

New Chapter School

Class 9 News

Wow! This year is off to a flying start. First of all, we have loved welcoming back the children after a long break and seeing their smiling faces ready to learn. I have been really impressed with how well they have settled back into the routines and expectations of school life at New Chapter and I couldn't be prouder of them.

We started off the year with our wow day for our Circle of Life topic. Throughout the day, children learnt all about the Maasai

tribe in Africa and underwent some of their daily routines such as spear throwing (using javelins), making colourful jewellery and even building their own mud hut. Some children even challenged themselves to add in a door and reinforce it with art straws. In the afternoon, we looked at African sunsets across the savannah and created a colour wash with animal silhouettes over the top.



In English, we have been building up to writing our own non-chronological reports and conducting research about different animals. This week, we have focussed on giraffes. The children were fascinated to learn that an adult giraffe can be as tall as

18ft compared to a baby around 5ft. We decided to take the children outside and use chalk to draw lines on the playground showing the height of a baby and adult giraffe and measure everyone in comparison to them. We also learnt that a giraffe eats around 30-35kg of leaves a day. We used a 1kg weight to show the children how heavy this is and how many leaves it would take to make up that weight! Next week, the children will move on to researching their own African animals to write a non-chronological report of their own.



Year 6 applications for a secondary school place (September 2021)

It is that time of the year when you should be thinking about which secondary school you wish your Year 6 child to attend from September 2021. Pupils will not automatically get a place allocated at their nearest school, so **every** parent needs to apply for a place no matter which school they are applying for. Some schools are oversubscribed, which means a late application may jeopardise your child's chances of receiving a place and you may then be allocated a place at a school which would not be a preferred choice.

The application window for secondary school applications opened on 1st September 2020 and closes at midnight on **31 October 2020**. Applications must be completed online. **If you do not have access to a computer at home or would like support with this process please contact the Pastoral team.**

Reading books in Key Stage 1.

Parents and carers of children in year 1 and 2 may have found some of our new reading books in book bags this week (seen in this picture). These are books we are asking children to read to adults, with support where necessary. These will be changed by their phonics teacher on a **Monday** and **Thursday**, providing they can return their current one on the same day. Children are also taking home books from our class book box. A book for pleasure we like to call it. These are books for children to enjoy with a family member, discuss the story and pictures, as well as use as use for the traditional bed time story. Children will be able to swap these more frequently, providing they bring their current ones back. If you have any questions regarding either reading book please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.



Your child may be able to get **free school meals** if you receive any of the following:

Income Support

income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

income-related Employment and Support Allowance

support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop **qualifying** for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)



Teacher's Contact emails

We received some positive feedback regarding parents and carers being able to email their child's class teacher and as a result of this effective means of communication, you are still able to email your child's class teachers at the following email addresses:

Mrs Trewiss: class1@mket.org.uk

Mrs Catlow/Mrs Gentry: class2@mket.org.uk

Miss Davies: class3@mket.org.uk

Miss Haig: class4@mket.org.uk

Mrs Williams: class5@mket.org.uk

Miss Vigneswaran: class7@mket.org.uk

Mr Morris: class8@mket.org.uk

Miss Kynaston: class9@mket.org.uk

Miss Bennett: class10@mket.org.uk

Mrs Parsons: class11@mket.org.uk

Miss Burroughs: class12@mket.org.uk

Mrs Dunkley/Mrs Henderson: class13@mket.org.uk

Mrs Trigg/Mrs Green: class14@mket.org.uk



We are pleased to announce that we have a new addition to the New Chapter family!

Congratulations to Mrs Anderson and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby boy. Mummy and baby are doing well and we look forward to seeing them when it is safe to do so!

