

New Chapter School

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Year 2 News

To kick start our exciting topic of 'Life in the Freezer', we read the story of '365 penguins' which is about a family that mysteriously receives a penguin every day for a whole year. We were tasked to use our maths brains to help us measure out how long 365 penguins would be. We made lots of clever predictions even into the thousands. Next, we went into the hall and worked with Class 4 to accurately place the penguins in an order which could be measured in length. After break, we were introduced to the continent of Antarctica and the animals that inhabit it. This dense, deserted landscape is twice the size of Australia and covered in thick ice. After learning many interesting facts, we shared our own 'I know' facts and then created our own 'I wonder' questions that we would like to know by the end of our topic. Here are a few examples:

Izzy: 'How do penguins catch their food?'

Oscar: 'How do people survive in Antarctica?'

Tommy: Why is Antarctica so cold?



After lunch, we raced each other to see who in the class could melt their ice cube the quickest. We used our talk partners and each came up with an idea but we were only allowed to use one of our ideas for our experiment. The winning group melted their ice cube only 58 seconds after using their hands to rub the ice cube quickly. We discussed that we could have been more successful if the ice cube broke and separated making it quicker to melt two smaller pieces rather than one big piece. Next, we were tasked to see who could keep their ice cube from melting for the longest time! We had to work on our own this time and use materials, resources and even the outside environment to help us slow down the melting of our ice cubes. At the end of the day, we still hadn't worked out whose ice cube lasted the longest as they had remained frozen for over an hour and a half! When we came in to school the next day, Mr Morris told us that the winning ice cube lasted close to 2 hours and 20 minutes.



This week, in Geography, we have been learning how people survive and live in the polar regions. We have been studying the Inuit population in Canada and North America. We found out that they live in communities similar to ours; however, when they need to go out and hunt for food they build igloos and temporary shelters when they are tracking animals and travelling from place to place. In Art, we worked in partners to create our own igloos using papier-mâché techniques.

In Maths, we have been learning new ways of representing additions and subtractions. We have also been learning how to add 3 single digit numbers. We have enjoyed using bar models to help us write and solve additions and subtractions, and find fact families. In order to solve adding 3 single-digit numbers, we have been using part-whole models with three parts! To challenge ourselves further we have been finding out how many different additions we could write for a number using these part-whole models. We are finding Power Maths fun, engaging and challenging and are enjoying using new methods to help us solve number problems.

EYFS News!

In EYFS this week we listened to the story of Handa's Surprise by Eileen Brown.

We used our senses to explore the fruits from the story, describing their texture, smell and their taste. We used a class tally chart to record our favourite fruits. In class 1 Banana and Pineapple was the favourite and in Class 2 Pineapple was the most popular. No one liked the avocado! Dylan said "it was because it was too slimy".



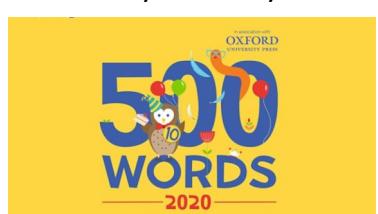
Are you a budding author? Then why not try the BBC Radio 2's *500 words* competition that has launched this week. All stories must be **500 words** or fewer and can be written about anything!

It's a competition based on imagination and creativity, not spelling and grammar, so be as imaginative and original as you can!

You must be aged between 5 and 13 years old and all stories must be submitted online. Entry closes on Thursday 27th February at 8pm.

For all the information go to bbc.co.uk/radio2 and click on the link for 500 words. Here you will also find tips, tricks, prizes and examples of winning stories from last year that you can read or even listen to as a bed-time story.

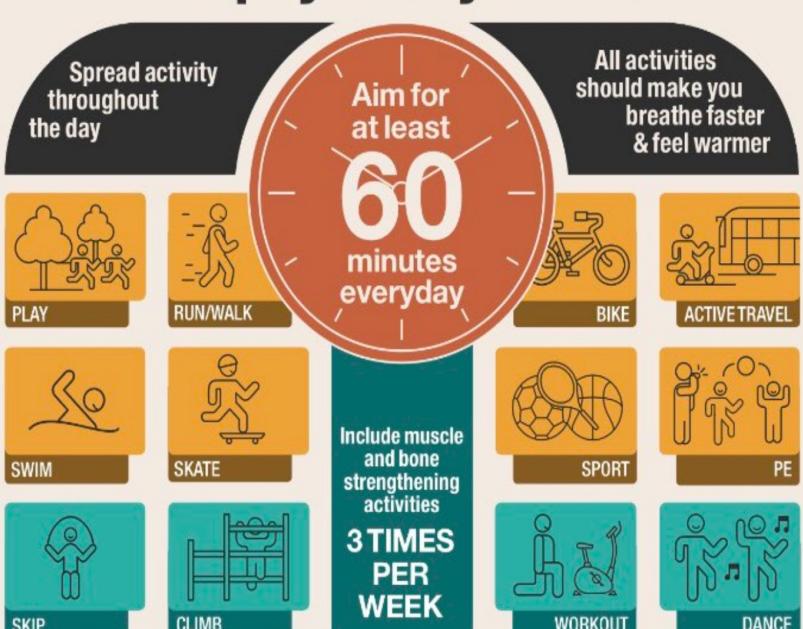
Good luck!



