



Temperance Term 2

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Principal's Message

Dear all,

Due to Christmas falling on a weekend, it has felt very early breaking up for the holidays this year. But that has not stopped there being a magical festive feel in school over the last couple of weeks. We have had our EYFS nativity, Key Stage 1 production, Christmas music concert, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas dinner day, Secondary Christmas assemblies and Conduct League draws, highly successful Christmas Fair, and I know staff are looking forward to exchanging their Secret Santa gifts after term ends today.

And all of this whilst our Year 11 pupils have been working hard in their first formal mock examinations in their final GCSE year. I want to congratulate the year group for their hard work and determination, and we look forward to seeing the results in the new year, as well as using these practices as a springboard for the final exams next summer. Year 11 – enjoy your well earned Christmas break; the last full holiday before final preparations for the summer examinations begins in January.

There have also been a whole array of other events this half term before the festive celebrations began, including local and international trips, fundraising events, House competitions, Anti Bullying Week, Remembrance events and many pupil leadership opportunities. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the things that have been going on in school over the coming pages.

It was also a delight to meet our new Parent Ambassador team this half term, and I look forward to working with the group going forward. Please do make contact with them via the parentambassador@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk address.

As you will have seen from the first Parent Ambassador minutes, we have been reviewing our uniform provider this term. After a thorough and lengthy process, we have decided that we will be making a change to our provider from September 2023 onwards. We were presented with such a range of fantastic choices of supplier throughout the process, and have chosen a supplier who will ensure we can continue with the same uniform as currently but with enhanced quality, value and service and increased convenience in how you can purchase items. Going forward, we therefore look forward to moving to Game Set and Match in Chichester, with a local store. We will be in touch next calendar year with further information about the benefits this change will bring to the School and you as parents. There is no change to how you purchase items at present, and these can all still be done via School Colours in the normal way until further notice.

We say farewell today to four members of staff. Mr Dascalopolous is leaving us as Cover Supervisor due to ill health, but will stay part of the CFS community by volunteering as a member of our CCF. Miss Kerry, Primary teacher, is also leaving CFS today. Miss Kerry is moving away from the mainstream classroom and is looking to pursue different opportunities to work with young people. We also offer sincere thanks to Mr Bardoe who has been working in the HR department this term. We wish all three valued members of staff the greatest of happiness in their next steps.



Principal's Message

And finally we say a fond farewell to Mr Hole, our Site Manager, who is moving on to focus on personal property development opportunities with his wife to be. I am struggling to find the words to describe the positive impact Mr Hole has had on CFS over the last five and a bit years - leading our movement onto the permanent site, managing the site team day to day, and of course all of his flexibility and creativity as we reassess our relatively new learning environment - helping to install and embed new learning spaces such as our Performing Arts and Futures Hubs. Pink shorts, multi coloured trainers, the most amazing hair, car park attending, and above all - friendship and support. Thank you Pete. You will be greatly missed.

I am very pleased to announce that Mr Carter has secured a new role at CFS – he will be leading our new alternative provision in school, supporting pupils in Years 7-11. This means that Mr Carter will no longer be Head of Year 8, but I am very pleased to announce that he has handed over the reigns to Mr Tilling. January will also see the return of Maths teacher, Mr Paul – Mr Paul is re-joining the Maths team at CFS, taking over Mr Carter's teaching timetable and also taking on a middle leadership responsibility for learning and teaching in the Secondary phase. We are so pleased to welcome Mr Paul back to the team!

As 2022 draws to an end, I look ahead to 2023 with cautious optimism. There is no doubting that society is facing some of its greatest challenges at present, and I do not underestimate the hardships, worries and fears being faced by so many members of the CFS community. But I am reassured by the community spirit seen every day in school, and from you as parents, and am excited by our plans to further strengthen the CFS family moving forward, as announced earlier this week.

But until 2023 dawns, I wish you all a wonderful festive holiday. Wishing each and every one of you the very merriest of Christmases, and a Happy New Year.



Mrs Louise New
Executive Principal

EYFS

The children have been working hard in the EYFS this half term. We have been carrying out lots of activities to help our fine motor skills which has been supporting our development with holding pencils correctly and using scissors safely. In Maths, we have been learning to read, write and order numbers. Our Phonics knowledge is continuing to grow; each day we are recognising sounds as well as reading simple words and exploring writing opportunities. Thank you for attending our Phonics and Maths workshop. We do hope you found the information helpful and don't forget to always ask us if you need clarification on how to support your child's learning.

A lot of time has been spent rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity! We were very excited to perform to our families and we hope you enjoyed 'Shine Star, Shine!'. We were very proud of the children and the confident performance they gave. This was our first Nativity by Reception pupils in several years and we are so pleased that we made the decision to put on a show for you all. Have a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in January.

Forest School reminder - Thursday 19th January Apple Class in the morning, Cherry Class in the afternoon.

