



Dear Parents/Carers,

For a shorter week, we have managed to pack in a huge amount of opportunity, learning and success! I am very proud of the way that everyone has contributed to making this week go so smoothly, with class trips, Swimathon success, whole-school singing and fantastic learning. *Well done Team Chevening!*

Last week's Sports Races were the first opportunity for **ALL** the children to be together since March 2020. It was great to see the Nursery Bubble and hear the different Class Bubbles cheering on their House-mates across the school.

That success has been followed by Mrs Robinson's outdoor singing, which has really boosted our morale and well-being! Singing plays a huge part of normal school life, so it's been lovely to hear old and new songs from the valley.

The first group of 2021 Class R children have visited to collect their special Welcome Bag—full of surprises and fun! Tomorrow's INSET day provides a perfect opportunity for small group exploration of the Class R indoor and outdoor learning area by the future Class R children. A great start to getting ready for September!

As we think more about September, Mrs Stephens has announced that she will not be returning to school in the new academic year; she needs her time for family and fun beyond Chevening. Having been involved in school for many years, we wish her well as she plans her escape!

Please read on for more news and celebrations. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

With best wishes, Miss Minnis



It has been wonderful to bring the school together this week for "Singing in the valley" as we begin to practice for the Leavers' Service. Our wonderful outdoor singing has brought pleasure to the Nursery and our Pool Volunteers; no doubt it helped the Swimathon as well!

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)- Tomash for his **courage** is starting a new school with lots of new faces.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Skyla Lily for her **perseverance** in all her work

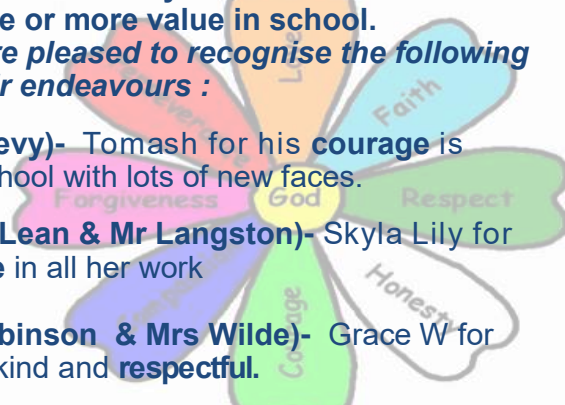
Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Grace W for always being so kind and **respectful**.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - The whole of Class 3 for displaying **all of the school values** on our class trip with their exemplary behaviour, manners and enthusiasm.

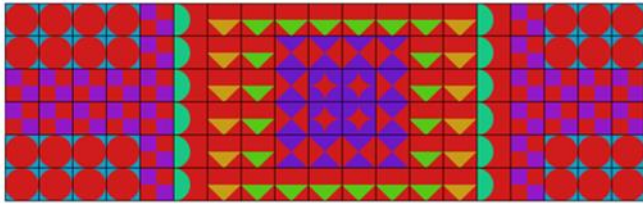
Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Jacob and Elisa for showing great **perseverance** in last weeks Sports afternoon.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Imogen and Stanley for **perseverance** and **courage** both when playing football and when reading written work out in class.

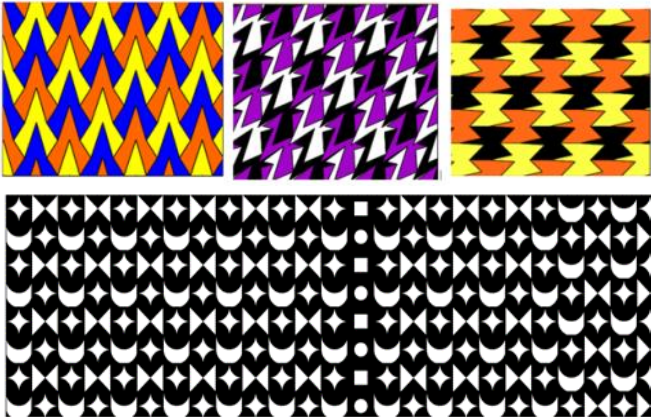
Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Sofia for her **perseverance** and hard work on the butterfly stroke in swimming



Class 5



This week Class 5 have been finding out more about Islam. We learnt that the Ten Commandments are common to Islam, Christianity and Judaism. However, in Islam, the commandment restricting the use of images means that you will usually only find abstract patterns and scripture as decoration in mosques. The children used the computers to design some patterns that they thought might be acceptable for use in a mosque. You can see some of their designs here. They have now found out more about tessellation, pattern and symmetry in mathematics and art.