Physical activity for children and young people (5–18 Years)



Be physically active



IT ADDS UP!

If you read just 15 minutes a day, in one year you will have read over 1,000,000 words!

Source: Statisticbrain.com



PARKING

We can not re-iterate how important it is that people follow the law and their common sense when dropping off and picking up children from school. We do not want any child to get hurt.

People not only need to park legally but also safely, we all have a responsibility to teach the children about road safety.

We are aware of an incident outside school this week but ask you to remember we are proud of our community code: **LEARNING, LOVE AND LAUGHTER** and our core values: **HONESTY, INTEGRITY, EQUALITY, TOLERANCE, RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY**, we ask as parents and carers of children who are part of our community to support our values by modelling these behaviours just as we do in school through our assemblies and in our own behaviours. Adults and children follow these values.

A reminder of the laws!:

White zig-zag lines

Much like their yellow cousins, white zig-zag lines prevent road users from parking at any time. You can expect to find them near pedestrian crossings.

Yellow zig-zag lines

Drivers are not allowed to overtake in these areas as doing so will be very dangerous. Unlike white zig-zag lines, these are enforced by local authorities and police so even if you don't see a sign, you still can't park there.

Breakfast club

If you would like your child to have a place in Breakfast Club, then please collect a form from the school office. Children will be allocated a place on a first come, first served basis.



Parents' evening

Parents' evening will be on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February from 3.50-6.00pm. You will be able to make a booking via the eSchools website from Tuesday 22nd January. All bookings for parents' evening can only be made via eSchools. If you have forgotten your log in details please contact the school office. Alternatively for technical support please call eSchools on 08455578070.



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MANIC MONDAY

Community Cafe
Coffee Hall
MK6 5EG

8 – 10 am

Weekly drop-in session
after the school run.
Free coffee and cakes!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Starts Monday 27th January!

	Star of the week	Kindness Awards	Class Attendance %	Class Kindness
Class 3	Isaac	Ayden	95.2	2
Class 4	Daisy	Corey	95.0	33
Class 5	Kesharia	Layton	94.4	18
Class 7	Nuriel	Kobey	96.2	8
Class 8	Emma	Lily	98.3	18
Class 9	Harvey	Angel	95.2	0
Class 10	Ruby	Gabby	99.2	2
Class 11	Lily-Mae	Millie	98.4	13
Class 12	Hannah	Liam	98.3	21
Class 13	Ellie	Sophiah	93.2	0
Class 14	Sam	Estelle	99.2	0

House	Weekly points	Total points
Air	231	4200
Earth	272	4523
Fire	308	5090
Water	264	4037

Hot Chocolate Fridays

Congratulations to the children pictured, who joined Mr Billing for Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher on Friday 10th January. As always we're all excited to see who gets to join me the next few weeks.



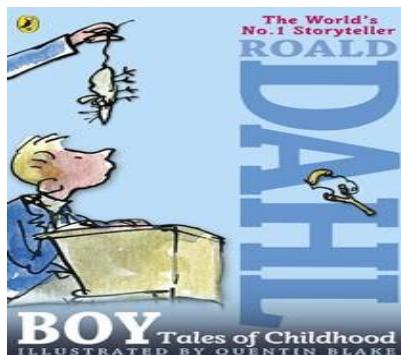
Diary Dates	
11/02/2020	3.50pm-6pm Parents' Evening
12/02/2020	3.50pm-6pm Parents' Evening
14/02/2020	Last day of term
24/02/2020	First day of term
03/04/2020	Last day of term
06/04/2020	Inset day
20/04/2020	First day of term
22/05/2020	Last day of term
01/06/2020	First day of term
19/06/2020	Inset Day
02/07/2019	Sports Day
07/07/2020	3.50pm-6pm Parents' Evening
08/07/2020	3.50pm-6pm Parents' Evening
17/07/2020	Last day of term



Reading Room – book review

'Boy' by Roald Dahl

A humorous autobiography of Dahl's days as a child – a must read for anyone who likes Roald Dahl!



Average attendance

for the last week was 96.6