Miss Emmett, Miss Smith, Mrs Golby and Mrs Sword

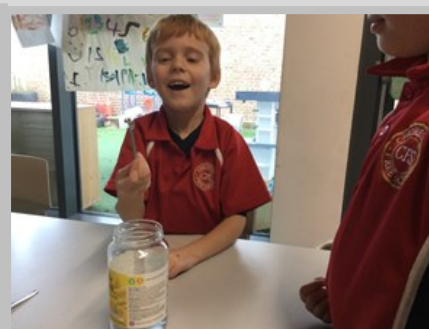


Key Stage 1

Year 1

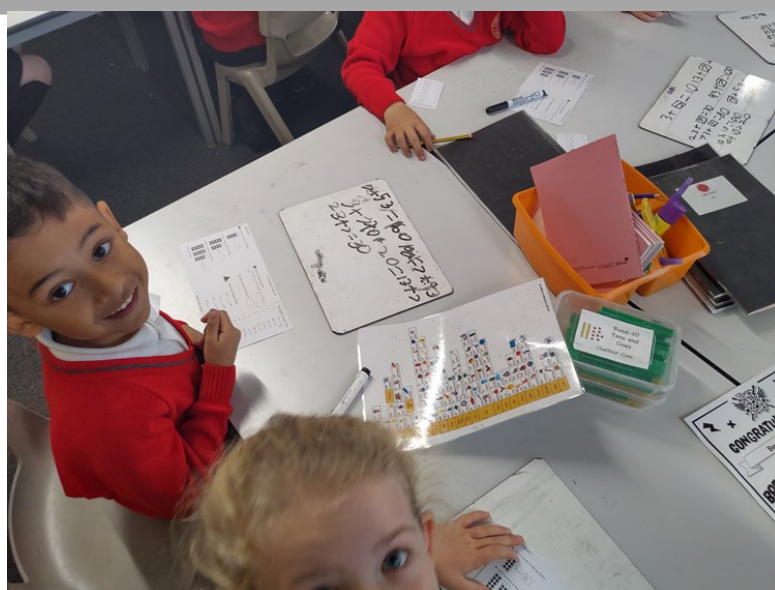
This term Year 1 have been learning about the circus. We had our circus skills workshop where we tried lots of different skills, including juggling, plate spinning and feather balancing. In History we created a circus history timeline and then junk modelled a circus in small groups. In Science we learnt all about materials. We sorted objects into different materials, thought about their properties and completed some experiments using magnets. In Geography we learnt about the UK and created some fantastic models of different castles and paintings of the national flowers. In computing we learnt about algorithms and created our own for activities like getting ready for school and making pizza.

For Design Technology, we received a letter from Santa explaining that his elves had gone on holiday and he needed some help. We decided that we would be Santa's elves and make some toys to send to the North Pole. We looked at some moving toys before designing them and going over to use the Design Technology rooms in Secondary to make them. We have also learnt about the Christmas story and made nativity scenes, acted it out and drew some lovely pictures.



Year 2

This half term Year 2 have been learning about the city of London in our topic called 'Bright Lights, Big City'. In History and Geography, the children have been learning about the landmarks of London, the key events of The Gunpowder Plot and The Great Fire of London. The children had also been comparing the festivals of Eid and Christmas, how they are celebrated and why. In Computing, the children have been exploring what the terms algorithm and debugging mean and using them with Beebots and Scratch. In Art the children have been using different media to create drawings for their guide books in English.



Key Stage 2

Lower Key Stage 2

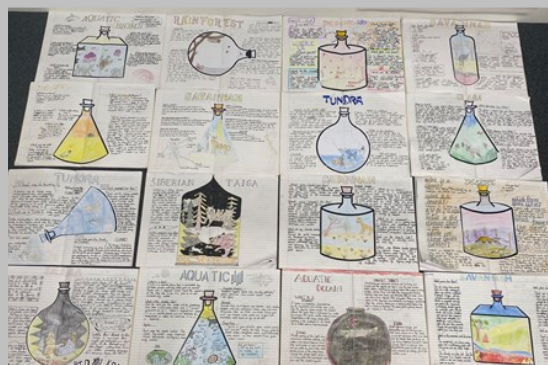
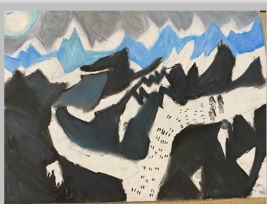
'We are artists' has been a super term for Years 3 and 4! We have been surrounded by learning about artists including the work of illustrators Sam Usher and Sydney Smith and the famous, Frida Kahlo. The children have been excited to imitate their drawing and painting techniques, focusing on shapes, lines and perspective. Year 3 and 4 have shown they are young artists and have produced wonderful artwork to go alongside their various pieces of writing, including a poem, narrative and biography. Recently, we were lucky enough to visit New Park cinema where the children watched snippets of the Disney film 'Fantasia' and produced storyboards in groups. Walking to and from Chichester was chilly but the children enjoyed representing CFS with pride.

Across the curriculum, the children have worked hard, particularly focusing on times tables, learning new tables, practicing speed and taking part in some class rivalry too. Year 3 have enjoyed exploring light sources and reflection in Science and Year 4 look forward to learning about sound and vibrations after the festive break. Goodbye and good luck to Miss Kerry. Welcome to the team to Miss Beadle and a very merry Christmas to you all.



Upper Key Stage 2

This half-term, Years 5 and 6 have been learning about famous explorers and their expeditions. In Geography, we have been looking at biomes and how flora (plants) and fauna (animals) adapt to the environment, as well as threats that these different biomes face. We used this information to create our own fact posters about the biomes.



Key Stage 3

Year 7

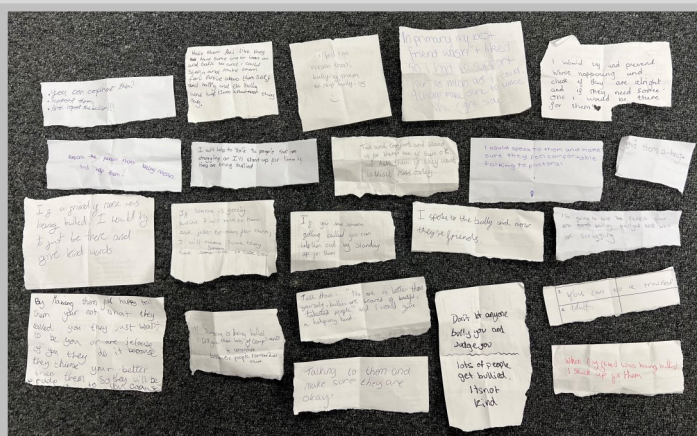
It has been busy half term for Year 7; Science museum trip, fixture opportunities, Shakespeare Rap Battles in English, Anti-Bullying Week and many more activities.