Pirates and Under the Sea

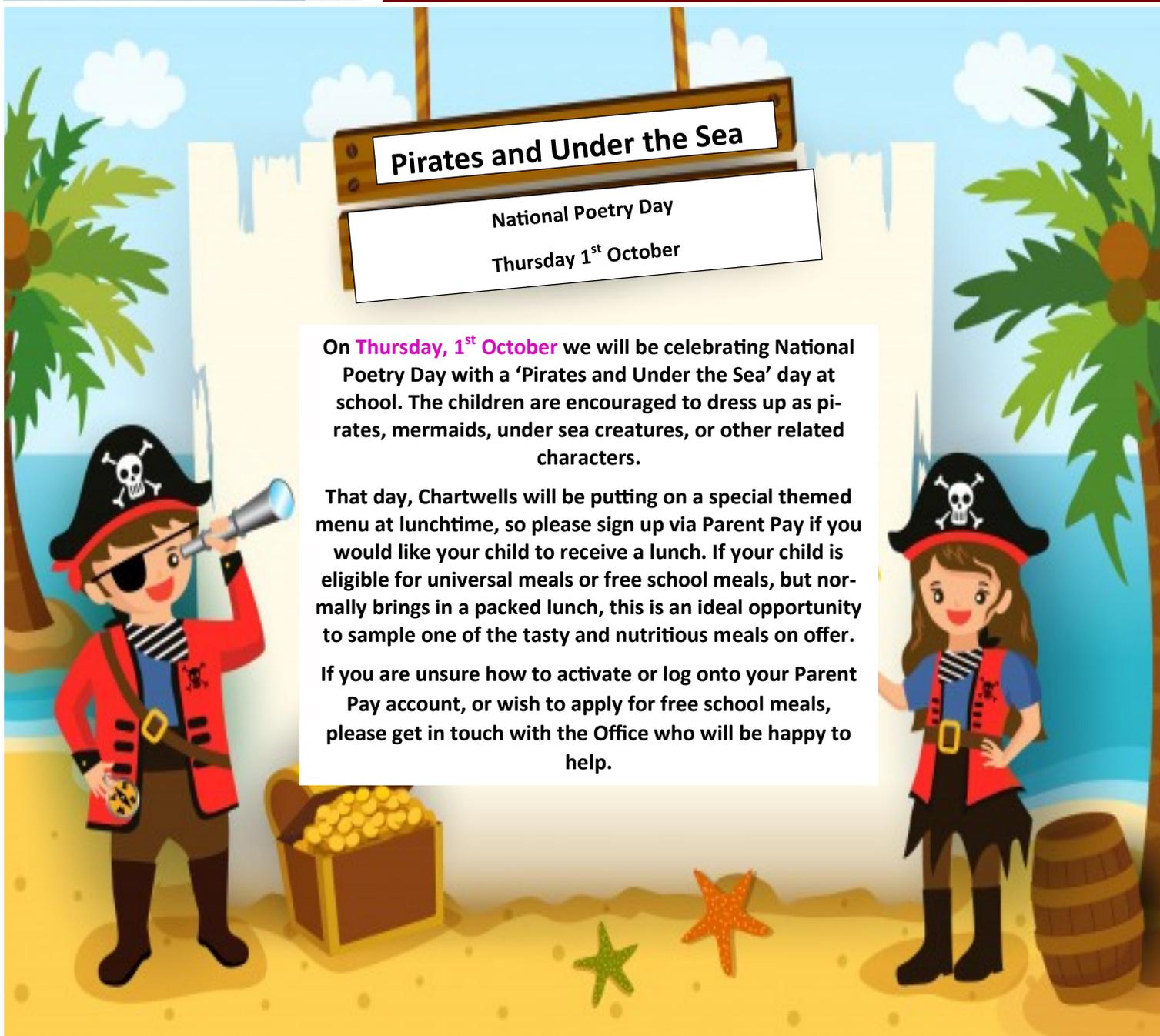
National Poetry Day

Thursday 1st October

On **Thursday, 1st October** we will be celebrating National Poetry Day with a 'Pirates and Under the Sea' day at school. The children are encouraged to dress up as pirates, mermaids, under sea creatures, or other related characters.

That day, Chartwells will be putting on a special themed menu at lunchtime, so please sign up via Parent Pay if you would like your child to receive a lunch. If your child is eligible for universal meals or free school meals, but normally brings in a packed lunch, this is an ideal opportunity to sample one of the tasty and nutritious meals on offer.

If you are unsure how to activate or log onto your Parent Pay account, or wish to apply for free school meals, please get in touch with the Office who will be happy to help.



Is your child due to start school for the first time in September 2021?

Apply online by 15th January 2021 via the website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

If you need advice or information on completing the online application for your child, please contact Milton Keynes Council School Admissions .

	Star of the week	Values Awards
Class 3	Eyla	Matas
Class 4	Dexter	Ayden
Class 5	Jiraiya	Mateusz
Class 7	Corey	Mikey
Class 8	Callie	Crystina
Class 9	Zain	Chloe
Class 10	Sizo	Andreea
Class 11	Asad	Alfie-Jay
Class 12	Atene	Thomas
Class 13	David	Skye
Class 14	Molly	Nathaniel

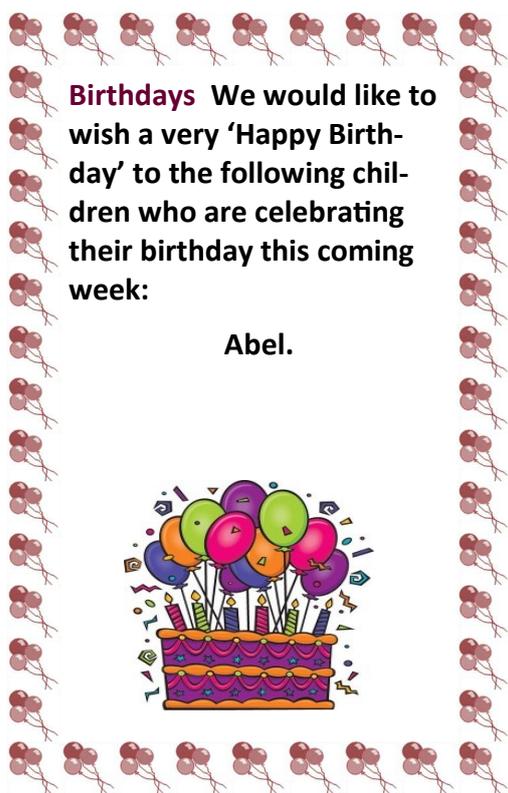
Important Dates



- 01/10/2020** School Theme Day
- 23/10/2020** Last day of term
- 02/11/2020** First day of term
- 23/11/2020** Inset day
- 18/12/2020** Last day of term
Children finish at 1.30pm
- 04/01/2021** Inset day
- 05/01/2021** First day of term
- 12/02/2021** Last day of term
- 22/02/2021** First day of term
- 26/03/2021** Last day of term
- 12/04/2021** First day of term
- 03/05/2021** May Bank Holiday
- 27/05/2021** Last day of term
- 28/05/2021** Inset day
- 07/06/2021** First day of term
- 16/07/2021** Last day of term
Children finish at 1.30pm.
- 19/07/2021** Inset day



Average attendance for the last week was 92.1 %



Birthdays We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to the following children who are celebrating their birthday this coming week:

Abel.

PE Kits

Please see the table showing which days your children have PE. We are asking that children come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE. Please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather, they can wear black leggings/jogging bottoms if it is cold and can also wear their red school jumper and cardigan on top of their PE t-shirt to keep them warm. Due to the current situation, PE lessons will be taking place outside as much as possible.

	PE Days
EYFS	Wednesday and Friday
Class 3	Monday and Tuesday
Class 4	Monday and Thursday
Class 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday