing their knowledge of the many characters in the play and finally some amazing raps were performed to each other's classes.

This is a difficult text which has been looked at sensibly with a mature approach by all.



A group of students were invited to go with Mrs Hermans to the grand opening of the ice skating rink on Bognor seafront. They met the Mayor who opened the rink for the season in his penguin outfit and the Town Crier and had a chilly but fun afternoon.



The 30 top scoring House Point students of the term went to support Primary and watch the KS1 Nativity Play – they were a sympathetic audience and enjoyed a film afterwards for their hard work throughout the term – Well done! Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year for another exciting term.

Mrs K Wade, Head of Year 7

Years 8 & 9. Amazing efforts by Years 8 and 9 this half term gaining over 100 R3's and almost 50 R4's

As Head of Year and most of Year 8's geography teacher I was amazed by the standard of the homework and must have put on 1/2 a stone in volcano cake!

Mr N Elliman, Head of Years 8 & 9



Key Stage 4

Well done to all students who have completed their mock exams. You deserve a well-earned break!!

MOCK RESULTS and KEY DATES:

6 - 10 January 2020 — Year 11 MFL Mock Orals

7 and 8 January 202 — Year 11 Art Mock Exam

17 January 2020 – Year 11 receive Mock Results

REVISION GUIDES

If you haven't already, please make sure you have brought your revision guides. They can be accessed via the school website; student portal; School shop.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Remember to get your work experience letters in. This is a great opportunity to go out and experience what the work place entails.



PHOTOS:

Well done to all students who have received a Praise Postcard, Assembly Certificate and Head of Year Award. Let's see if we can get even more next term. Here are some hints of how to.

Praise Postcard:

Gain a number of R1s and R2s within a week.

Some HINTS: Hold a door open, be polite, do some great work!

Assembly Certificate:

Gain an R3 for doing something outstanding around the School

Head of Year Award and a Principal's Award nomination:

Gain an R4 by doing something incredible around and outside of school. Mrs New then reviews these nominations and can upgrade to a Principal's Award.

Miss H Messenger & Mrs S Potts, Head and Deputy Head of Years 10 & 11

Sixth Form

This term the students visited Moldova as part of the British Council exchange programme. Just 39% of state schools run exchange programmes in the UK so we are fortunate that the British Council have approved a grant to allow our students to travel to Moldova and experience the heritage and culture.

The students in both schools are engaged with an etwinning programme called 'at the borders' to reflect the experience of both countries as being on the edge of Europe. The aim of the project is to examine ideas of national identity and what it means to be British and Moldovan in the world today.

The students visited Moldova's first International School, The Heritage International School in the country's Capital, Chisinau. The grant we received from the British Council meant the students did not have to pay for the trip and allowed all the students to have an international experience with our partner school. For two of the students this was the first time they had ever flown!

Accompanied by British Council Ambassador, Pauline Stirling, as well as Head of Sixth Form, Mr Apsey, the students took part in a wide range of educational activities. These included, field trips to historical sites, teaching English and taking part in craft workshops with younger pupils, delivering a presentation to older students on GCSE revision techniques, applying to universities and visiting the British Embassy.

Mr Apsey said: "This was a wonderful chance for our students to take on a role as ambassadors themselves and establish a basis for future partnership with other young people from a completely different culture. They stayed with host families so made great new friendships and gained a real understanding of what true global-mindedness means. The experience is something none of us will ever forget and we are now looking forward to welcoming our new friends to England next year to experience our way of life."