In assembly each week pupils are given a piece of paper and asked to reflect upon the topics given at the end. Pupils then write down a Culture of Kindness message and put it in the Year 7 Culture of Kindness box.

Year 7 have shown great kindness throughout Anti-Bullying week and Year 7 Kindness Advent Calendar.

Have a wonderful holiday break Year 7. Be kind to yourself and others!

Miss Oxley & Mrs Hermans, Head & Assistant Head of Year 7



Year 8

Year 8 have had another busy half term with taking part in the Remembrance services, Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week. Between all these activities as well as their normal daily routines Year 8 have completely embraced our Culture of Kindness and been so thoughtful and kind in so many ways.

We have also continued having two pupil receptionists a week and they have thrived in helping our Reception team! This will continue all into the New Year too.

Mr Carter & Mrs Hermans, Head and Assistant Head of Year 8

Year 9

This has been a very busy term for Year 9. We have had inter-house competitions and Young Chef amongst other events. Some pupils have been involved in making snowmen for the Christmas Fayre and others in tidying up the School's courtyard garden. Pupils have also had some fabulous careers talks at lunchtimes with some very interesting guest speakers.

After the holidays Year 9 will be starting our Guided Choices process culminating in making their final GCSE decisions. Dates and further information will be out soon. I hope all pupils have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in January.

Ms Turnbull, Head of Year 9

Key Stage 4

Year 10

Our Year 10 Sports Science and PE GCSE pupils have had a great residential trip to Wales this week. Hopefully Mrs Godfrey (Assistant Head of Year) got some sleep this year which would be a huge improvement from last year! We very much look forward to seeing lots of photos and videos – funnier the better!

In addition, we would like to praise a small group of girls who have embraced the JUNO project whole heartedly, we hope to reap the rewards of their new found confidence and positive attitude towards life soon – keep it up girls!

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs Tulley and Mrs Godfrey, Head and Assistant Head of Year 10

Year 11

All pupils have been working hard this term in the lead up to their first set of mock exams. Despite the pressures of the exams, many pupils have shown real courage and resilience and have really thrived under the pressure. Planning for the Prom (22nd June) has started in the background along with the leavers hoodies and Yearbook all lead by the incredible prefect team.

Prom points are on the up with some pupils gaining 10 in the first week alone – proving the 50 points is well within reach. We look forward to the celebration assembly at the end of term along with the Mock results assembly next year (closely followed by the parents evening). Year 11 are now able to relax (a little) over the break and recharge for the final push to their GCSEs and the future.

Mr Elliman and Mrs Godfrey, Head and Assistant Head of Year 11

Maths

Since launching our weekly Times Tables Rock Stars competition, we have had more children playing and practising their times tables than EVER. So far, the winning classes have been Sycamore class, Maple class, Ash class and Rowan class. Well done for all your hard work.

In November, we participated in a country wide TTRS competition called England Rocks. For three days, we battled hard to be victorious. Overall, out of 3,867 schools, CFS placed 22nd, which is very impressive! A special well done to Maple Class who placed 39th out of 28,241 classes!

Many children worked hard to help us achieve these brilliant results, but well done to the top players of each class:

Elm: Max, Harriet and Charlie

Willow: Ethan, Ophelia and Sophie

Rowan: Ella, Darcey and Harvey

Sycamore: Oliver, Amelia and George

Birch: Ollie, William and Herbie

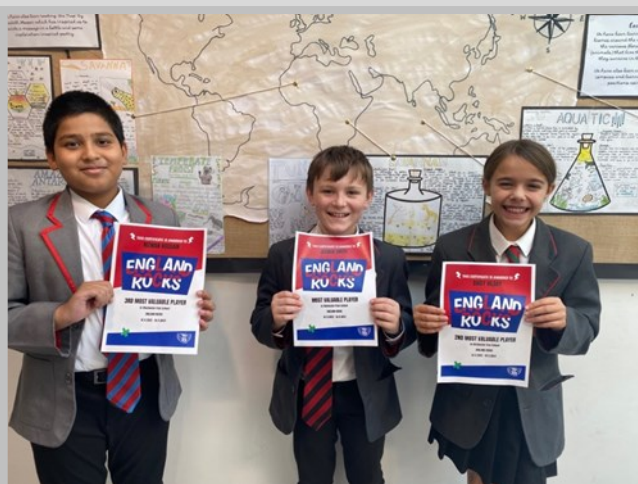
Hazel: Henry, Lucy and Jude

Ash: Oscar, Marnie, Lexie and Amelia

Maple: Josh, Daisy and Rizwan.

Additionally, some Year 5 and 6 children participated in the Primary Maths Challenge, a competition with some VERY tricky questions to face. Well done to everyone who participated but a special congratulations to Gerard Seymour and Lucas Bulger who were our joint winners of the Gold Award.

Mrs Wilson



Maths

Secondary

Christmas has come round again and what a first term.

Year 7 have come in and are up and running on their Maths Journey. It has been a real pleasure to witness them learning new topics with their new teachers. The level of focus is high and the pupils are showing some strong signs which is very encouraging.

