



Friday 24th September 2021

Look through the Newsletter and see if you can find some examples of our **Biblical Vision** in action.

*This week, how have we
Been true to Christ and His teachings;
Been known for kind and thoughtful actions and attitudes;
Been inclusive in serving, sharing and showing God's love to benefit all;*

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, there have been simply too many highlights for me to report them all to you, so I am delighted that our new Class 6 Journalists are now joining the Newsletter Team. Please read their reports on p3.

In last week's Newsletter, we introduced our School Biblical Vision, based on the **Parable of the Mustard Seed**. Throughout this week, I've noticed how many of our school activities do reflect those three branches: **Being True to Christ; Being known for kind & thoughtful actions; Being inclusive in serving, sharing and showing God's love to benefit all.**

What has been happening? Class R parents had a lovely PTFA welcome Coffee Morning on Thursday, with delicious cake... which was a taster for the grand Class 6 MacMillan Coffee Morning today. Mrs Wilde kindly stepped in, as Mrs McLean is unwell and the children did a great job serving their Governor, Class R and Class 6 guests, raising an amazing total for MacMillan Cancer Support.

On later pages you will read how the children have trained to support each other at play and lunchtimes, have challenged an apparent lack of inclusivity and welcomed the wisdom of Rev Hannah during Tuesday's Worship.

Some of our activities this week have really benefitted from the lovely sunshine and warm weather. Cooler temperatures will soon prevail, so pop along to the PTFA **Pre-Loved Uniform Sale** to pick up some bargains for autumn and winter. More details on p5. We are delighted to announce the **Autumn Book Fair** will be returning next month and our **Open Mornings** will start for prospective families to see the school in action. There's a lot to organise and a lot to be thankful for! There's just enough space for a final 'Well Done' to **Class R** children for managing their first 'whole days' in school so well. Happy Weekend everyone, Miss Minnis

Chevening's Christian Values

Our school has 8 Christian Values, all centred on God. Each week we look carefully for individuals who have really shown one or more value in school.

This week we are pleased to recognise the following children for their endeavours:

Class R (Miss Levy & Mrs Robinson) - The whole of Class R for showing **love** towards each other.

Class 1 (Miss Levy & Mr Langston)- Lydia for **love** as she has shown great care towards the new Class R children.

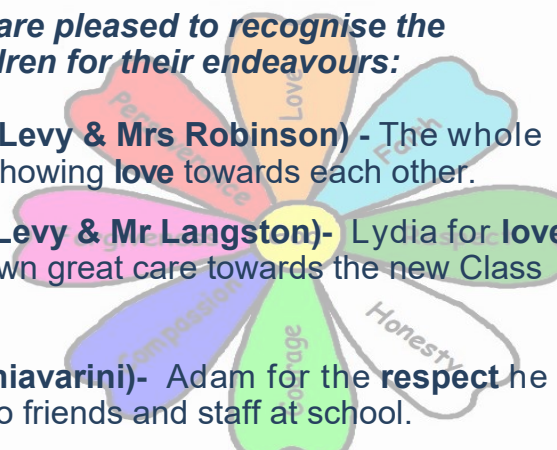
Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)- Adam for the **respect** he always shows to friends and staff at school.

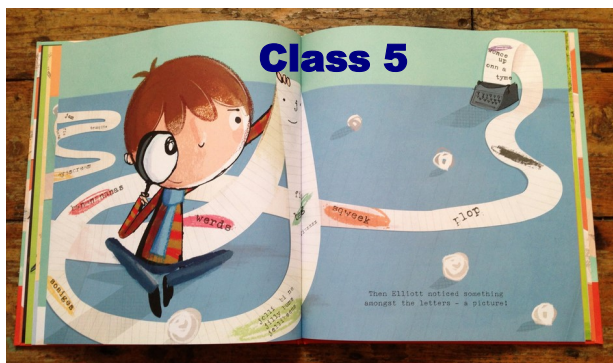
Class 3 (Mrs Edwards) - Herbie for his **perseverance** in taking on a challenge and learning how to tie his shoe laces.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Théo F for **honesty** and always being so forthcoming with the truth - an admirable quality.

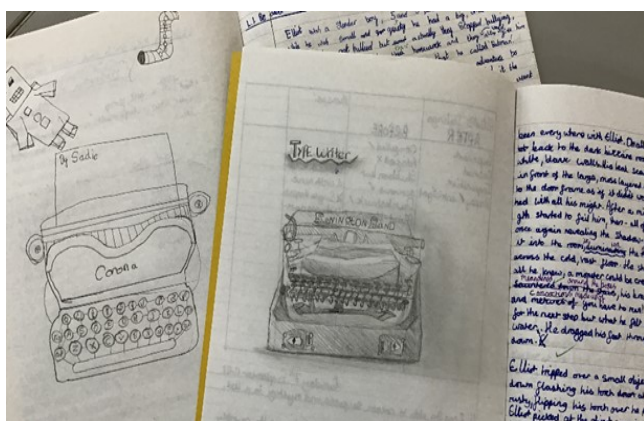
Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Joe, Emily, Abigail F and Finlay for the **respect** they showed at the Sevenoaks Play Leader training.

Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)- The whole of Class 6 for the **love** they have shown their buddies when meeting them this week and sharing the books they have made with them.



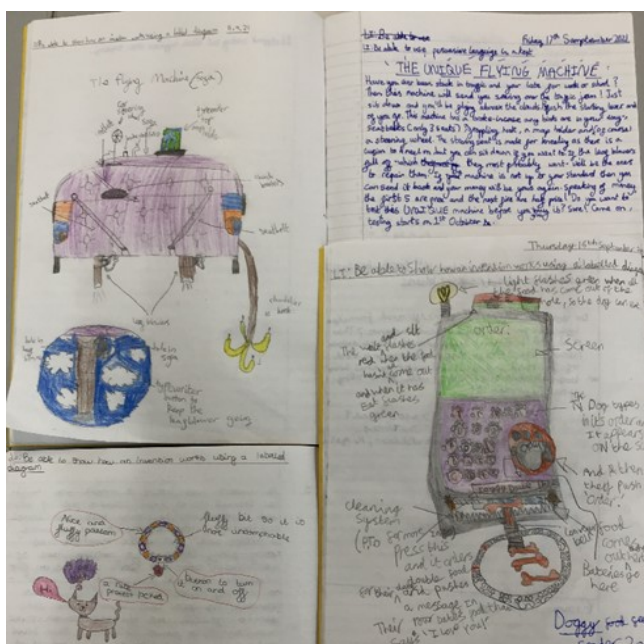


Class 5 have been enjoying the whole school book - 'The Story Machine'. We wrote our own descriptive versions based on the story for anyone who isn't able to see the pictures but could listen to us read our stories.



Next we invented our own 'marvellous, mysterious machines'. We practised persuasive writing techniques through writing adverts encouraging people to buy our inventions.

Have you ever been stuck in traffic and late for school? Then you need a new, unique flying sofa in your life to answer all your problems. Eliza can provide one for you at a very reasonable price! Here is her design and a few other amazing inventions.



We also decided to write to 'The Week Junior' about their sports features as we were surprised by the difference in coverage between the Olympics and Paralympics; as well as that of the amazing Emma Raducanu and the equally amazing British tennis pair Gordon Reid and Alfie Hewett.



Reid and Hewett not only won the US Open wheelchair doubles but also all four of the Grand Slam doubles tournaments of 2021 (which led to their eighth successive Grand Slam title)! We felt the coverage to be a little unbalanced, leading to an interesting class debate.

(There were 3 photos, including the front cover, and over 500 words for Emma versus 1 small picture of Alfie, by himself, and less than 100 words about the British pair.)

I wonder what you think about that? Do you want to join our debate?

Play Leaders

Hello, we would like to introduce ourselves as four play leaders who have been to The Sevenoaks School for training to be sports leaders last Monday.

We would like to help the younger children to enjoy more physical education (PE) at play times. We did a lot of activities during the training and learnt about S.T.E.P - which stands for Space, Time, Equipment and People. We have come up with our own games to help the children using equipment such as hoops, balls, flags and skipping ropes. We are really looking forward to running our club at lunch play – probably for the middle age year groups first and others later. Thank you for reading,

Abi, Emily, Finlay and Joe (Class 5).



Reports by Class 6 Journalists

Singing to Cheshire Home Residents

Chevening's Year 5 and 6 Choir were invited to sing to the residents of Cheshire Home at 2 o'clock on Monday the 13th of September. The children would normally go to the actual home itself but, due to Covid restrictions, they sang to them from the Chipstead Green instead.



The sun was shining, and the residents had just finished their delicious pub lunch and were ready to listen to Chevening sing. There were nerves and excitement in the air! The children sang three songs, 'Revolting Children' from Matilda, 'Consider Yourself' from Oliver and 'Doh a Deer' from The Sound of Music.



Imogen (Class 6) said "It was lovely singing to people who had been trapped in a care home for 18 months". Aoife (Class 6) said "It was a wonderful moment, to see so many happy faces".

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed the event thoroughly. We hope the residents of Cheshire Home enjoyed it just as much.