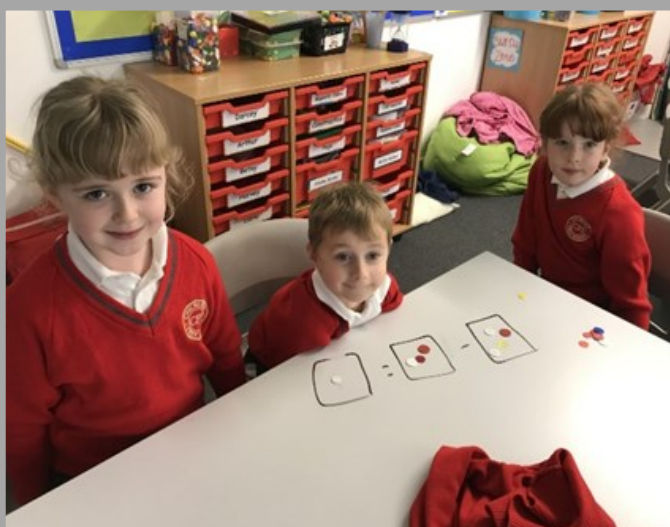
Vicky Gough, Schools Adviser at the British Council, said: "This school exchange to Moldova will immerse Chichester Free School pupils in a very different way of life, and the memories they'll make will no doubt stay with them for years to come. International experience can have a positive and long-lasting effect on people's lives, which is why it's particularly important that we support pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds who might not otherwise get such an opportunity to learn about new cultures in this way."



Maths

From multiplying and dividing decimals in Year 6, to sequencing numbers to twenty in Year 1, our Primary children have been busy learning lots of new mathematical skills this half term. As we approach Christmas, we have been taking inspiration from the festivities to make real life links in our Maths lessons. Lower Key Stage 2 have been problem solving using a variety of Christmas scenarios, such as buying decorations for a tree and planning a Christmas dinner for enough people! In our Early Years classrooms, the children have been using present labels to show off their fantastic number skills.

Since October, we've launched Times Tables Rockstars from Year 2 to Year 6 with much success and enthusiasm from the children. We can really see a huge improvement in the children's speed and accuracy when recalling these important facts so please encourage them to keep playing at home. We've got some absolute superstars among us Jake Wadey, Abrar Hossain, Oakley Sullivan, Riah Hughes, Harvey Ayling Freddie Allen, James Halton and Neil Singla are all currently top of our leaderboard, proving they can answer any multiplication fact in under 2 seconds. Currently, our top Mathematician is Bailey Sullivan, who can answer these facts in 0.90 seconds. Incredible! Very well done to them all.



Maths

On the 4th December, Chichester Free School was lucky enough to have a school visit by the Bank of England. The aim was to promote the work of the bank and show how they use technology to safeguard the banking systems and economics of the UK.

The top set Year 8 and 9 were invited to the talk and listened in rapt attention. The speaker Mr Waddy, discussed the systems and controls in place that the bank employs. Interestingly, they have a department that tries to see into the future! They do their best to try to predict what technology will become available for criminals to use on their systems. The students were then given a brief overview of the career opportunities in the bank. The talk afterwards was that lots of the students were keen to investigate potential employment in the future.

The following Year 11, 12 & 13 students all undertook the nationally recognised UK Maths Challenge, and received recognition for their fantastic efforts. Well done to Lewis Fan & Michael Hambleton who both received a GOLD award and have been invited to undertake the next level challenge in the new year. Also well done to Eric Sanders, Leo Bather, Jacob Miller, Joseph Stedman, Keisha Ide, Ethan Cecil, Hugo Smart, Ruben Pogolian, Bibiana Fenton, who all achieved the Bronze award.



Here are two little conundrums to keep you occupied over Christmas. Answers in the next magazine!

Primary At the Great Apes Olympics, the Gorillas, Orangutans, Bonobos and Chimpanzees raced each other once. The Chimpanzees won two races and drew the other race. The Orangutans drew two races and lost the other race. The Bonobos drew all of their three races. Each team scored 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. How many points did the Gorillas score?

Secondary The digits of three consecutive two-digit integers greater than 20 have a sum of 27. Two of these integers are prime numbers.

- Find a set of three consecutive integers with these properties.
 - Find another set of three consecutive integers with these properties.
- Write down your sets of integers in ascending order.

Answers to the questions from last half term!

Primary

In a quadrilateral, one of its angles is twice its smallest angle and another of its angles is three times its smallest angle. Its largest angle is four times its smallest angle. What is the largest angle in this quadrilateral, in degrees?

Answer: 144 degrees

Secondary

A list of positive integers has a median of 8, a mode of 9 and a mean of 10. What is the smallest possible number of integers in the list?