Year 8 have been doing some solid work looking at linear sequences and as a result they have produced some excellent pieces of work and assessments.

Year 9 are getting ready to undertake the intermediate challenge and have been looking at linear and quadratic graphs, along with simultaneous equations to get prepared.

Year 10 are starting to settle into the GCSE way of life realising how important Maths is in future careers and college opportunities and are developing the necessary problem-solving skills to help them succeed.

Year 11's have just taken their mock exams well and when they get back after Christmas will be specifically focussing on smaller skills that will help them reach their targets to enable them to take their next steps into further education or work. The Maths team have given each pupil specific areas of subject knowledge to focus on so that every pupil goes into the exams prepared to succeed.

Mr Tilling

Christmas Maths problems

- Santa, Rudolph and the Snowman share 42 sweets in the ratio 3 : 2 : 1 Work out the number of sweets that each of them receives.
- Santa's Elves are making Christmas cookies. They mix flour, butter and sugar in the ratio 6 : 4 : 1.
- The Elves uses 160 grams of butter. Work out how much flour and sugar the elves use.
- Santa's toy machine fills 1000 sacks with toys in 5 hours. Work out how many hours it would take to fill 1200 sacks.

English

In **Year 1**, the children have built on their skills from last half term. Using the key skills of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, the children have made their sentences more interesting using adjectives. After their circus skills day, the children were able to apply their prior knowledge to their writing, using adjectives to describe different parts and acts of the circus.

In **Year 2**, the children have been looking at our key texts 'The Lonely Beast' and 'The Hackney Martian'. The children have created a letter of invitation from the beast to the people in the city to come to his garden to say thank you for making him feel so welcome. Using commas in lists, the children included all the lovely food and activities that they would do at the party. Max the Martian needed help to tell all his alien friends about London, so the children have created guidebooks containing key facts about some of the landmarks, using both coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to join the clauses together.

It has been a busy half term in **Lower Key Stage 2**! In their first learning journey linked to their 'We Are Artists' topic, the children of Year 3 and Year 4 unpicked and analysed the work of the famous poet Joseph Coelho, before creating their own poems using prepositions to help communicate the metaphorical journey of their gratitude as it passed in and around the city of Chichester. The children also had a go at writing their own narratives, taking inspiration from the wordless picture book 'Footpath Flowers'. To help bring their stories to life, the children explored how to use fronted adverbials to help add interest to their writing. In the final few weeks of term, the children have enjoyed learning about the famous artist Frida Kahlo, using her thought-provoking life as inspiration for their own biographies.

In **Upper Key Stage 2** the children have been reading the book 'Ice Trap: Shackleton's Incredible Expedition' by Meredith Hooper. Before reading, the children used their retrieval skills to research information about Antarctica to discover why these expeditions were so gruelling for the crews who ventured there. Then, they used this knowledge to write non-chronological reports about this fascinating continent. Once they had read the book, the children developed their persuasive writing techniques by producing an advert to encourage adventurous folk to explore Antarctica. Year 5 then produced some poetry inspired by Shackleton's story while Year 6 wrote a magazine-style interview which shared the story of Aron Ralston – the man who amputated his own arm when he became trapped between two boulders in a canyon!

English

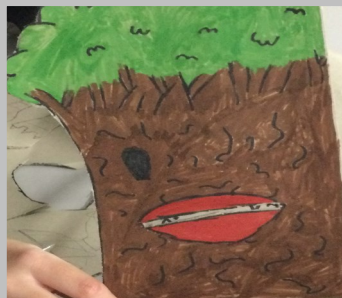
Isla Harley, Evie Fowler, Ruby McMahon, Millie Hermans and Lily Farkas-Claxton, Year 8.

Recently in our English lesson we have been studying poetry. At the moment we are learning about the nonsense poem, *The Jabberwocky*. It is full of fun, with weird and dark themes.

We have analysed poems that range from devastating war to *The Jabberwocky* poem that is full of nonsense and made-up words but they still create and hold meaning. The *Jabberwocky* is very hard to decipher as the poet came up with new words to describe the creatures featured in the poem.

We have been asked to create a puppet show using our imaginations to come up with what these creatures could be, or what they look like. We have drawn them ourselves and made the puppets. Everyone will be reading out the poem and performing it in front of the class using their puppet creations to bring the poem to life.

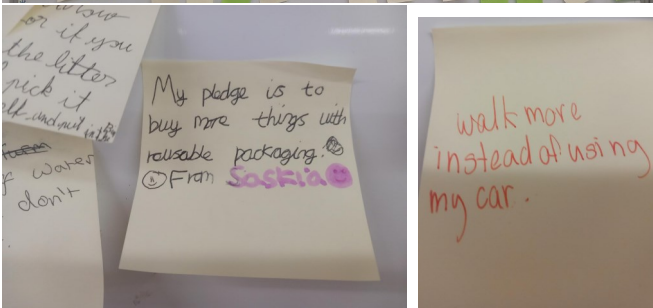
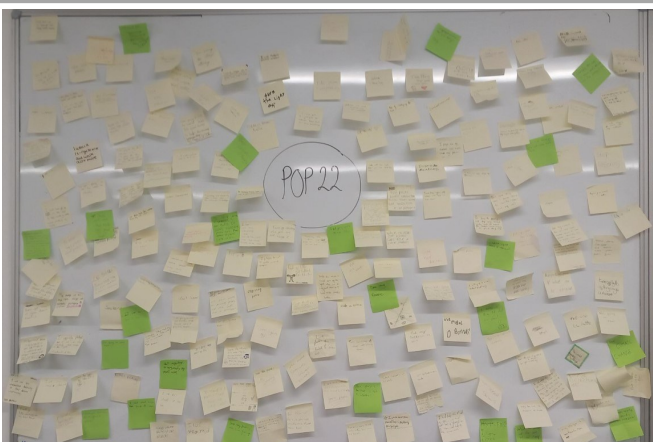
One thing we have learnt when it comes to reading poems is that you should look past what it seems to be talking about and get your brain in gear to find the deeper meanings. We have learnt that poems are not just short stories; they have deep meanings showing hidden stories in what often seem to be simple pieces of writing.