Written by Issy—Class 6

Chevening's new Lunch Routine

On the first day back at Chevening we had a new lunch routine where we would sit in houses and eat in three sittings. The Houses of the school are Sackville, Wolfe, Stanhope and Churchill. This system is new and has been an opportunity to meet new pupils in our house and make new friends. It is quite exciting to meet new friends who make you laugh or have a great conversation with you.

Issy in Class 6 said, "It has been a great experience!"

KS1 eat their lunch first, with KS2 dinners and finally KS2 packed lunches. It is very different to what we had before, but as Aiden in class 4 said,

"It is a really good way to chat with people in your own house."

Written by Nia—Class 6

Rev Hannah's Worship

On Tuesday 21st of September 2021, Chevening had a visit from their new rector, Rector Hannah Adams.

She was teaching about being wise and used different sign such as danger, one way and different traffic lights to help. Then, she did a funny breakfast of different ingredients not from her recipe. It taught us to always listen to others before yourself. It was a lovely visit and we really enjoyed having the Rector to lead our Act of Worship.

Matilda from Class 6 said, "I loved that she acted fun things out in worship!"

Sasha also in Class 6 said, "It was great and I loved the way she brought in actual food!"

Mrs BK our school assistant said, "We learnt about wisdom and foolishness, it was very exciting!"

Written by Nia—Class 6

Safeguarding

Keeping children and adults safe and promoting well-being is a core duty for staff, volunteers and Governors. We take our responsibilities seriously and seek to work alongside parents, carers and families to protect our community and keep everyone safe and secure. Please take time to read our [2021 Child Protection Policy](#).

Total funds raised from the Family Fun Day

A huge thank you to everyone who helped and came along to the Family Fun Day last weekend. Together with the cake stalls this week, we raised a fantastic **£2,050**. This is a great start to the year's fundraising activities.
Kelly, Hannah and Emma.

New Chair of Governors

Chevening's governors met this week and have elected Alan Leaman as their new Chair for this school year. The Governors thanked Prue Burrlock, who has stepped down from this role, for her enormous contribution and commitment to the school. She now becomes Chair of the Learning and Development Committee.

Our Rector, Hannah Adams, will continue to chair the school's Strategy Committee. David Lewis is the new Chair of the Resources Committee and will also continue to chair the Admissions Committee.

At their meeting, the Governors also reviewed work on the School's vision and the development of a plan for capital spending on facilities over the next few years. Alan will be presenting the results of this planning work at the PTFA's meeting next month.

The Governors are looking forward to the election of a new parent governor in a few weeks time and are also recruiting a new Foundation Governor.

If you want any more information or to contact Alan Leaman please do so via the School Office.



House Points

Houses	Total House Points
Churchill	612
Sackville	501
Stanhope	788
Wolfe	686

Learning with Lexia

Congratulations to Gregorio, Ella and Rosanna who have been awarded their Lexia certificate this week.

Pupil Premium

If your family has experienced considerable change in circumstance, you may be entitled to apply for **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**.

The criteria for successful application include:

- **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 get)
- **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.

You can apply on-line [here](#).

The application process must be completed by parents; The additional benefit to successful FSM applications, is that the school will receive **Pupil Premium Funds** to support a child's well-being and development in school.

Update September 2021: The Government have announced this week that they will issue **additional Recovery Premium** funding to support children **entitled to Pupil Premium 2021-22**. Please check the above criteria carefully, to see if it is applicable to your family's situation. **These funds are vital for additional support for children.**

For advice and support, please contact the School Office or speak with Miss Minnis.

School Council Elections

As well as settling down to new learning, new routines, new classrooms and new staff, the children have also been selecting their class representatives to School Council.

Each class (from 1-6) elects two representatives to meet with Miss Minnis, the Senior Staff and, sometimes, Governors. At the meetings, the Class Councillors represent their classmates in discussions, taking information and ideas back to share with their peers. Class R will hold their elections later in the year.

School Councillors:

Class 1– Primrose and Josh

Class 2– Isaac and Darcie

Class 3– Arthur and Jessica

Class 4– Helen and Aiden

Class 5– Oliver and Eva R

Class 6– Max and Molly

Class 6 MacMillan Coffee



Congratulations to Class 6 for organising a fantastic **MacMillan Coffee Morning** today! Class R and Class 6 parents were treated to an amazing array of delicious home-made (and some shop-bought) treats to start the day and help them chat.

So far, an **amazing £340** has been raised—and there's still cakes to sell!

Thank you to all the parents for supporting the event. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did!

