



Temperance Term 2

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Principal's Message

Dear all,

This has certainly been a difficult half term, with the delayed start to face to face teaching after the half term break and of course increasing pupil and staff absence over recent weeks. But despite all of this, I am delighted to be introducing to you another jam packed magazine with all the wonderful and very positive things that have been going on throughout the School since November. At one point this half term we couldn't keep up with everything that we wanted to share on Facebook, so there is lots in here that you may not have read about yet. So do enjoy!

In the last couple of weeks alone we have had our Years 1 and 2 Christmas production, EYFS singing, Christmas Jumper day, Christmas dinners, Christmas Fair, virtual House assemblies, the drawing of this term's Conduct League winners, sharing of pupil reports and of course Year 11 have just completed a intensive fortnight of GCSE mock examinations. We have all been so thoroughly impressed with the commitment, maturity and hard work of our eldest pupils and we look forward to seeing the results of their hard work in the new year.

As we come to the end of Temperance Term we are saying a few goodbyes. Firstly, our amazing ELSA Mrs Curtis has been with us for five years and has changed the lives of so many children and families. Mrs Curtis has secured her dream job and will be working at a specialist therapeutic children's home. We wish her every happiness and sincerely hope she won't be a stranger! Mrs Thompson, who has been a member of our LSA and HLTA team, is also leaving us to work in a specialised provision, this time supporting children with SEN. Mrs Thompson's passion and good humour have been felt across the whole school over the last couple of years - she is the only person I know who can make mask wearing light hearted and funny! - but I know she has really found her calling in this new role. Miss Panah (Cherry Class) has accepted a promoted post as Deputy Headteacher at East Wittering Primary School. This is a wonderful opportunity for Miss Panah and a well-deserved next step in her teaching career. Miss Panah has been at CFS since 2015 and will be greatly missed by staff and pupils but we wish her every success and congratulations on this promotion. Mrs Isaac (Ash class) has made the decision to step away from the classroom to spend more time with her family. We know that Mrs Isaac's wisdom, experience and kindness will be missed by the whole CFS community but we all wish her the best of luck in whichever direction life takes her next.

We also extend our warm wishes and thanks to Mrs Watson in the Secondary History team. Mrs Watson has been Mrs Bentley's maternity cover. Thank you Mrs Watson for your commitment to CFS this term and good luck in your new school. It was lovely to see Mrs Bentley back in school today, and she will be returning fully as our Head of Humanities in January. In addition, Mr Baumann is leaving us to focus on time with his family. Mr Baumann has been a member of the Secondary Science team since 2017. Thank you Mr Baumann for your support over this time. Mr Baumann will be replaced with a previous member of the science department, Mrs Greenhouse; we look forward to welcoming her back!



Principal's Message

We have made some exciting new appointments and promotions within the CFS team this half term. Congratulations to Mr Angell who will be taking on the role of one of our all through Assistant Principals in the Senior Leadership Team from January. Mr Angell will continue to lead on Pupil Development, Careers and PSHE, but with an extended remit now also overseeing pupil wellbeing, enrichment/Cultural Capital and exam preparation. And huge congratulations to Mr Elliman, who will continue as Head of Year 10 and Geography Lead but is now also joining the Extended Senior Leadership Team as our GCSE Raising Standards Leader – focusing on GCSE performance for Year 10 and 11 pupils. For a full outline of the whole Senior Leadership Team and their roles, please do have a look on our website at <https://www.chichesterfreeschool.org.uk/about-us/senior-leadership-team/>

I am also extremely pleased to announce that Mrs Tunnicliffe, who is currently Mrs Hayes' maternity cover, has now secured a permanent position at the school. Don't worry, Mrs Hayes is returning to us in the Spring as Assistant Principal for Primary Pupil Progress and we cannot wait to welcome her back. But at this point Mrs Tunnicliffe will remain at the School and start her new role as Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning across the whole school. Mrs Tunnicliffe not only went through a rigorous recruitment process to secure this position, but has thoroughly impressed us during her time at the School already; I know she will have a huge impact going forward on children in both Primary and Secondary. And last, but certainly not least, congratulations to Mr Wilson who will take over the leadership of Primary English when we return after Christmas, a role currently held by Miss Panah.

Finally, huge congratulations to Miss Waring, a member of our Year 2 team, who is getting married this Christmas, and will return to us as Mrs Prior in January. We all sincerely hope she has a wonderful time at the wedding and honeymoon.

As this half term draws to a close, with more uncertainty nationally, I wanted to end by thanking you all – as the CFS parents, carers and pupils – for your continued support and kindness this term. For those of you lucky enough to have seen the Years 1 and 2 production, I know that there have been many times in our current Covid world where we have perhaps all felt similar to Grumble the Donkey, but I hope that over the festive period we all find time to relax, laugh, spend time with family and friends and have a very merry Christmas and wonderful—slightly easier—New Year.

See you all in 2022!

With very best wishes,

**Mrs New
Principal**

EYFS

As 2021 draws to a close and your child's very first term at school, I hope that you share with us a sense of pride and prosperity. We have had another amazing half term with so many exciting focus texts and learning journeys that have enabled both classes to experience and appreciate some important celebrations within our cultures.

We loved making sweets for Diwali and learning about the Festival of Lights. We discussed the importance of looking out for the wildlife during Bonfire Night and learnt how to check the bonfire for hedgehogs. We also created some beautiful firework pictures.

Taking part in the whole school Remembrance assembly as it was streamed live to classrooms was very special. The children learnt about the important values surrounding Remembrance and why we wear poppies. Thank you for your support with this and also with Children in Need - we loved dancing with Pudsey on the screen and completing colouring in.