Science



As part of Protect Our Planet Day, during Science lessons, pupils had the opportunity to link up live with researchers in Antarctica and listen to interviews with the producers of Frozen Planet.



The Sleigh Race brief was to design and make a sleigh out of recycled materials. The sleigh needed to travel 5 metres and be no bigger than 40cm long. There were lots of very inventive designs for the sleigh racing - some on wheels, some battery powered and some even flew!

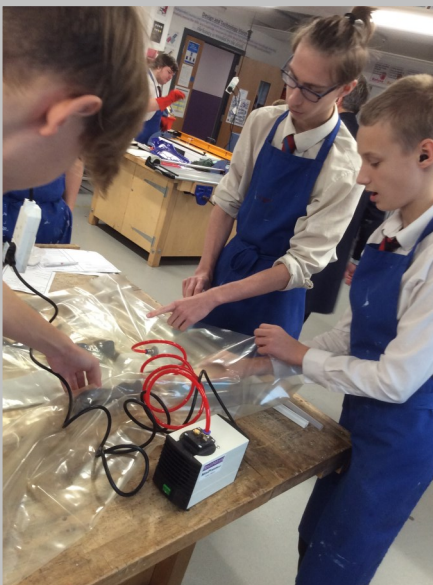
With some very close races, and lots of fun, everyone was a winner!

Creative Arts

During November Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE DT pupils enjoyed investigation days exploring how a range of materials and equipment can be used to inform and improve their product design options.

The workshop was a hive of activity for two days with pupils sampling upholstery skills, the strip heater, vacuum forming, the bag press, metal clay, methods for strengthening textiles, different finishes, laser cutting and 3D printing. Mrs Halton got stuck in too, creating a mini version of herself using copper clay!

The sessions inspired pupils to try new methods when developing their products, and will encourage them to think outside of the box when looking for solutions to help their products meet the specification.



Sport

It's been an amazing half term for sport here at CFS. I've been especially impressed by the diversity of the sports that we've been competing in and am so proud of the victories that have come through too. It has been great to have an ever expanding team of staff willing to support these events, with the Head of Science, Mrs Comins, leading the table tennis team and Mr Green, Year 7 Teacher, managing the running team. A particular highlight of the term has been Miss Brett setting up our first Girls Rugby Club and we are so excited for the up and coming rugby festival - watch this space!

Merry Christmas to you all.

Mr S Day, Head of PE

Rugby is one of the fastest growing female sports in the UK and the recent world cup has inspired many young girls to take up the sport. At CFS we are now offering girls rugby as a club on Tuesday afternoons alongside the boys training. Rugby is open to everyone which means there is a position for everyone who wants to play! It is a fantastic game to help build self-esteem and a great way make new friends who share similar interests, we are hoping to recruit more girls to training after Christmas and will continue with training for the spring term.

The girls train separately to the boys but at the same time to build confidence and learn from each other. It has been great to see so many girls keen to attend training already and we will be competing against other schools from January, if your daughter would like to get involved please email me at lbrett@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk

Mrs Brett



Media Studies

The school trip to Chichester Harbour was a good learning experience as we learned about how climate change effects the harbour and the surrounding areas. However, it was cold, wet and windy so it would've been better if it was in the spring or summer. **Alasdair Sturrock**

I had such an amazing time exploring the harbour. I had never been there before and it was a new experience. **Amelie Norris**

I had a really fun time because we were shown how to take good photos even though it was cold and rainy. It was a great new experience. **Maia Newell**

I really enjoyed the trip because I took a lot of really beautiful photos. **Artem Bartosh**



Music

It was so wonderful to hold the School Carol concert in our Carmelite Hall this year. Mrs Davis and all the performers worked so hard to make this such a memorable evening for everyone. The choir have also been entertaining the community by singing in John Lewis and caroling at The Cross.



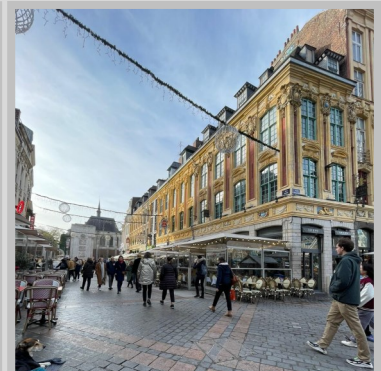
MFL

This terms enrichment activities for MFL include, as always, booster sessions for GCSE for those who would like to attend on Tuesday or Thursday but peaked with our trip to Lille. We haven't managed to run this for a few years so it was great to get back to the beautiful historic city and its bustling Christmas market – Le Marché de Noël de Lille. More than 40 Year 7 and Year 8 pupils had the experience as a group including the Channel Tunnel which was a first for many.

The market and town were decorated beautifully and pupils were able to enjoy the stalls, the shops and the ferris wheel. A few spot prizes were given out for kindness and for language skills.

Year 7 have only had a small number of lessons but we emphasised the basics like '*Bonjour Madame, S'il vous plait and Merci Monsieur*' go a long way. Crêpes were eaten, chocolat chaud was drunk, gifts and decorations were bought and all were happy. Many many thanks are due not only to the accompanying adults (Ms Melendez Ruiz, Ms Taylor, Mrs Knight and Mrs Cath) but also to the school staff who helped set up the trip, take cover lessons etc.

Ms 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 holiday; rest, relax and come back ready to go!

House Points Total From pupil reward points:



Aquila 16940



Noctua 15831



Pegasus 17223



Phoenix 17211

There have been some brilliant events over this half of the term and it's been wonderful seeing pupils collecting House points and joining in. House conduct has improved significantly and the whole House team have been impressed with the amount of reward points gained by each of the Houses.

We have had three events so far this half term: Remembrance poppies, Football tournament and our head to head competition for the House Hampers.

A huge congratulations to our amazing House Ambassadors who helped to create the poppies in this years display! Red and purple poppies were added to a wall mounted display and cane poppies came up around the display. This was also joined by the dress created by pupils last year. The display was beautiful and created a wonderful backdrop to our Remembrance service in school.



Our ever popular inter-house football tournament has been in full swing..... More about this from Mr Dean on the next page.

On Friday 2nd December we had our amazing Christmas Fayre where the House Hampers were placed with pride at our raffle. Each hamper looked amazing and so many donations were sent in for it. From the green candy canes in 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. A huge thank you to everyone who joined in and well done to those who won the hampers.

Next half term we have our Natural World - House Art Event to see which House can bring both their logical and creative sides together, as well as Community Fortnight, giving back to the community and doing what we can to help our local area. Look out for those Fuzzies again..... They will be making a comeback.

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!

House Competition

This half term pupils throughout the School have engaged in the eagerly awaited inter-house games. The event, hosted in break times, has brought together a sense of pride and support for the House teams in the 7v7 mixed football. Captains from each key stage selected their teams following the rules of the event and led their teams through the tournament. Well done to the captains! In Primary, pupils have engaged in the event during their PE lessons contributing to the overall league scores.

KS4— Captains

Ted – Noctua

Noah – Aquila

Toby – Pegasus

Toby – Phoenix

House	Points	Goal Diff.
AQ	5	1
PH	5	2
NO	4	0
PE	2	-3

The end of the league resulted in top team Aquila facing Phoenix in the finals and Noctua and Pegasus battling it out for 3rd place. The 3rd place game was a stunning performance with skill and commitment to their Houses from both sides. Bevan was set a bouncing pass across goal outside of the box, with excellent connection sent it firmly into the top corner. Later in the game Ted put the second goal in for Noctua which secured 3rd place for the mighty owls. The finals were neck and neck, goals from Callum (Phoenix, Year 11) and Noah (Aquila, Year 11) flaunted some very entertaining celebrations loved by the crowds, which put the game at a stalemate – only to be decided by a rematch the following week. In the rematch the game was end to end with Aquila taking the majority of possession and attempts at goal. The ball fell to an unmarked Archie in the box, he turned and leathered the ball scoring the only goal in the game, Phoenix 1 Aquila 0.



The end of League table placed Pegasus up against Noctua in the finals. With Aquila and Phoenix in the 3rd place showdown. Unfortunately, one game day was cancelled meaning the finals will be held after the Christmas break, but we will celebrate their performance in the next CFS magazine. The stand out performances in the tournament in KS3 have been from Sam for his ability to bring his Noctua side back to draw against Pegasus and Joe (Pegasus, Year 7) for his playmaking ability. We look forward to the final.

KS3—Captains

Sam – Noctua

Riah – Aquila

Ben – Pegasus

Max – Phoenix



House	Points	Goal Diff.	Penalty points	Total points
PE	7	5	-2	5
NO	5	3	0	5
AQ	0	-8	0	0
PH	3	0	-2	1

The **Primary pupils** were completing their inter-house games during PE time with a range of activities completed. The scores contributed towards the whole school scoreboard and promoted some healthy competition and a sense of pride in their houses across key stages.

House	Total points	Goal Diff.
NO	13	3
PE	10	2
PH	8	2
AQ	6	-7

The current standings and final table after the league in the inter house games. Congratulations to Noctua for taking first place on this House event, it has been a huge success in school bringing together pupils from all years!

House	Points
NO	4
PH	3
PE	2
AQ	1

Fundraisers

This half term we've raised just under £3,500 for the School. The Christmas Fayre was the big fundraiser and we are so grateful for all the wonderful donations, offers of helping on stalls and generosity of all our CFS community to make this event so successful. Winners of 2 stalls that weren't announced at the Fayre were Xanthe Lewis-Hall who won the £10 Amazon voucher and Florence Hunter who correctly guessed Cranberry as the name of Santa's helper. A particular thanks goes to Forty Four Design and Noviom Labs who donated the wonderful Christmas tree in the Courtyard. Forty Four Design do planning permission and building regulations drawings for extensions, loft conversions etc. and can be found at fourtyfourdesign.co.uk. Noviom Labs do app development, noviomlabs.com

We've also raised a record amount for the Poppy Appeal and raised just under £600 for Children in Need so a huge thank you again!

Dates for the diary:

Friday 6 January: Primary discos
Friday 27 January: Primary movie night



Make Change Happen

Over the last few weeks, we have been very lucky to have four students from The University of Chichester giving up their Friday to come into CFS.

Robyn, Katie, Abbie and Jess are taking part in the Make Change Happen project and they are in the process of transforming the Principal's garden—located next to the Carmelite Hall - into a beautiful, sensory garden area for both staff and students to enjoy for many years to come.