A 5 B 6 C 7 D 8 E 9

Answer: 6 numbers minimum

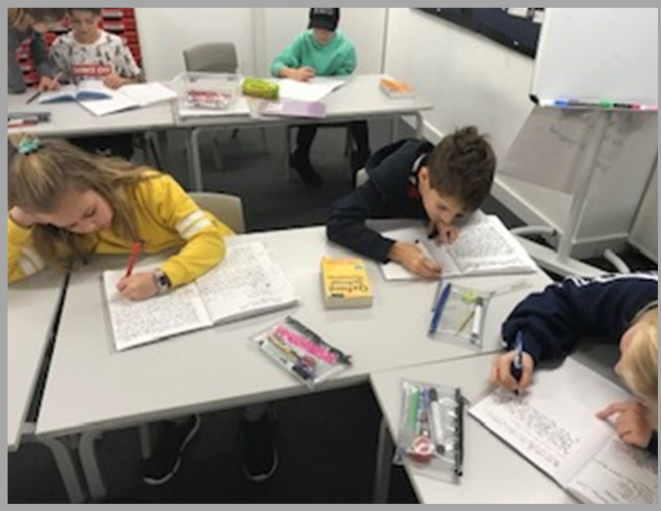
English

This half term the children have been motivated across Primary to apply their sentence level skills when writing larger pieces of writing. The children have begun to build up greater stamina to produce more work in any given time.

All classes have completed several Learning Journeys based on high-quality texts. Everything we teach during our English lessons always derives from a whole class text. These texts are selected based on their qualities: their level, grammar quality, exposure to a range of genres and engagement. During our English sessions, the children take turns to read the class text aloud and take part in a whole class discussion to develop their reading skills, determined by the National Curriculum. Often, our English lessons will have a reading objective which allows the children to develop their reading skills whilst writing and applying a grammar skill.

This is then followed by a link to grammar where the class book is used to show examples. The children are then provided with different tasks to practice this grammar skill. Finally, the children will produce a piece of writing which should showcase their understanding of the grammar skill. This piece of writing can be in any form such as a diary, persuasive letter or advertisement but is always linked to the whole class text.

In this way, we can take our children on a Learning Journey which seamlessly incorporates grammar, writing and reading in every lesson.



English

In our Year 7 English lessons we have been studying 'Much Ado about Nothing' by Shakespeare. We were given the task to write a rap of the key events in the storyline. We were given time to practise, and then we performed them for the other classes, and the other classes performed them for us. The winner was decided by a cheerometer and it took a rapoff to decide the overall winner. It was great fun to get all the classes together and it really reinforced the plot of the play.

Lani Smith

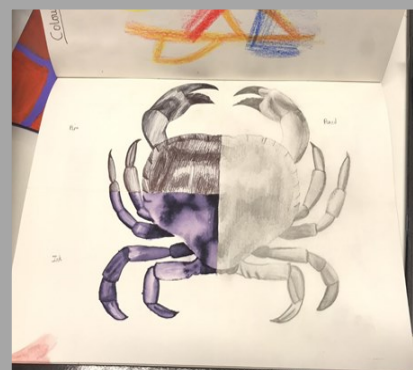
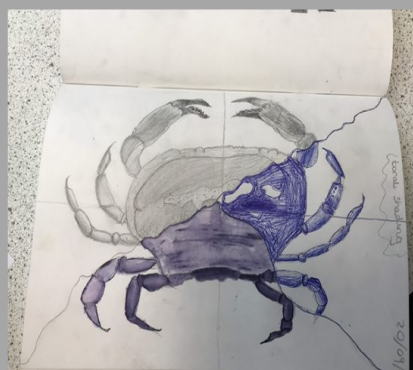


Ele Fountain, author of Boy 87, visited to talk about her life as an author and how she came to write Boy 87.

This visit was a great success with students being given their own signed copy of the book. Ele will be back at the end of January to host a creative writing workshop.