We continued to look at 'Celebration' through Birthdays and Christmas. We changed the home corner into a birthday party and made sandwiches for our Teddy tea party! Christmas is always a magical time at CFS and the children have loved to see the decorations pop up, the naughty elf appear, learning all about this festive period with baking and making but also with a special visit from Father Christmas himself! Speaking of special people, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt farewell to Miss Panah. After seven years at CFS it is time for a new adventure to further her teaching career, just like she has done joining the EYFS team this term. She's been fantastic- the children have loved her creativity and enthusiasms, and we will all miss her.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year. Well done to you all - children and parents, and thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Emmett, Miss Panah, Mrs Andrews
Mrs Golby and Mrs de Witt**



Key Stage 1

Year 1

Our topic, 'A Toy Story', has provided lots of opportunities to learn all about the different toys we play with now and the toys played with in the Victorian times. We discovered a range of old and new toys and chose our favourite, compared the different toys and discovered that most old toys are made from wood or china. We also had our dress up day and toy workshop and have been even making toys in Forest School.

In science we studied materials and their properties. We sorted objects into what they are made of and the properties they have. In Design and Technology we were given the task of making a moving Christmas product, so we looked at different joining and moving techniques before designing and making our own design. We were able to use the Secondary DT rooms for this which was very exciting!

We have had a fantastic half term!



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas production, A bundle of Joy! The children have been working really hard to learn their lines and we can't wait for the final performance!

In English, we have been reading The Hackney Martian by Paul Brown. We used our knowledge of London to produce a guidebook for Max's friends to persuade them to come and visit! In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction. We started by using a variety of concrete resources to add and subtract numbers before moving onto the column method.

Chestnut class also had an exciting visit from the Fire Service. The Fire Service had to respond to an emergency when they were due to visit Cedar Class so they will have a visit in Justice term.

Key Stage 2

Lower Key Stage 2

In Lower Key Stage 2 we have been busy writing our own poetry about light and dark, taking inspiration from the work of Lemony Snicket. We have also experienced creating artwork to accompany our poems in the style of Jon Klassen.

In Years 3 and 4 we have thoroughly enjoyed Forest School this half term. We have been building, exploring, painting, carving, toasting and generally having a fantastic time!



Upper Key Stage Two

Years 5 and 6 have been continuing our topic 'Behind Enemy Lines' but this half term moving the focus to World War Two. We particularly enjoyed looking at photographs from the Blitz. We discovered that the famous photo of a milkman walking through a recently-bombed London was actually staged, which led to fantastic discussions around why this was the only way to show the scale of destruction left by the war in Britain. We have also been building Anderson Shelters in Design and Technology and have been able to utilise the Secondary facilities. We enriched our learning with a visit to Fort Nelson where we trained up in volunteer roles which were vital during World War Two.

In Science we have been exploring electricity. After we had recapped information we learnt in Year 4 we were able to carry out some fun investigations, (for example: making a steady hand tester and can we generate power from a lemon/potato?). Once we had been shown the correct symbols for an electric circuit we played bingo and dominoes to get them firmly implanted into our long term memory. We have also completed an investigation to see whether the thickness of the wire affects the brightness of the bulb. We have enjoyed using some of the equipment that we borrowed from the Secondary Science labs.

Key Stage 3

Year 7

It has been a wonderful half term for Year 7 filled with lots of achievements, showing resilience and hard work. A standout event for Year 7 this half term was when six Year 7 pupils ran and delivered this year's Remembrance assembly. These pupils showed true bravery, confidence and respect.

Thank you Lee Firlotte, Lillie-May Upton, Lillie Shippam, Ava Moore, Charlotte Uffindell and Nathan Gillett. These are the words spoken by them during this special assembly.

- My dad is in the Royal Artillery Reserves and works with missiles where he has to do 10,000 practical runs before he can shoot a real one. He aims to provide support in the air.
- I thank my Father for everything he did and all the people who serve in the British Army.
- My Grandad boarded H.M.S Glamorgan. During the last days of the war the ship got hit by an Exocet missile. A lot of people lost their lives but my Grandad and Great Uncle survived.
- Remembrance Day means stories, because we used to always go around my Great Granny's house on Remembrance Day and used to listen to stories.
- To me, Remembrance Day means a time to remember the ones we have lost and a time to enjoy with the ones we still have

Miss Oxley, Head of Year 7



Year 8

We have had a fantastic half term with so many pupils achieving R4 certificates! Well done to all who have achieved these!

Pupils have really been getting stuck into discussions during tutor, specifically about the 'weekly news'. Every time I walk into Mr Ray's tutor group the tutees are so engrossed in the topic and wanting to give their opinions. It is fantastic to see!!

I also wanted to point out what a fantastic taster session Year 8 had with CCF. So many pupils attended and had an amazing time! Don't forget if you want to sign up, make sure you get your forms in soon!

Keep up the good work Year 8!

Mrs Potts, Head of Year 8

Year 9

Year 9 have had a busy half term, including a fabulous visit from the NHS Workshop group, 'Enact Solutions'.

The pupils loved seeing such a creative and informative performance that was a simulation of a healthcare environment populated by a range of characters. Year 9 have also been heavily involved with Remembrance activities both in and out of school. The CFS Combined Cadet Force took part in a beautiful service in Chichester which involved mostly Year 9 pupils, they did us very proud!

We are now onto the countdown to Christmas but remaining very focused on learning, keep going!

Mr Carter, Head of Year 9

Key Stage 4

Year 10 have continued to settle well into their chosen GCSE subjects producing some high quality work and showing real focus in their learning. It is a shame that we were not able to share this with you at the planned PPC but we do look forward to seeing you all (virtually) in the New Year for the re-scheduled evening on Tuesday 11 February.

A group of Year 10 pupils had the opportunity to spend the day at Baker Barracks on Thorney Island. They were treated to a series of activities throughout the day which included a tour of a classified new weapons system (no cameras allowed!) time with the Air Corp, a session on the ground to air missile simulators as well as the chance to join the infantry on a section and fire team exercise where pupils worked as a part of either Delta or Charlie Fire teams.