Finally, in computing the children used another program to explore symmetry further and consider how some special effects may be created and used for films and images.



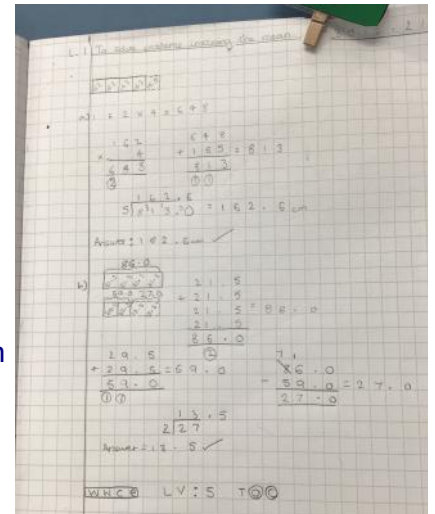
If you would like to try yourself, please click on the images to get to the websites and enjoy. There are 3 different types here.

Perhaps show us what you come up with!



Class 6

In Maths this week Class 6 have been using bar modelling to solve problems involving the mean average. Bar modelling is a great approach for representing the information a problem and then identifying what you need to find out.



We have also been working on a top secret project for our Year R buddies. Here are just a couple of clues but all will be revealed in a few weeks!



Pool Fundraiser Extraordinaire!

On Sunday 27th June Anna Burns completed her first 10k running race in Penshurst. Through her endeavours, Anna has raised £400 for the School Swimming Pool Fund. *Well done Anna and thank you!*

All other fundraising initiatives welcome!



Class 3 Lullingstone Trip Report

Class 3 had a wonderful trip to Lullingstone on Tuesday. We visited the Roman Villa in the morning, to link with our History, where we learnt all about how the villa was configured, what was found within it when it was excavated and how these items have been preserved for so many years. It gave us a real insight into how the Romans lived. After a picnic lunch by the site of the old grain store and a visit to the shop (of course!) we walked to the castle, where we did some sketching of our surroundings. On the walk, we identified some local plants, to link with our Science. We saw a huge field full of poppies, which was just breath taking. Our next adventure took us alongside the river. We identified trees by their leaves and branches. We discovered an Oak tree with the most enormous roots!

We had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Thank you so much to Mrs Wood, Mrs Burrige and Mrs O'Brien for accompanying us and taking such good care of the children. Thank you also to Mr Lang for driving one of our buses.



Activ8

Please note: There will be no Activ8 club on last day of term, Wednesday 21st July 2021.

Sports Day 2021

Sports Day 2021 got off to a flying start with a fly-over from The Red Arrows and some birds of prey! We were extremely lucky with the weather and didn't get the expected downpour until just after we had finished! We were pleased to be able to welcome Year 6 parents and the Nursery as supporters.

The children took part in a range of races – short sprints, long distance, relays, tunnel ball and over-under. Year 6 also gave a demonstration of traditional Scotch Handball to finish off the afternoon. James Wood did a fantastic, confident job as our commentator.



Every single one of our children displayed our school values in their attitudes, sportsmanship and behaviour. They were so supportive of each other and enthusiastic about achieving points for their houses. Our younger children, having never taken part in a sports day before, took the afternoon in their stride and did the school proud. Similarly, our older children were exemplary role-models for their younger peers and we are so proud of them. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and we truly hope that next year, we will be able to resume a more normal sports day, where all of you can attend and cheer loudly for our wonderful children!



Key Dates

Date	Event
2nd July	INSET Day (No children!) Class R 2021 visits to classroom/outdoor area
7th July	Class 6 Safety in Action
8th July	Hever Triathlon
9th July	Class 1 Trip Kent Wild- life Trust
9th July	Class R 2021—Welcome Bag Visit: 2.15-2.45pm
12th July	End of year reports to parents/caress
13th July	Love to Dance Pop Up to Own Parents
14th July	Class 6 Chevening House Tour
16th July	KS2 Swim Sports Event
16th July	Class R 2021—Welcome Bag Visit: 2.15-2.45pm
19th July	Deadline for Swimathon Sponsorship returns; Class 6 BBQ and Swim
21st July	Last Day of the Year! Leavers' Service—TBA NO Activ8 Club.

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID restrictions.

Swimathon Distance 2021!

Classes	Total Distance (Metres)
Class R	9,780
Class 1	12,630
Class 2	17,647.50
Class 3	20,572
Class 4	23,883.50
Class 5	28,786
Class 6	27,121
Whole School	113,326

Congratulations to everyone!! How far did we swim around the UK?