Design Technology

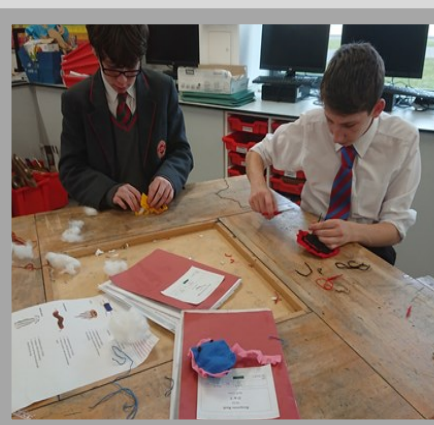


Year 7 pupils began the year developing their drawing skills using a range of media. Working with the title "Under the Sea" they were given the challenge of drawing a crab and using ink and water, pencil and biro to add the tonal shading; all within the one drawing.

Students enjoyed exploring how the different types of media behaved and learnt how to adapt their technique to get the results they wanted. Miss Hicks was delighted by the high standard demonstrated across all of the Year 7 groups and can see many budding artists for the future!

Year 9 completed a short project this term to create teaching aids to be used when our Primary phase visit the Food rooms. They were set the task of creating 'cute' bacteria which had to resemble the shape of some of the most common bacteria found in food preparation areas.

Pupils embroidered facts onto the bacteria, such as the incubation period or the temperature at which the bacteria is killed, to help reinforce learning around food hygiene and safety.



MFL

Well that was a long day! I do joke that this trip is an experiment in sleep deprivation but this year it really was. We set off for a day in Lille at the Christmas market and despite fog and high winds at Dover and then road closures in Kent on our return we had a lovely time. Students were able to practise their French at the market buying all sorts of lovely things such as decorations, stationery and jewellery as well as copious quantities of sugar in some cases.

We also enjoyed a visit to a traditional café for *Chocolat Chaud et Tarte aux Pommes – Délicieux!* We usually buy a few small prizes during the trip and many of them this year have been awarded for 'kindness to others' as well as language skills and timekeeping. Major thanks to the staff at school who helped with the trip set up and a huge thank you also to the accompanying staff: Ms Melendez-Ruiz, Mrs Austin-Hogg, Mrs Bashford and Mr Dean.

The next department trip will be the Residential Trip to France in conjunction with the History department so look out for news of that over the coming months.



Sport



This term, our Year 10 GCSE PE cohort were lucky enough to venture out to Blackland's Farm - an Outdoor Adventure Activity centre. Here they had the chance to take part in rock climbing and the Jacob's Ladder Activity. The group worked so well together, having fun, working in a team and developing their self-confidence. Some even found a sport they could potentially put forward for their GCSE grade!

I'd like to thank the twenty or so staff who gave up their break times this term to play in Miss Oxley's House Table Tennis Tournament! It was inspiring to see so many students and staff challenging each other and having the opportunity to view each other in a different light.

What a result for our Year 5&6 Boys and Girls Football teams! Both demonstrated excellent skill and etiquette in two challenging tournaments, placing 3rd in both and moving to the area finals. Here they played against the top six teams from Bognor and Chichester, with the boys finishing 4th and the girls 3rd! Many congratulations to all those involved.

Across the school, we've attended over 40 competitive school fixtures this Temperance term, which is testament to our students' positive attitude toward sport. This has also been reflected in our basketball clubs, for both boys and girls, which have been packed at lunchtimes. Next term, I am looking forward to Mr Dean launching our Rugby Development Club on Thursdays after school, which will be open to both Year 7 and 8.

Sports Performer of the Term

This term, our top sports performer goes to Nicola Szczepaniak (Year 7) for her outstanding performance in the Year 7 Girls Netball vs Felpham Community College. This was the first competitive fixture for these girls, against tough opposition, and despite eventually losing 15-9, Nicola showed great skill to score all 9 points! Well done! **Mr S Day, Head of PE**

Firstly thank you to Kevin, Matt, Andy, George and Jack for playing on the first day of CFS vs Staff. It was absolutely fantastic to see all Year groups from 7 to 11 playing and supporting the matches. 'Miss, I've just been smashed by Mr Kelly 7-0, He's so good' - Harvey, Year 10

BIG QUESTION: Who will beat Mr Kelly next time?

Miss R Oxley



School Houses

House Points Total So Far...

From all the events this term, and pupil reward points, here are the totals so far.