Some of our Year 10 pupils were also instrumental in the running of our Christmas Fair and you will of course see images and a more detailed write up of this elsewhere in the newsletter.

Mr Elliman, Head of Year 10



Congratulations to Year 11 who have just completed two weeks of mock GCSE exams. It has been a gruelling two weeks of hard work and revision timetables but the Year team are so proud of their further developed resilience.

In addition, thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who have attended our Revision Evenings and various meetings throughout this term – we really appreciate the continued support.

Enjoy your Christmas break, it is very much deserved.... Eat, sleep, relax, repeat .

Mrs Tulley, Head of Year 11



Maths

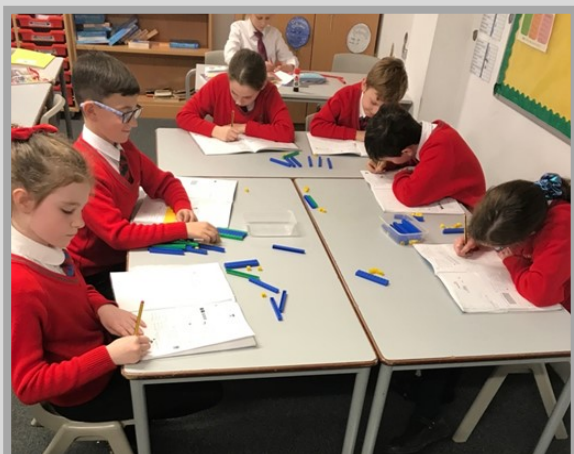
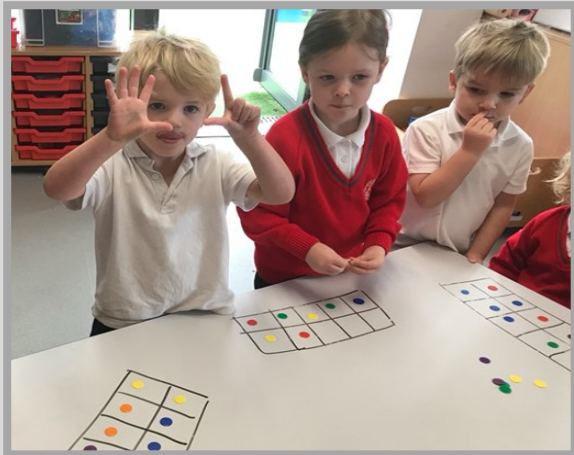
Primary

Across the Primary phase, we have introduced our 'tough ten' Maths starters. It has been lovely seeing children from Year 1 through to Year 6 completing these prior to their lessons. In Year 1, children have been continuing to add and subtract within 10. They have also been recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes. Year 2 have been looking at money. They have been recognising the value of notes and coins, finding the total amount of a sum of money and calculating change given from notes.

In Key Stage 2, Year 3 have been exploring multiplication to support their understanding of their times tables. Year 4 have been solving problems involving length, including calculating the perimeter of shapes. In Year 5, the children have been applying their knowledge of place value to help them when multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. Our Year 6 children have been securing their understanding of some quite challenging concepts around fractions, such as simplifying fractions and adding mixed numbers. All the teachers are very proud of the children's determination to be successful with their Maths learning this half term.

The number of children accessing Times Table Rockstars at home seems to have dropped a little. Please can you encourage your children to log in over the Christmas holidays – even if it is for five minutes a day – consistent rehearsal makes all the difference! Thank you!

Mrs B Wilson



Maths

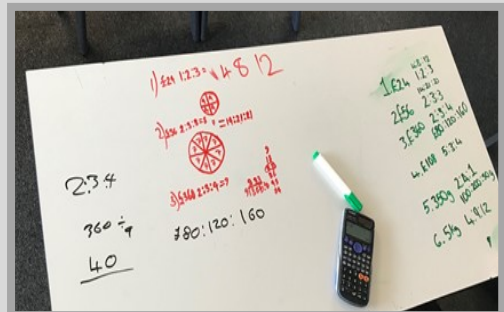
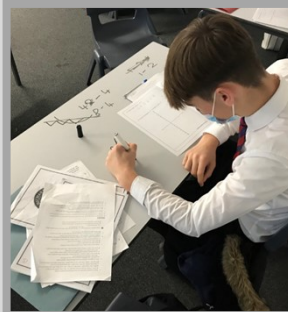
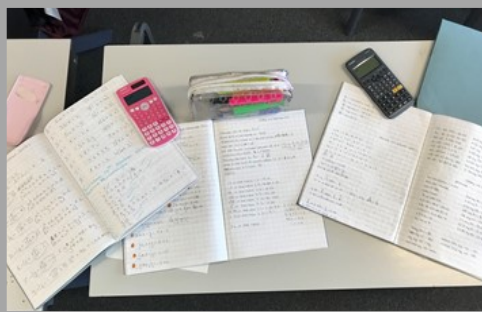
2021, the end of an interesting year! Year 7 have continued their journey going from strength to strength in Maths. They have made Google Classroom easy and have used other technology to produce some very good pieces of Maths work. Festive activities followed in the last week of term allowing the pupils to demonstrate further problem-solving skills.

Years 8 and Year 9 teachers have still been incorporating a lot of careers based information into each lesson to make pupils realise how important Maths is in the working world. The Maths department were very impressed with the pupils' effort and commitment in their end of term tests.

Year 10 have been taking their Maths problems to the tables using a wide variety of techniques to demonstrate their knowledge. As you can see from a number of pictures ratios are now not a problem. The students have also had a real focus on presentation of their work, as you can see from Lilly, Mya and Mari's books.

Year 11's again demonstrated real maturity in their mock exams held in the last two weeks. A lot of lesson time has been spent understanding how to take maximum marks from questions.

What does 2022 bring? Well hopefully Maths trips, challenge days and stem activities.



Autumn 2021 half term questions:

1. $\frac{1}{4}$ divided by $\frac{5}{6}$ **$\frac{3}{10}$**
2. Area of a triangle measuring 7cm on the base and 10cm height **35**
3. $271 + 5807$ **6078**
4. 678×67 **45426**
5. Expand $x(y + 4)$ **$xy + 4x$**

Maths Problems Christmas special 2021

- 1) A bakery makes 737 mince pies. They sell 483 in the morning and the rest after lunch. How many do they sell after lunch?
- 2) The Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square in London is 20.54 metres tall. How tall is it in centimetres?
- 3) Mrs New buys 22 boxes of chocolates to give out at Christmas. She spends £110. How much did each box cost?
- 4) In the Boxing Day sales a Lego set has been reduced by 25%. It now costs £36.45. What was the original price of the Lego set?

English

Year 1

We had something strange happen in Year 1. Lots of toys were dropped on the playground by a spaceship! This linked to our key text, Toys in Space. We learnt about adjectives and used them to write a missing poster to help the main character find their toy.

Year 2

Year 2 have been busy this half term creating a guidebook about London landmarks. We read a book called The Hackney Martian about an alien called Max who crash landed in the centre of London and met a boy called Sam. Max then told all his alien friends about London and tasked us with creating the guidebook. We learnt how to use conjunctions and used these in our writing.

Years 3 and Year 4

In Years 3 and 4, we have been exploring the Stone Age through our text of Stone Age Boy and Secrets of Stonehenge. We have created diaries and non-fiction texts. At the moment we have begun to learn about the Hindu Festival of Lights, Diwali, through our book the 'Prince of Light'.

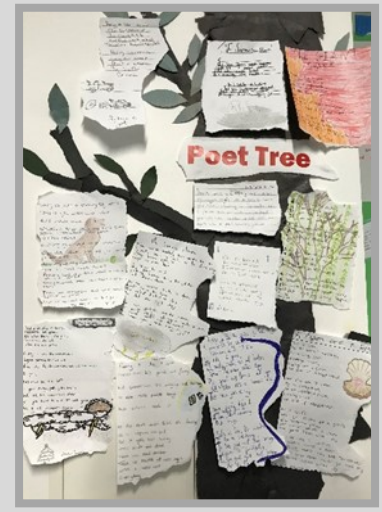
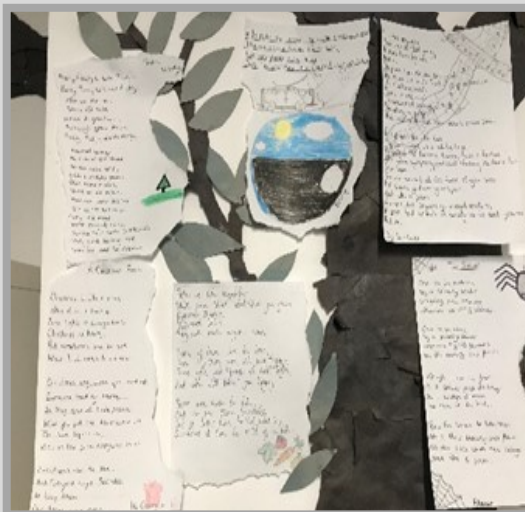
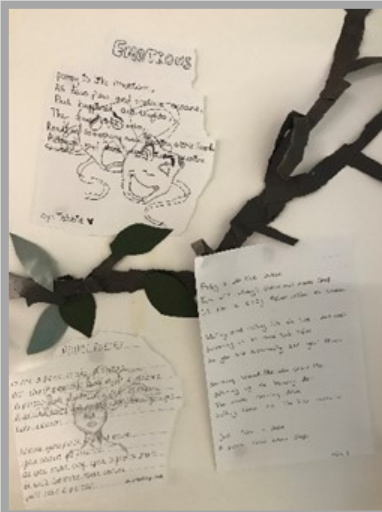
Years 5 and Year 6

This term we have continued our theme 'Behind Enemy Lines' but focussed on WWII, looking at the book Goodnight Mister Tom. A very emotive text. We have written Willie's first letter home after he was evacuated to Little Weirwold and a diary entry on his first trip into town. After discussing the theme 'Propaganda' we wrote our own posters and finally a newspaper report featuring the terrifying story of poor Willie being locked in the under stairs cupboard.



English

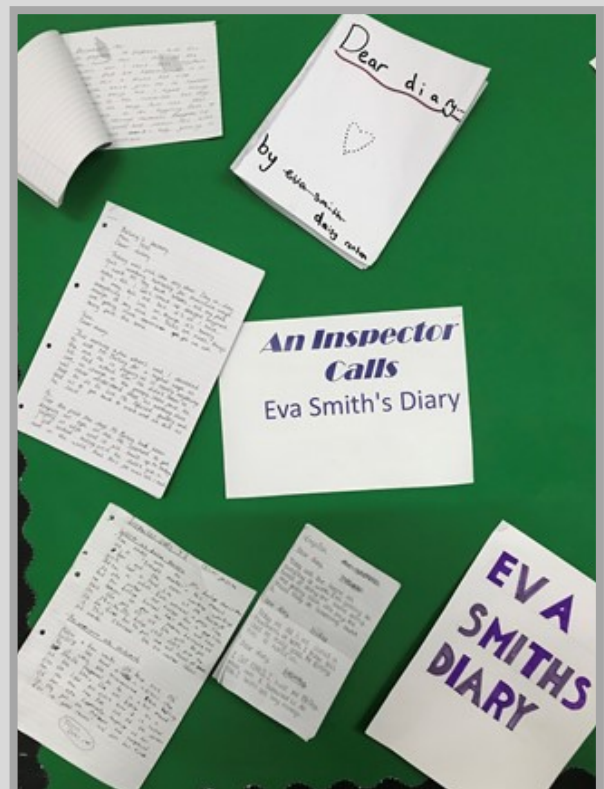
Year 8, having studied “poetry about poetry” were tasked with finding an extended metaphor to use in their own poem. They focused on language and structure to create a poem that reflected their personal experience of reading poetry. As you can see here they have used a variety of literary devices to create layers of meaning in these poems which we are proud to share with you.



Year 10 have been studying a key text for their Literature GCSE called *An Inspector Calls*.

They have focused on the enigmatic character of Eva Smith and her “...rough sort of diary”. The pupils have created additional diary entries in the style of the character.

Ms Elmes, Head of English



Creative Arts

Food Technology

Our GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils stepped up to the 'Teacake Challenge' this term. Each pupil was provided with two teacakes and a selection of ingredients with which to showcase their garnishing skills. I

I'm sure you'll agree the results look delicious and demonstrate recipe design and presentation skills in addition to the ability to match complimentary flavours.

Miss Pye

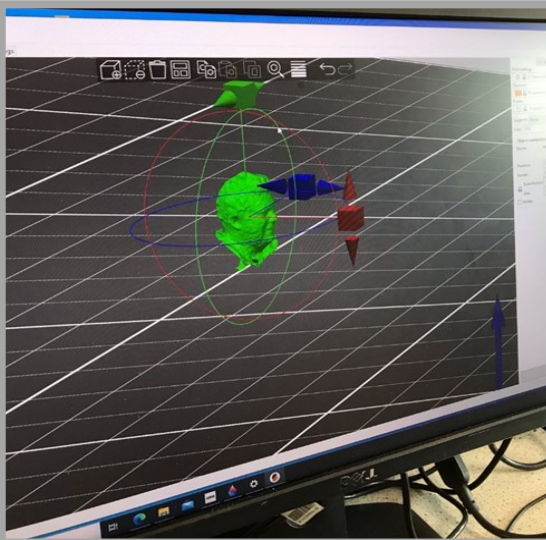


Creative Arts

Design Technology

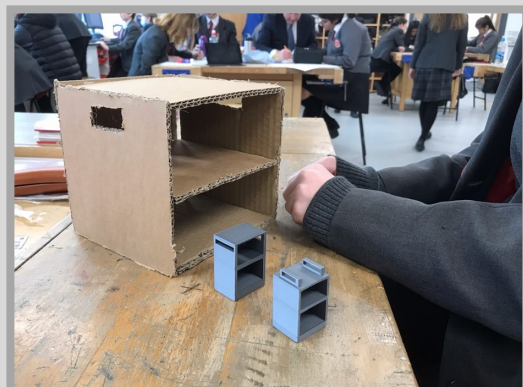
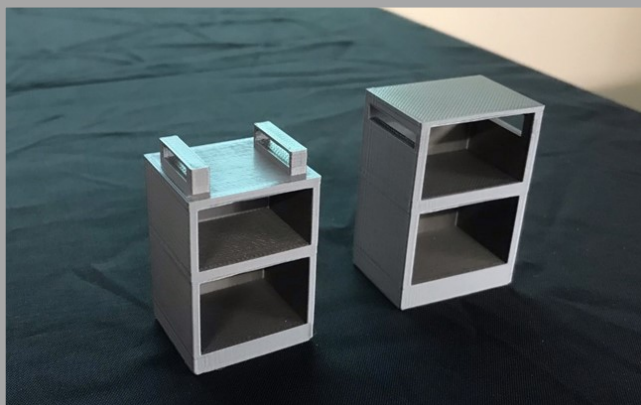
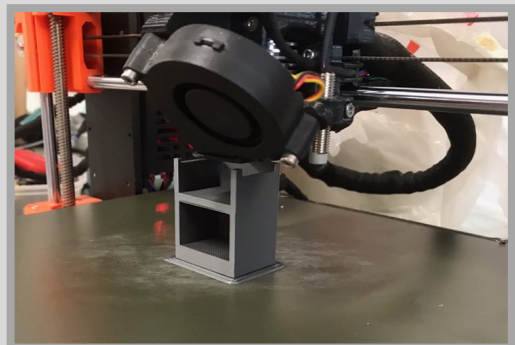
We've had a focus on rapid prototyping in KS4 Design Technology this term. Through collaboration between pupils, Technicians, and IT support we have mastered the art of scanning in a teacher and printing them out! You might recognise Miss Oxley and Mr Lean.

Pupils will have the opportunity to use this technology themselves, and although a lot of fun, the method can also be applied by GCSE pupils to help design prototypes for their assessment products.



We are also using DesignSpark software to programme in designs from scratch. This pupil used rapid prototyping to explore and develop how they might apply handles to their design for a picnic storage unit.

Mr Corser, Head of DT



Sport

What a breath of fresh air this half term has been. I know I speak for all the staff involved in extracurricular activities at CFS when I say that it has been truly fulfilling to be back out and about in the local area on competitive fixtures with other schools. Last half term, Primary were busy preparing for the two big football tournaments and sports hall athletics this term. The Year 5 and 6 athletics team's practise all those lunchtimes clearly paid off, finishing in 2nd place overall and qualifying for the next round! A fantastic effort and good luck in the next round in the New Year. In the Year 5 and 6 boys' football, the team started off with a rocky performance as they found their feet, losing the first game, but credit to their determination for coming back and either winning or drawing their remaining games, finishing 5th. But the top spot must go to our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team for their outstanding efforts this term. In the first area tournament, the team won three, drew two and lost only one game, putting them into 3rd place and a shot in the next round. The second round was played last week and further top performances meant the girls ended up finishing in 2nd place! Miss Waring informs me that they actually finished on the same points and goal difference, only missing out on top place due to goals scored. Congratulations to Esther for her phenomenal performances, winning Player of the Tournament! Thank you to Miss Waring for all her efforts this term in making these fixtures a reality.