We have had pupils across both Primary and Secondary out in all weathers helping with the initial garden clearance stage. It has been hard work but very rewarding and successful. The overgrown, tangled abandoned space is already transformed and is looking very promising for the creative developments that are to take place. The aim is for the garden to be completed by May half-term. They have even rescued two frogs and relocated them to our pond area!

Any donations of garden equipment, sleepers, seeds, plants, wood etc. would be very gratefully received.

Please email Ms Skinner if you can help.



CCF

Hello from everyone at the CCF,

We have had a great start to the year!

At the beginning of November, the cadets made us proud at both the school Armistice Day service and marching in the parade on 13th November through Chichester city centre to Litten Gardens.

We held our annual taster session for the Year 8 recruits in October and we look forward to seeing them on our first parade night back on the 12th January 2023.

Six cadets took part in a Range Day at Longmoor on 27th November. This is the first time they have shot live rounds. A lot to take in - but they all rose to the challenge. We also took 55 cadets to Paintballing on the 3rd December 2022. This was a fun event for the cadets and one we will be repeating as soon as possible!

We have some staff news also too. Both AUO Dascalopoulos and AUO Lloyd undertook their CCF Basic training at Frimley. This is a hard course and both passed, resulting in their promotion to Second Lieutenant. Congratulations to them both.

Finally, we have appointed a new School Staff Instructor, Lieutenant Hicks. He comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and background from serving as a regular soldier and as a Detachment Commander in the Army Cadet Force. Congratulations to him also.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy 2023.

Captain Cook
Contingent Commander



Enrichment

Table Tennis Club – CFS take Silver!!! (from the Club Leader – Mrs Comins)

Our fantastic table tennis players made their way to Warden Park School to compete in the County Table Tennis Finals.

After the success in the West Sussex West round, we knew our strengths and the boys have been training hard to improve their weaker areas.

First up were Tanbridge House B. A comfortable 7-1 victory, with the CFS players all playing confident table tennis. Nothing was stopping Ylan's forehand topspin and Ted's positional play was unbeatable.

Then it was time for local rivals, Bourne. CFS had previously beaten them in the earlier round, but from watching the warm ups we could see they had been working on their skills. 5-3 win for CFS, with Jamie's tactical awareness too good for the opposition.

CFS finished top of the group and were through to the final. Tanbridge A were our opponents, a team not to have been beaten for several years. The boys were slightly nervous. The first two games were against boys with county rankings, and despite playing their best, CFS were 2-0 down. Then it was time for Charlie to outclass his opponents, winning both of his games in the final. Final score Tanbridge House 6 - CFS 2. Some very close games and on another day, this could easily have been 4-4.

The organiser commented on their excellent sportsmanship and fantastic game play. All four boys were fantastic !



Miss Emmett's pony club at Hunters Lodge Riding Centre has been a glorious club for all as they have learnt to walk, trot and even canter their ponies. Sam, Bazil, Geeza, Mable and Harmony have also much enjoyed the lessons and behaved impeccably for the children. Here is Sofie on Little Bella. Sofie joined CFS pony club back in early 2019 and became well and truly hooked in her love of horses and riding. Well done everyone!



Principal's Award

This 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!

Reception *We look forward to our youngest pupils in Reception starting to receive House Points after Christmas, and Mrs New cannot wait to invite some of the pupils to her tea parties next term!*

Edge Robertson	Year 1	for always following instructions, working hard and setting a good example to the class.
Florence Coote	Year 2	for creating some beautiful stars for the backdrop of the Key Stage 1 Christmas production.
Gracie James	Year 2	for exceptional determination in Maths rising to the challenge and for some excellent horse riding.
Charlie Bucksey	Year 3	for a consistently full homework diary of reading.
Mehreen Rahman	Year 3	for producing some wonderful narrative writing and artwork.
Tiggy Skinner	Year 3	for outstanding athletic endeavour.
Benji Glasson	Year 4	for reaching Grade 1 in piano.
Ella Knight	Year 4	for going above and beyond with Times Tables Rock Stars.
Julia Tolysz	Year 4	for being awarded 5th place in her dance competition.
Mariella Mitchell	Year 5	for being a kind considerate girl, supporting both her peers and teacher.
Ollie Morgan	Year 5	for outstanding art work of Shackleton crossing South Georgia.
Gabriella Tolysz	Year 5	for getting to the semi final of a national ballroom championship.
Freddie Williams	Year 5	for his resilience, perseverance and fantastic effort during the inter-house competition.
Amelia Angell	Year 6	for being a fabulous Anti-Bullying ambassador.
Lexie Ashcroft	Year 6	for helping with the fruit trolley in the mornings as well as organising the play trolleys for breaktimes.
Lucas Bulger	Year 6	for outstanding additional homework on biomes.
Harriet Fellick	Year 6	for some outstanding biome work, completing extra Maths work at home and being responsible around school.
Carvey He	Year 6	for outstanding effort in the Maths practice SATs.
Harry Stubbington	Year 6	for being a fabulous Anti-Bullying ambassador.

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Jacob Panton	Year 7	for winning the Under 13 Category in a Mountain Bike race.
Jamie Cantwell	Year 8	for excellent contributions in French and consistent high achievement in class.
Matilda Cooper	Year 8	for being awarded Star of the Week in French.
Mya Dunning	Year 8	for excellent engagement in Protect our Planet Day.
Rafferty Gregory	Year 8	for achieving nine 'Streak Free' days.
Millie Hermans	Year 8	for outstanding English homework.
Oliver McCrory	Year 8	for a huge improvement in Maths. Doing everything expected and challenging himself.
Ava Moore	Year 8	for independently completing a diary of all the activities completed in STEM club.
Ted Reynolds	Year 8	for composing and delivering a great ecology presentation in Science.
Freddie Angell	Year 9	for great effort and resilience in Maths, fantastic efforts in helping to raise £450 for the Royal British Legion and helping with the garden project.
Lizzie McKellar	Year 9	for helping with the Principal's garden project.
Roman Ottley	Year 9	for fantastic efforts in helping to raise £450 for the Royal British Legion.