Aquila 275



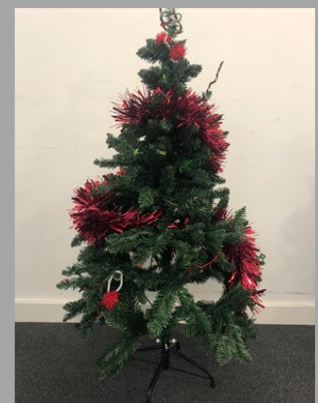
Noctua 375



Pegasus 375



Phoenix 250





Pegasus

Wow Pegasus! I have been impressed by the creativity, compassion and community spirit our students in the House have shown over the past term. We have been part of many House events over the past few weeks and gaining much wanted House points through the School's praise and rewards system. I am extremely proud that Pegasus is really trying to be helpful to other students as well as teachers and gaining lots of reward points. Students have been embracing our House's motto of Creativity, Beauty and Sourcing Free by joining in on many of the events and competitions. They have shown all three by creating a stunning Christmas tree, worked together to try and beat the teachers at table tennis and really got their creative juices flowing in the bake off! We have shown our respect in the Remembrance activities with several students still continuing to make poppies to go over the new garden area.

A few notable students: Sophia Walters (Year 1) for doing amazing homework, Isabelle Blyth and Kitty-Primrose Alden (Year 3) for giving the best hugs and cheering everyone up, Leo Wright (Year 6) for earning lots of reward points, Sophie Baker (Year 7) getting 2nd place in The Great CFS Bake Off. Ella Harley, Max Wright and Ana Pogolian (Year 8) helping to create some amazing events and activities for students to get involved in. Rosie Downey (Year 9) for leading our House Heros. Luke Farley for doing extra charitable works to help others in need. Lucy Baker for becoming the 1st place winner in the area heats of Young Chef 2019. Also our wonderful Sixth formers also deserve a mention as they have been sitting some rather hard exams over the last few weeks and have always striven to do their very best.

A huge congratulations to all the students who took part in the events this term and have tried their hardest to get lots of reward points. It is really inspiring to see how kind and fair you were to each other and how much you want Pegasus to do well.

I said at the beginning it was starting to look good for Pegasus but in all honesty I think it is actually going to be amazing; a huge well done to all and keep going!

Miss T Pye, House Champion for Pegasus





Aquila

With another half term coming to a close, Aquila House would love to show you what we've been up to!

To start the term and pay our respects, we were creating poppies by recycling old plastic bottles. It was great to see so many students getting involved in this week of Remembrance.

We have been baking cupcakes in the baking challenge! We had three cracking bakers represent us. Archie Gatenby-Tate, Ethan Lee and Jack Tomblin, with Jack coming in first place! Well done Jack!

Also, myself and my colleagues have been taking on the CFS students at table tennis. It's safe to say that it was a very close competition!

Finally to top it all off, we have been decorating Christmas trees to help get everybody in the Christmas spirit!

Merry Christmas from Aquila House!

Mr J Cotten, House Champion for Aquila





Noctua

Another successful and busy half term for Noctua house. It has been great to see so many more students taking part in house events this half term.

Students have designed and created Remembrance Poppies, tested their baking skills in the CFS Bake Off, and competed against a number of staff in CFS Students vs Staff Table Tennis, as well as a whole host of other Christmas activities.

During Remembrance week our students created their own poppies out of recycled materials. It gave them the chance to respect and honour those who are no longer with us. I was particularly impressed with Noctua's Year 9 tutor group with their poppies and reflective discussions.

Congratulations to Lucy Burborough Year 9, James Dabinett Year 9, Kaimari-Sariah Blackwood Year 8 and Diana Kondratiuk Year 8 for representing Noctua in the CFS Bake off. Their challenge was to design and bake a batch of 12 muffins which represented the house. All four students worked extremely hard and created some excellent muffins.

The House Presidents, House Ambassadors, House Heroes and I organised and ran a week-long Table Tennis event in which students played against staff every day during break time. It was fantastic to see over 400 students across the week taking part in this event. They had the chance to play against over 20 members of staff. The big question is, will anyone at the next event beat the undefeated Mr Kelly?

'Miss, I've just been smashed by Mr Kelly 7-0, He is so good' A student from Year 10.

It has been wonderful to see the festive spirit across the whole school with students decorating their house Christmas Tree and writing applications to join Santa's workshop.

A huge well done and thank you to everyone in Noctua house who has helped us to become the first house to gain 10,000 R1 points!

Miss R Oxley, House Champion for Noctua





Phoenix

Playing, baking, decorating and creating! We've done it all this half term in Phoenix House. It was great to see some of our Phoenix House in the Bake Off this half-term. There were some amazing cakes and the ideas behind them that linked to our House were very thoughtful and apt. I can personally say that I enjoyed taking part in the adult event – although I have discovered that you cannot bake and ice a cake in an hour!

Phoenix's poppies were coming thick and fast during Remembrance week and the House Christmas Tree for Phoenix was also very special.

A massive thank you to all the Phoenix House Ambassadors and Heroes that supported the running of our House event. Pin the tail on the Reindeer for Primary and Sweet bags in Secondary have helped us to raise funds for the Woodland Trust. This charity was suggested by one of our Primary House Champions, Freddie Allen.

Mr R Cook, House Champion for Phoenix



Library



Remembering Through Stories, by Jessica Andrews and Clara Castanheira (Year 5)

During Remembrance Week we met a storyteller called Bluebird (aka Janet). She goes to Care Homes, youth groups and the WI, sharing fables, fairy tales, folk tales, legends, and epic stories. She tells stories to people as young as six and as old as 108. She told us a story about World War 1. "It's important to have these Remembrance events - even though the soldiers may have died, their stories don't", said Adam Coles, Year 10, who is part of the Combined Cadet Force.

Her story began in a cottage called Evely Corner where a mother held her first son called Herbert Turner. By the end of the story, everyone looked like they were transported to a different world. "I wanted to listen forever because she made me feel like I was in the cottage. She made everything believable", said Jessica Andrews, Year 5.

We asked Janet why she does this: "When you tell a story, you tell it heart to heart, and it's that connection with people that I like. My inspiration was I wanted to pass my stories on to different people."

Phoebe Nicholls, Year 7, said, "It was very moving. And it was a different way of thinking about the war than I had ever done before."



During November our theme in the Library was The World Wars. We had some fantastic artefact boxes on loan from the Novium, one was all about being an Air Raid Warden and the other was about life in Chichester during the war.

On 13 November, Charles Haskell, the owner of the WW1 Remembrance Centre in Portsmouth, visited. He talked about artefacts, how they were made and used and told stories about soldiers that he had researched, one of whom had won the Victoria Cross for his bravery.

Combined Cadet Force

This half term the cadets have been busy with Remembrance Parade duties. It was amazing to be back in Chichester City Centre this year for the parade. Marching through the town, escorting our wreath and being followed by students and staff from the School was a very humbling experience and an honour to be a part of.

During parade nights, the junior cadets have been learning about the different parts of the weapon we fire and also some basic signals knowledge. All have passed their basic assessments and are moving on to their One Star Signal Training.

The senior cadets have been working on creating inventive command tasks for the junior recruits to try and complete. One such activity involved using communication and team work skills to retrieve the items that they would take out on exercise in the fastest time.

The CCF were on hand during the Christmas Fair, helping to ensure the car park ran smoothly and helping with the stalls.

Six of our cadets also took part in a Range and Fieldcraft weekend at Longmoor Camp. The cadets had a chance to put into practise all the skills they have learnt so far.

We are always looking for new recruits. If you are 13 or over and keen to try new things, learn skills that will support you in whatever you do in life, have something that shows your commitment on your CV and most importantly have fun – please contact Mrs Morgan via email at dmorgan@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk, Mr Cook via rcook@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk or speak to a member of the CCF.

Lieutenant R. Cook
Contingent Commander



Media Studies GCSE

A trip to British Film Institute, London

Year 11 students attended an exam study day at the British Film Institute. They were challenged to discuss newspaper design, ownership, and ideological bias, with Isabelle leading the way on the mic as several of our students volunteered to feedback to the whole conference.

Ashley, who will be studying Film & Media at sixth form college, said, "Our visit to the BFI was one to remember! We all had a lot of fun and made many memories, while furthering our understanding of newspapers, especially their regulation. The guest speaker was Joseph Harker, who, as Deputy Editor of The Guardian's 'Opinion' section, gave us some incredible advice about possible future career paths."