Our Year 7 boys rugby team had a sensational start, going undefeated in the area tournament, making the final against Bishop Luffa. Unfortunately, due to poor light, this match was unable to be played, but I know that Mr Dean will be eager to have this rearranged in the New Year! Well done to all involved but a special mention to Adrian P as the Most Improved Player and Joe C for producing the stand out performance for the day. In Year 8, there were similar successes and congratulations to Haydon R-G as Most Valuable Player and Lloyd G for his outstanding debut appearance. At the football, the Year 8 boys also showed great team work and determination, with Sam H bagging Top Goal Scorer. A special mention must go to Luke H as being identified as the Goal Keeper of the Tournament! Congratulations, Luke. Just as COVID cases were increasing and the light deteriorating, we also managed to squeeze a joint trip for the Year 7 girls' football and Year 8 girls' netball teams to area competitions at The Regis. There were some excellent individual performances from Clara C and Coral C, plus a huge shout out to Lily F-C and Ruby M for stepping up and filling in at the last minute when their classmates were unable to attend!

I hope you are all able to have a restful Christmas and I look forward to more fixtures (including the postponed Year 7 Boys Football Tournament!) in the New Year.

Mr Day, Head of PE



MFL

Many thanks to Key Stage 3 French pupils for all the entries to the Christmas card competition organised by Mrs Agate. Here are some of the top entries we have had. The idea was to create a Christmas card for a staff member of their choice in French, or another language they might know. We had entries in Greek, Thai and French and for a wide variety of staff members. Some of the entries are now on display in the MFL corridor.

Miss Crebbin, Head of MFL



School Houses

House points have been awarded depending on each events criteria. Below are the current House points awarded and congratulations to all the pupils who have taken part! From all of us, The House Champions, Presidents, Ambassadors and Heroes, have a wonderful summer holiday; rest, relax and come back in January ready to go!

House Points Total So Far...

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



Aquila 625



Noctua 650



Pegasus 875



Phoenix 700

We have had three events so far this half term: Remembrance poppies artwork, football tournament and our head to head competition House Hampers. We have also had the results finalised from our first charitable event - Food For Thought, raising food items for our local food bank.

A huge congratulations to Pegasus House who won the Food for Thought challenge with 332 items donated! We would like to thank all Houses for participating and together we raised 325.7kg of food which will help so many families this winter.

A huge congratulations to Pegasus and Phoenix on winning the Remembrance poppies artwork event and gaining 200 house points each as this was a double point event!

On Friday 3rd December we had our amazing Christmas Fair where the House Hampers were pride of place in our raffle. Each hamper looked amazing and so many donations were sent in for it. From the cute elf sitting on the Aquila box to the bottles of wine and chocolates in the Noctua box, the large amount of blue wrapped biscuits and drinks in the Pegasus box to the large Cadbury overload in Phoenix's box, we can all agree everyone put their all into this event. On the evening it was revealed that the winner of the event was... Pegasus! A huge thank you to everyone who joined in and well done to those who won the hampers.

Next half term we have our origami competition to see which House can bring both their logical and creative sides together, as well as our first community fortnight, giving back to the community and doing what we can to help our local area. After a very successful virtual event last year, we will also be bringing back our House Festival and starting preparations for this.

Huge well done to all Houses taking part in events right through to supporting each other through our challenging times. Put your feet up this holiday, grab a mug of hot chocolate (with marshmallows) and have a wonderful Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Miss Pye, Head House Champion



Pegasus

Lets go Pegasus! Wow, three House events and three wins! To say I'm proud is an understatement. Top of the score board, you did it! All your hard work and dedication to your studies this term has shone through as well. A huge well done to our amazing Year 11 pupils.

Primary, I am loving the House spirit and getting to join in with your chants about our House (I agree with you, Pegasus is pretty amazing). A huge well done to all of you who have had amazing outcomes from your lessons and have gone out their way to be helpful and caring towards others. I can see many of you have gained R5 awards this half term, keep going with this as it's brilliant to hear you are all enjoying your treats with Mrs New. Secondary, I can see many of you have really pushed through to gain more house points over the last few weeks and really trying to join in with the Culture of Kindness event we had in tutor time. It was wonderful reading some of your notes on the astro pitch fencing. It has reminded me that even a small act of kindness can mean the world to another person. Please keep going with this, you may not know how much it means to someone but that wonderful warm feeling they get inside will be passed to another, then another until we have a smile on everyone's face.

We have been part of all House events over the past half term and gaining much wanted House points through good behaviour in the form of R1-5s. Please keep this up! I am so proud of all the hard work you are all putting in and your ability to always try your best, no matter what. A huge shout out to the following on scoring some amazing House points so far this year: Saskia Lushington, Samuel Johnson, Eliza Hughes, Eve Pearce, Leo Beresford, Vivian McCourt, Madeleine Yelland, Jemima Mowling Sene, Harry Cunningham and Edie Carter in Primary. In Secondary: Lillie Shippam, Ben Ungemund, Isabella Wright, Lillie Aburrow- Hills and our Head Boy Thomas Miller.

Keep it up Pegasus, a huge well done to all and let's keep going!



Miss Pye, House Champion for Pegasus



Aquila

Well what a busy term it has been, a very special Remembrance Day took place and thank you to the House Ambassadors who went around the classes collecting donations for the Poppy Appeal.

We managed to collect a huge number of non-perishable goods to support our local charity.

I continued to receive some more wonderful entries for the upcycle challenge. No wonder they came in a little late, the time and effort that went into these creations was amazing.

With Christmas around the corner we are all looking forward to our Christmas fair. Thank you for all the wonderful contributions and I'm keeping my fingers crossed for a win on the tombola.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the rest of the Inter-House Football competition but Aquila did thrash Noctua 4-0 in their most recent game. Huge congratulations to all involved!!!!

With a lot more fun and competitions lined up for the New Year it just leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the festive break.

Mrs Scriven, House Champion for Aquila





Noctua

It has been an excellent term for Noctua with multiple events occurring throughout the School. Noctua pupils have been gaining lots of House points including Year 7 Noctua, who were second highest on House points and Year 8 Noctua who were highest in their year group. Well done to everyone!

Our Year 10 and 11 pupils participated in the first round of the inter-house games competition, whereby key stages have elected a Captain and created teams to compete in an inter house football tournament. The event will resume next term with pupils in Key Stage 3 and 4 competing in the pool play and finals and pupils in all phases engaging in inter-house competition during PE lessons. There are also additional ways to support the Houses by creating team posters, banners and chants. Additionally, at each event, one House will be given with the Best Supporter Award which will add to their House's total score of the event!

Mr Dean, House Champion for Noctua



A strong shot at goal from Joe a Year 11 Pegasus pupil.



An action shot from Noctua vs Aquila.

| PLACE | HOUSE | POINTS | GOAL DIF. |
|-------|---------|--------|-----------|
| 1 | Aquila | 3 | +3 |
| 2 | Pegasus | 3 | +1 |
| 3 | Pheonix | 0 | -1 |

The current pool-play standings for Key Stage 4



Phoenix

Welcome to the second update of the 2021-22 academic year for Phoenix House!

It was a shame that we unfortunately were unable to meet as a House as planned but what a busy half term we have had! I was so impressed with the number of poppies created by our House for the Remembrance House Event. The completed dresses looked absolutely stunning and it was a true example of all the Houses pulling together for an amazing reason. We of course, alongside Pegasus House, won this event by a clear margin. Super work from everyone that took the time to colour or make a poppy for this.

Also a big thank you for all the effort put forward in our last House event, the inter-house football.

I like to use this page to celebrate individual successes in Phoenix House also. I am very glad to announce that one of our pupils, Emelia in Year 7, came 9th in a dressage competition against 250 adults! She was the only child to compete!

Well done for all the House points we have achieved this term. This year we will win the House Cup for sure!

Mr Cook, House Champion for Phoenix



Combined Cadet Force

Over half term, the Contingent took part in Exercise Autumn Shakedown. The cadets went out on an Army training area called Hankley Common in Surrey and utilised their skills in camouflage and concealment, field signals, section formations and basha building in the field.

In November, the CCF took part in the in-school Armistice Service on the 11th November and also the Remembrance parade in Chichester on Sunday 14th November. All involved made me very proud and were exemplary representatives of the School.

We have also welcomed 75 Year 8 pupils to our taster session on 11th November 2021. Lots of those that came have expressed an interest to join officially in January and we look forward to welcoming them. If your child is in Year 8 and is yet to sign up and wants to, please contact me at rcook@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk and I will send you the joining form.

We are also very lucky to be welcoming Mr Dascalopoulos as a member of the CCF staff team.

Finally, on behalf of all the cadets and staff from the CCF at CFS, we wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Captain R. Cook
Contingent Commander
CFS Combined Cadet Force



Fundraising

We have had a very successful launch to our new Parent Staff Fundraising Association. Thank you very much for your support over the last term with a variety of events. We had our first Bag2School date of the year, raising £202.80 and the Primary Christmas Card event raised £387. And of course, the main event this term was the wonderful Christmas Fair that took place last week. Huge thanks to all the staff and children who got involved; it certainly helped to get us all into the festive spirit as we approach the Christmas holidays. Whilst we still need to finalise all of the numbers, I am delighted that the Christmas Fair has raised over £2,300.

As mentioned earlier in the term, all of this money will go towards further enhancing the educational provision offered here at CFS, focusing this year on:

- * Further development of our outdoor space for all pupils.
- * Fully resourcing our new All Through Futures Hub, with a particular focus on careers education.
- * Further development of the Forest School area, to support use in Secondary as well as Primary.
- * Increasing our resources for outdoor play and motor development in EYFS and Key Stage 1.
- * Development of Performing Arts performance resources, such as staging, seating and lighting, and Design Technology materials.

I look forward to being able to show you exactly how some of this money has been spent over the coming months.

I am now pleased to announce further events over the next term. Once again, if you are able to support us with any of the events starred please do email Office@ and we will be in touch:

PE Bake Sale - Friday 21st January

Bag 2 School* - Thursday 10th March

Quiz Night* - 11th February. More information will be sent out early in January, but teams will be up to 6 so start getting your teams together for an evening of trivia and laughter!

World Book Day (including non-uniform/fancy dress and book wishlist) - Thursday 3rd March

Primary Mother's Day gifts - week beginning 21st March

Primary Movie Night - Friday 1st April time tbc Another date for your diary for all pupils in Years 3-6.

Fundraising

That takes us up to Easter, and I will let you know about plans for Courage Term as soon as possible, However, for now please do note a very important date in the diary - our Summer Fair and House Festival on Saturday 2nd July. Do let the Office know if you have any ideas for the day, or would like to help.

As I mentioned last month, whilst fundraising for the School is so important, I am also very proud that this term we have continued to support both local and national charities through Odd Socks Day, Mental Health Wear Yellow Day, Children in Need and of course Remembrance Day; this year the school raised nearly £700 for the Poppy campaign. Next term we will be supporting Sport Relief with a non-uniform day on 18th March.

We look forward to hearing from anyone who would like to support with next term's events.

Mrs New



Christmas Fair Fun



Principal's Award

This half term, the following pupils have received the Principal's Award. They have received five House Points and enjoyed a celebratory tea party with Mrs New. Well done to everyone!