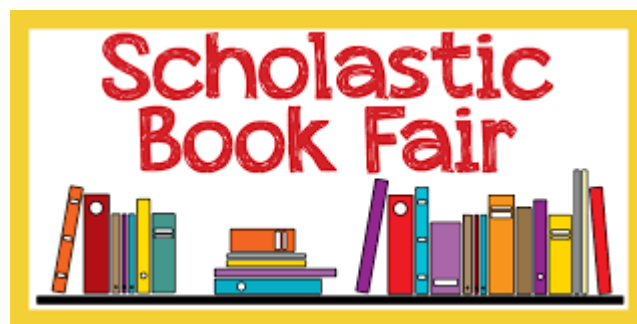
Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

We have good quality/hardly used school uniform available to purchase from the school.

There is a range of available items, in various sizes, including shorts and summer dresses - great for the warmer weather.

We will be holding a sale on **Monday 27th September** on the school playground. The sale will take place after school.

Payments will be cash only on the day.



The PTFA has organised a Scholastic Book Fair for everyone: before school **Monday 4th to Friday 8th October** in the Library.

This is a great opportunity to buy half-term books, presents for Christmas and stock-up on new books for autumn evenings! In addition, funds raised will help to provide the school with new books for classrooms and the Library.

Please come and see us!!



Chevening School Nursery is recruiting volunteers to join the Management Committee and take on the roles of Committee Chair and Treasurer. Can you help to serve this way?

Please see further information by clicking the Nursery logo.

Autumn Club Schedule

- * Classes 4, 5 & 6: **Art Club** (Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm)
- * Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Netball Club** (Mondays 3.15—4.30pm)
- * Classes 5 & 6: **Love to Dance Club** (Tuesdays 8—8.40am)
- * Classes 1 & 2: **Multi-Sports Club** (Wednesdays 3.15—4.15pm)
- * Classes 2, 3 & 4: **French Club** (Thursdays 3.15—4.15pm)
- * Classes 2, 3 & 4: **Tennis Club** (Thursdays 3.15—4.15pm)
- * Classes 3 & 4: **Boxing Club** (Fridays 8—8.40am)
- * Classes 5 & 6: **Football Club** (Fridays 3.15—4.15pm)

Please ensure your child is collected on time!

Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance ensures that everyone benefits from all that is on offer in school—socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future. **Our gates close at 8.55am, so learning can start and everyone is safe; please try to be on time!** Attendance and absence are closely monitored each day, so staff notice concerns and successes, even during COVID. The Government have said that absence, for reasons linked to COVID Guidance, will not impact individual children's attendance.

	Weekly % attendance	Year to date % attendance
Class R	94.4%	96.1%
Class 1	95.9%	96.5%
Class 2	97.2%	97.5%
Class 3	96.3%	98.7%
Class 4	93.5%	95.5%
Class 5	97.9%	97.7%
Class 6	94.1%	96.2%
Whole school	95.8%	97%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

Art Club

The children started Art Club this week and had a lovely first session. First, they watched Sarah draw and then used those techniques in their own pictures. They produced some fantastic work and really enjoyed themselves! Thank you for this amazing parent support!



Dates for this Term

Date	Event
5th October	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
4—8th October	PTFA Autumn Book Fair with Scholastic Books
7th October	Harvest Service at St Botolph's Church –more details to follow
11—15th Octo-	Science Week
19th October	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
20th October	School Photos (individual)
21st October	Last Day of Term
22nd October	Class 3 (ONLY) Online Parent Consultations (more details to follow)
22nd October	INSET Day (no children)
25– 29th October	Half Term break
1st November	Term 2 starts
2nd November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
9 & 11th November *	Online Parent Consultations (NOT Class 3) (more details to follow)
10th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
17th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
25th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID restrictions. *** We have already had to make some changes to our plans.**



WE ARE A GROUP OF CHEVENING PARENTS AND STAFF WHO MEET UP
TO PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOL EVERY TUESDAY 2:50 BEFORE PICK-UP*

JOIN US!

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN, TEACHERS AND
STAFF AND THERE ARE NO EXPECTATIONS TO PRAY OUT LOUD.

*Location could change, ask reception when you sign in as 'visitor'.

for info or prayer requests: laura@wickhams.co.uk



MAIDSTONE
MUSEUM



Love the past? Love getting creative?
Bag yourself a fun day of history and art
in **OCTOBER HALF TERM** with a Discover
Arts Award!

Ancient Egyptian theme

Monday 25th, Wednesday 27th or Friday 29th

Japanese theme

Tuesday 26th or Thursday 28th

Starts at 9am, finishes at 3.30pm. £30.00 per child per day.

Suitable for age 7-11. Led by two of the museum's
experienced Learning Team.

You can do 2 days to cover both themes but the whole
week is not possible as they are repeats.

Maximum 12 places each day, so early booking is advised.
Regretfully, some spaces in the museum are inaccessible
to those less able.

For more information go to:
museum.maidstone.gov.uk/whats-on/events/



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