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Grace Acton	Year 10	for some super work in Maths.
Laila Hellyer	Year 10	for an excellent physical performance at the Cross Country event, combined with being an excellent ambassador for the School through her attitude, behaviour and overall conduct.
Lillie Hellyer	Year 10	for an excellent physical performance at the Cross Country event, combined with being an excellent ambassador for the School through her attitude, behaviour and overall conduct.
Anna Holcroft	Year 10	for always display an excellent attitude to learning in French and completing every piece of homework on time this term.
Sumaiya Sultana	Year 10	for being the perfect subject expert within Religious Studies and sharing her vast knowledge.
Lillie Aburrow-Hills	Year 11	for excellent Business Studies coursework and an excellent, mature attitude to learning in Maths.

January/February

Dates that are in red are either new events published since the first calendar was circulated, or dates that have had to move.

Date and Time	Event	Year Groups
Wednesday 4 – Friday 6 January	House event – Natural World Art event	Whole school
Thursday 5 January 0930	Prospective Reception Admission tour	
Thursday 5 January	Flu vaccinations	7 - 9
Thursday 5 January	Boys badminton fixture	7 - 9
Friday 6 January	Primary discos 1535 – 1635: KS1 1700 – 1830: KS2	KS1 & KS2
Monday 9 – Friday 20 January	House event – Natural World Art event	Whole school
Tuesday 10 January	Boys basketball fixture	7 - 9
Wednesday 11 January 1700 – 1900	Futures and Open evening	8 & Parents
Thursday 12 January 1500 – 1800	Boys basketball fixture	7 - 9
Monday 16 - Friday 20 January	House event – Natural World Art event	Whole school
Monday 16 – Friday 20 January	Drugs Awareness week and Police visits	8 - 10
Monday 16 – Friday 20 January	Practice SATS	6
Monday 16 January	Forensics	9
Tuesday 17 January 1700 – 1800	GCSE Information Evening	10
Thursday 19 January 1300 – 1340	Thursday Lunchtime Live: Careers talks	Secondary
Thursday 19 January 1300 – 1500	Netball fixture	3 & 4
Thursday 19 January 1500 – 1800	Boys basketball finals	7 - 9
Friday 20 January	Little City	EYFS
Monday 23 – Friday 27 January	House event – Community Fortnight	Whole school
Tuesday 24 – Wednesday 25 January	Music composition exam	11
Tuesday 24 January	Young Voices at the O2	5 & 6
Tuesday 24 January 1500 - 1800	Rugby fixture	7
Wednesday 25 January 1700 – 2000	Guided Choices and Pupil Progress Consultation	9 & Parents
Wednesday 25 January	Get Inspired Trip, Portsmouth Guildhall (date tbc)	8
Wednesday 25 January 1300 – 1700	Cross Country fixture	5 - 8
Wednesday 25 January	Girls Rugby Festival	7 - 9
Friday 27 January	GCSE Media Trip	10
Friday 27 January	Dance workshop day	9
Friday 27 January	Primary movie night	KS1 & KS2

January/February

Monday 30 – Friday 3 February	Class Council Week	Whole school
Monday 30 – Friday 3 February	House event – Community Fortnight	Whole school
Monday 30 – Friday 3 February	GCSE taster lessons	9
Monday 30 January	London Science Museum trip	8
Tuesday 31 January	Rugby fixture	8
Tuesday 31 January	Art trip	9
Wednesday 1 February	Reports home to parents	11
Wednesday 1 February 1300 – 1500	Quicksticks, Westgate	5 & 6
Thursday 2 February 1300 – 1500	Future Flyers	Primary
Thursday 2 February 1300 – 1340	Thursday lunchtime live: careers talks	Secondary
Thursday 2 February 1700 – 2000	Pupil Progress Consultation (virtual)	11
Thursday 2 and Friday 3 February	Vision and hearing screening	Reception
Friday 3 February 1800 - 2100	CFS Quiz	Parents
Friday 3 February TBC	Night at the Novium Museum	4
Monday 6 – Friday 10 February	House event – Community Fortnight	Whole school
Monday 6 – Friday 10 February	School Council Week	Whole school
Monday 6 – Friday 10 February	GCSE Taster lessons	9
Monday 6 February	Grease Production dress rehearsal	Whole school
Monday 6 February	Food practical examination (group 1)	11
Monday 6 February	Vision and hearing screening	Reception
Tuesday 7 February	Food practical examination (group 2)	11
Tuesday 7 February 1500 – 1800	Rugby fixture	9
Tuesday 7 February 1830	Grease Production	Whole school
Wednesday 8 February	Music performing exam	11
Wednesday 8 February 1830	Grease Production	Whole school
Thursday 9 February	Food practical examination (group 3)	11
Thursday 9 February 1830	Grease Production	Whole school
Thursday 9 February 1800 - 2000	Parent Ambassadors meeting	Parents
Friday 10 February TBC	Night at the Novium Museum	4
Friday 10 February	Lunchtime music concerts	Primary
Monday 13 – Friday 17 February Half Term		
Monday 20 February INSET DAY (Year 11 revision sessions)		