Toby and Thomas reflected on the industry speaker: "It was a surprise hearing a Guardian Editor admit to admiring Margaret Thatcher, even while disagreeing with her policies." Harvey said of the day, "It was good to understand more about media theory like the uses and gratifications model, and to hear about national newspapers that other schools are studying."

All the students were great company for a very enjoyable day - a real tribute to themselves and the School.

Mrs Sabin, Subject Lead, Media & Film



Enrichment

Clubs have continued to be well attended this term, and we will hopefully start seeing the produce of some of our clubs next term – check out the new flowers which will hopefully be in full bloom come February outside the main reception planted by our Eco club! Musical Theatre Club gave an end of term performance to parents as did Multi-Sports, who put on a wonderful display of tag rugby.

The Engineering Club have been particularly busy making and programming robots, and the trampolinist's have enjoyed learning to somersault! Sama Karate had another successful grading day, where all the students from the club who attended attained the next belt up, we now have a colourful club with red, orange and green belts!

The Ballet and Tap Clubs entertained everyone at our Christmas Fair putting on a wonderful short performance. The Photography Club has been busy working on portraits. The netballers have been training hard and have played fixtures against other schools scoring lots of goals, as have the football clubs. The choir did an amazing performance at the Carol Concert and had a lot of the



A big thank you to all parents who logged onto ParentPay and booked clubs over the first week of them going live.

Clubs will start from Tuesday 7 January and will continue right through until the last day of term on Friday 3 April, so please come ready for action on the very first day back.

Wishing you all a much deserved rest and lots of cheer over this seasonal break.

Principal's Award

This half term, the following pupils have received the Principal's Award. They have received five House Points and a celebratory afternoon with Mrs New.

Uno continues to bring out the competitive spirit in everyone. Congratulations to all!



Gracie Anderson, Year 3 – Huge improvements in handwriting and fantastic writing using prepositions.

Jessica Andrews, Year 5 – Successfully applying for and receiving a Blue Peter Badge for trialling a new sport.

Freddie Angell, Year 6 – Competing the Great South run.

Baxter Ayling, Year 7 – Always helping to litter pick at breaks and lunchtimes.

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Lucy Baker, Year 11 – 1st place in the senior Young Chef of the Year competition.

Cape Belcher, Year 6 – Competing in first amateur boxing competition at a black tie event and winning in the first round!

Sienna Biscoe, Year 11 – Several nominations, including several exceptional creative homework pieces and charity work.

Jacob Blazdell, Year 11 – Mature and honest performance alongside professionals in Macbeth at the Chichester Festival Theatre.

Mia Chambers, Year 8 – Creating and amazing presentation and prototype of a self contained flower pot eco system.

Isabel Deans, Year 6 – Achieving Grade 7 in the trumpet, with distinction.

Harvey Ferris, Year 1 – Amazing independent writing.

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Principal's Award

Archie Gatenby-Tate Year 9 – Excellent writing assessment in French, achieving the highest marks in the class.

Finley Gilbert, Year 5 – Successfully completing a seated and crouched dive in swimming.

Thomas Harrison, Year 6 – Completing Goodwood race and being a winning team member in a football tournament.

Lemmoni Hunting, Year 8 – Excellent volcano model homework

Poppy Hutton, Year 9 – Outstanding detail in the analysis and evaluation of soft toy bacteria.

Tygh Lund, Year 3 - Working really hard and having a great attitude to learning in class in the afternoons.

Joe Markworth, Year 9 – Saving someone's life, using first aid, at the yacht club. A true hero!

Will Metcalfe, Year 4 – Smashing it at Go Ape! by completing all of the challenges.

Marnie Moon, Year 7 – Fantastic tour guide on the Open mornings.

Charles Odell, Year 7 – Excellent stop motion animation in the time capsule homework.

Esmee Pascall-Wills, Year 4 – Getting to Level 4 in swimming and getting the 10 metre badge.

Eve Pearce, Year 2 – Donating her hair to the Princess Trust.

Josh Petworth, Year 10 – Outstanding 'Research of Others' section for the picture frame project.