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| Benji Beresford | Year 1 | For writing a fantastic spooky story |
| Theo Rogers | Year 1 | For always challenging himself in his own learning |
| Clara Woolger | Year 1 | For excellent independent writing |
| Alfie Blow | Year 2 | For taking a message from the recycling science lesson and went out after school litter picking. |
| Harley Edwards | Year 3 | For being Reader of the week |
| George Outen | Year 3 | For being Mathematician of the week |
| Kitty-Primrose Alden | Year 5 | For always being the first to volunteer to support in class and always doing her best in every subject |
| Gerard Seymour | Year 5 | For an outstanding diary entry with great effort in his handwriting and illustrations |
| Sophie Wickham | Year 5 | For an outstanding, emotive piece of diary writing |
| Carlin Barber | Year 6 | For great enthusiasm for learning, high quality work and a positive attitude |
| Samuel Bashford | Year 6 | For a brilliant diary entry |
| Zara Green | Year 6 | For being such a big help during Primary lunch time |
| Harry Kearsley | Year 6 | For doing an outstanding job of teaching Mrs Isaac and all of Ash class how to use Google sites |
| Saskia Lushington | Year 6 | For creating an amazing trench made with a variety of materials |
| Saskia Patel | Year 6 | For some amazing homework poppy field linked to the Behind Enemy Lines topic |
| Louie Turner | Year 6 | For a fantastic attitude towards learning |
| Jacob Wholey | Year 6 | For showing great kindness to his class mates |

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| Sophie Cath | Year 7 | For challenging herself in French and fantastic dedication in PE |
| James Clark | Year 7 | For tremendous map reading skills in Geography |
| Lillie Shippam | Year 7 | For taking part in the Remembrance parade in Chichester, a great Shakespeare Presentation and continued enthusiasm and effort in Science |
| Freddie Angell | Year 8 | For excellent effort put in to every Maths lesson |
| Sacha Neal | Year 8 | For fantastic dedication and determination to improve his skills and achieve his goals in Water Skiing |
| Ellie-Mai Mayers | Year 9 | For showing true bravery, resilience, loyalty & kindness |
| Harrison Reeves | Year 9 | For 100% effort and enormous progress in Dance |
| Sienna Biscoe | Year 10 | For helping the Royal British Legion with the Poppy Appeal & showing great kindness to others |
| Ruby Davison | Year 10 | For an outstanding level of detail and deep design in her jewellery box design |
| Talia Gregory | Year 10 | For helping the Royal British Legion with the Poppy Appeal & showing great kindness to others |
| Ella Harley | Year 10 | For an extraordinary piece of writing |

January

The dates in red have been added since the calendar was first published.

| Date and Time | Event | Year Groups |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Tuesday 4 – Friday 7 January | House event – Design a boardgame | Whole school |
| Tuesday 4 – Friday 7 January | GCSE MFL Mock oral exams | 11 |
| Wednesday 5 January 0930 | Prospective Reception Admissions Tour | |
| Friday 7 January | Dance Workshop | 9 |
| Monday 10 – Friday 14 January | House event – Design a boardgame | Whole school |
| Monday 10 January | Reptylers Visit in School | 2 |
| Tuesday 11 January 1700 – 2000 | Pupil Progress Consultation evening | 10 |
| Monday 17 – Friday 21 January | House event – The Great CFS Bake Off | Whole school |
| Monday 17 – Friday 21 January | GCSE DT Manufacturer Day | 11 |
| Wednesday 19 January | Winchester Science Trip | 7 |
| Friday 21 January | PE Bake Sale | Whole school |
| Monday 24 – Friday 28 January | House event – The Great CFS Bake Off | Whole school |
| Tuesday 25 January | Music composition 1 Exam | 11 |
| Wednesday 26 January | Music composition 1 Exam | 11 |
| Wednesday 26 January | Junior Cross Country | 5 - 8 |
| Thursday 27 January 1700 – 2000 | Guided choices and PPC evening (virtual) | 9 |
| Thursday 27 January | D of E indoor rock climbing (approx. £20) | Secondary |
| Monday 31 January – Friday 4 February | Class Council Week | Whole school |
| Monday 31 January – Friday 4 February | House event – community fortnight | Whole school |
| Monday 31 January – Friday 4 February | GCSE Taster lessons | 9 |

February

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| Date and Time | Event | Year Groups |
|--|---|--------------|
| Wednesday 2 February | Reports home to parents | 11 |
| Wednesday 2 February | Science Trip to Winchester | 8 |
| Friday 4 February | Sleepover at the Novium | 4 (Rowan) |
| Monday 7 – Friday 11 February | School Council Week | Whole school |
| Monday 7 – Friday 11 February | House event – community fortnight | Whole school |
| Monday 7 – Friday 11 February | GCSE Taster lessons | 9 |
| Tuesday 8 February 1700 - 2000 | Pupil Progress Consultation Evening (virtual) | 11 |
| Wednesday 9 February | Music Performing Exam | 11 |
| Thursday 10 February | GCSE Music Concert | 10 and 11 |
| Thursday 10 February | U13s and U15s Lady Taverners | 8, 10 |
| Thursday 10 February 1800 – 2000 | Parent Ambassadors meeting | |
| Friday 11 February | Quiz Night | Whole school |
| Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 February | House event – CFS Bird Watch | Whole school |
| Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 February | School production | Whole school |
| Monday 14 February | Food Practical Exam, Group 1 | 11 |
| Monday 14 February | D of E Camping Craft | Secondary |
| Tuesday 15 February | Food Practical Exam, Group 2 | 11 |
| Tuesday 15 February | Lunchtime music concerts | Whole school |
| Wednesday 16 February | Food Practical Exam, Group 3 | 11 |
| Thursday 17 February INSET DAY | | |
| Friday 18 – Friday 25 February Half Term | | |
| Monday 28 February INSET DAY (23 February Corporate Challenge first race) | | |