Golden Boot

Well done to Sebastian in Class 6 for being awarded the golden boot for Chipstead Football club.

Sebastian has scored 25 goals this season, the most for his team and across all the year groups.

We need more achievements and interests outside school



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	85%	96.9%
Class 1	97.15%	97.7%
Class 2	97.5%	98.2%
Class 3	100%	96.5%
Class 4	99.2%	97.85
Class 5	96.7%	96.1%
Class 6	92.5%	95.9%
Whole school	95.3%	97.1%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

Chevening Swimathon 2021

Congratulations to all the swimmers who did so brilliantly in the Swimathon this week. We were blown away by the determination and perseverance shown by all the children to cover as many widths or lengths as they possibly could. In fact, some children were enjoying it so much that they didn't want to stop swimming! Incredibly, the children covered **70.42 miles, which has exceeded our challenge of trying to swim across the English Channel (21miles)** Well done Team Chevening!!

Many thanks to Mandy Turner who worked so hard to ensure that the event ran smoothly. Thanks also to the team of willing volunteers and lifeguards who recorded all the widths and lengths covered, often for multiple children at once!

Please can you now collect your sponsorship money and either pay by cash in a sealed envelope to the school office; online through the PTFA website; or via bank transfer:

Chevening Primary School PTFA

Sort code: 60-19-02

Account Number: 71585796

Please put 'Swimathon' and your child's surname as a reference. Please return the Sponsorship form to the box at the school office so that we can match up the payments with the forms.

Aqualife Swimming Lessons

We are delighted to announce that we have **3 WEEKS of Intensive Swim Lessons** to offer you this Summer! The first two weeks will be held at the beautiful outdoor pool at Chevening School - see the photo below and the third week at The New Beacon School.

Bookings are open now and places will go fast. We expect to receive a high level of interest, and emails will be responded to on a first come first serve basis. Please do get in touch if you would like a space, and note which week you would like to book on your email.

Costs for the week will be:

GROUP LESSON - £80.00 per swimmer ;

121 - £142.50 per swimmer ;

221 - £210 per class (total for both swimmers)

ALL LESSONS ARE 30 MINUTES IN DURATION MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Please do check out our Facebook page for tips on how to put on goggles, hats and get dry after swimming: <https://www.facebook.com/AqualifeSwimming/>



Sevenoaks Swimming Courses

The Sennocke Centre is delighted to be running Return to Swim courses over the Summer Holidays for the local community. The courses are a great opportunity for your child to regain water skills and confidence. Following the government's latest announcement, we are delighted to offer Swimming lessons during the Summer Holidays. We will be running Intensive Swimming Course **for Level 3 upwards** during Sevenoaks School's Summer break and in line with Government guidance.

Summer Holidays 2021 Course Dates:

Week 1: 26 – 30th July; Week 2: 2 -6th August; Week 3: 9 – 13th August

Level 1 & 2 Whilst we are awaiting further clarification on running Levels 1 & 2, we are compiling a waiting list. Anyone wishing to register interest in either of these levels, please complete the form [here](#).

Level 3 upwards and Private Lessons

For full timetable information, level descriptions and to book, please click [here](#).

Private lesson spaces are limited and we can only accept bookings for the full 5 day course dates.

We can offer you reassurance we are a COVID-19 Secure Venue and are strictly following guidance and recommendations from Gov.uk & industry regulators Swim England along with DfE. To read the measures we have in place to maximise everyone's safety please visit our [website](#).

Chevening Swimhats—now available!

With School Logo and in House colours...

just £5 each!



Why buy a Chevening Swimhat?

- 😊 So much easier to spot your child in the sea / public pool.
- 😊 Keeps their hair drier during monsoon downpours.
- 😊 Rumoured to make them swim faster!
- 😊 *Help support fundraising for our school pool!*

Only 100 available, so buy your Chevening Swimhat ASAP!

Swimming hats will be on sale on Monday 5th July 2021 on the playground.

Please bring £5!

**HELP US RAISE £38,000
FOR THE SWIMMING POOL PROJECT**



Due to government guidelines the festival has been changed to Saturday 24th July. The organisers are donating £4 from EVERY TICKET sold to Chevening School to our PTFA! Buy tickets from Leonie Paris 07970006598 parisprojectsltd@gmail.com





We have **only 5 fish** left
to complete the second board!

You can help us.

How?

1. Donate £20 or £40.

Chevening Primary School Voluntary Fund
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2. Complete the order form.

Thank you!