Danny-Jay Saunders, Year 7 – Total commitment to Maths and English lessons all term – wonderful demeanour, manners and effort every single lesson.

Ethan Snow, Year 5 – Completing times table challenge.

Lily Stewart. Year 4 – Incredible dance achievements outside of school.

Brooke Sullivan, Year 7 – Winning 3 gold medals in gymnastics competition in Paris.

Hallie Twiss-Savage, Year 8 – 1st place in the junior Young Chef of the Year competition.

Key Dates - January

Monday 6 – Friday 10 January	MFL Mock Orals	11
Tuesday 7 January	Art Mock Exam	11
Tuesday 7 January	Local Library Walk to Chichester Library	4
Wednesday 8 January	Art Mock Exam	11
Wednesday 8 January	Winchester Science Centre	5 & 6
Thursday 9 January 0930	Prospective Reception Parent Tour	
Thursday 9 January	Tag Rugby at Great Ballard School	3 & 4
Monday 13 – Friday 17 January	House Event	Whole school
Monday 13 – Friday 17 January	Theatre Trip	Secondary
Monday 13 – Friday 17 January	Trip to Tangmere Aviation Museum (<i>approx. £20</i>)	9
Monday 13 – Thursday 16 January	Practice SATS	6
Tuesday 14 January	Illustrator Workshop	4
Wednesday 15 January	Final UCAS Deadline for applications	Sixth Form
Wednesday 15 January	NSPCC Workshops	5 & 6
Friday 17 January	Mock results released during assembly	11 & 13
Friday 17 January	Year 9 Booster Vaccinations	9
Saturday 18 January 1000 - 1630	Band Day at Chichester University	Whole school
Monday 20 – Friday 24 January	House Event	Whole school
Monday 20 – Friday 24 January	Art Trip	7 & 8
Monday 20 January	Sponsored Danceathon for NSPCC	Primary
Wednesday 22 January	Film in a Day Project	12
Friday 24 January	Creative Writing Workshop with Ele Fountain	6, 7 & 8
Friday 24 January	Young Voices Choir at the O2	Primary
Monday 27 – Friday 31 January	House Event	Whole school
Wednesday 29 January 1730 – 2100	Options and Pupil Consultation Evening	9
Thursday 30 January 1900	CFS Friends Pot Luck Supper	All parents
Thursday 30 January	Progress Reports Home to Parents	11 & 13
Thursday 30 January	Cross Country Competition	5 - 8
Friday 31 January	Lady Taverners Under 16s Event	Secondary

Key Dates - February

Monday 3 – Friday 7 February	Class Council Week	Whole school
Monday 3 – Friday 7 February	House Event	Whole school
Monday 3 – Friday 7 February	GCSE Taster Lessons	9
Monday 3 February 0900 - 1200	Indoor Cricket Tournament	Secondary
Tuesday 4 February 0900 - 1200	Indoor Cricket Tournament	Secondary
Wednesday 5 February	Winchester Mobile Planetarium Visit at School	2
Thursday 6 February 1730 – 2030	Pupil Consultation Evening	11
Thursday 6 February	Intermediate Maths Challenge	9 - 11
Friday 7 February	Sky TV Studios Trip (<i>approx. £20</i>)	9 & 10
Friday 7 February	Night at the Novium	4 Sycamore
Monday 10 – Friday 14 February	School Council with the Principal	Whole school
Monday 10 – Friday 14 February	GCSE Taster Lessons	9
Tuesday 11 February	Food Practical Examination Group 1	11
Tuesday 11 February 1900	Drama Production	Whole school
Wednesday 12 February	Food Practical Examination Group 2	11
Wednesday 12 February 1900	Drama Production	Whole school
Thursday 13 February	Food Practical Examination Group 3	11
Thursday 13 February 1900	Drama Production	Whole school
Friday 14 February	History Trip to NPC (invitation only)	9
Friday 14 February	Food Practical Examination Group 4	11
Friday 14 February	GCSE PE Mock Moderation Day at Chichester University	10 & 11
Friday 14 – 21 February	Ski Trip (<i>approx. £1340</i>)	6 - 13
Friday 14 February	Night at the Novium	4 Rowan

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