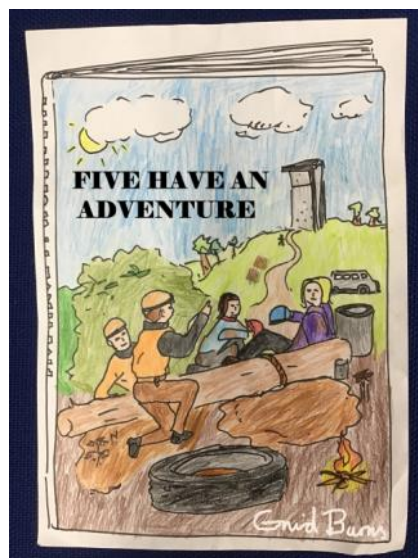




Friday 14th May 2021

The first to escape!



As Molly's brilliant picture depicts, Class 5 were the first to take full advantage of the easing in COVID restrictions, to enjoy a class day trip away from school. With careful planning and preparations, all the adults and children had a brilliant time—more details on page 2! Many thanks to parents/carers for your full support.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another action-packed week in school, with some school clubs, activities and trips happening. After an absence of more than a year, seeing the wider co-curricula offer returning has been great, although we have had a few glitches to deal with!

Clubs, activities and trips provide excellent opportunities to stretch physical, emotional and learning muscles, as well as broadening horizons. As the COVID-restrictions lift more widely next week, the situation within primary schools does not really change; Bubble integrity, distancing, ventilation, enhanced hygiene are all still required. Today's latest update suggests that localised restrictions may be required and enforced should *Variants of Concern* or rates of infection rise. Sensible precautions are still required, in order to maintain the new liberties we can enjoy.

Arrangements for the **2021 Swimming Season** are well underway. Today we have issued surveys to parents/carers, so that our Swimming Instructor, Mandy Turner, is able to understand each child's current experience and capability. Please send your responses in ASAP, so she can form initial swimming groups for each class.

Sadly, this week's national news included the story of a death by lightning strike. Please can ALL families ensure their children know the importance of seeking safety during storms.

Don't forget the weekend starts with **PTFA lollies** at the Rec, after school, **TODAY!**

Best wishes, 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)- Ellie for having the **courage** to give tasks a go and be keen to learn.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Alfie and Sienna for their **perseverance** in listening carefully and following instructions accurately to make their bog babies.

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Zara and Grace W for **perseverance** resulting in love towards her Maths work.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Beatrix for showing **love** and **compassion** when comforting a friend when they are upset.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Abi for always showing so much **Love** and **Compassion** towards others and being such a kind friend

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- All the values were in evidence this week during our trip to Carrotty Wood. It was wonderful to see **faith, courage, respect, perseverance, honesty, love, compassion and forgiveness** in action! Well done Class 5.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Abbie for her real **honesty**, allowing the class to have an open conversation about how we can impact the mental health of others.

Famous Five Have an Adventure!

Class 5 loved their visit to Carrot Wood this week. The experience helped us to develop our team building skills; as well as perseverance, courage, compassion, respect, faith, lateral thinking and encouragement of each other. It was great to explore the world beyond our school site again and 'get back in touch' with nature too. In fact, these 'mud-monsters' seem to have taken that idea to an extreme!



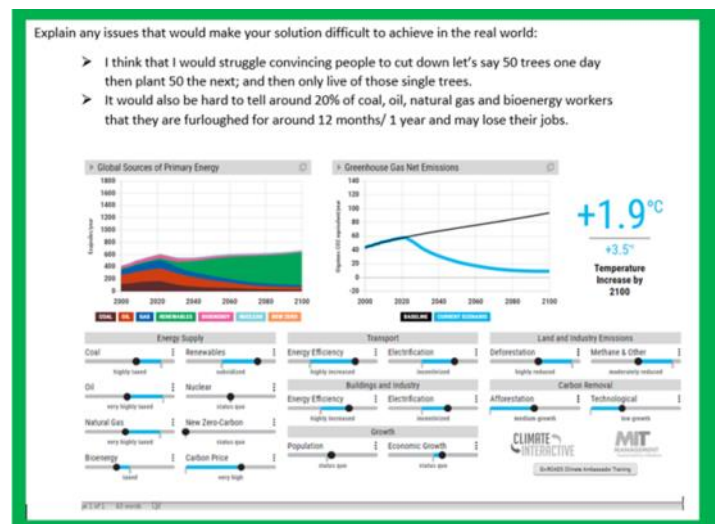
A slideshow/video of our photos is available for you to enjoy on the school website...
<https://chevening-st-botolphs.primarysite.media/> (The first half features Mrs Bates and Mr Garrett's team. The second half features Mrs Kandasamy and Mr Qureshi's team.)



It was also great for us to be reminded how valuable nature and our world is; and how we should respect our planet. It ties in well with our studies of environmental issues in our Geography and Science work. You might like to try this '[En-Roads simulation](#)' designed to help people learn about the effects that different policies have on the environment.

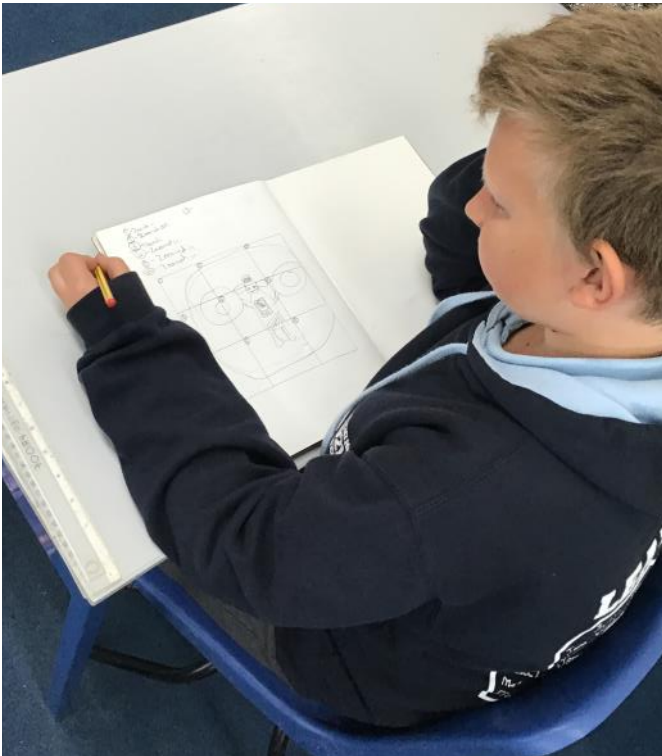
Here is Isla Rose's example where she has managed to reduce the predicted global rise in temperature from to 3.6°C to 1.9°C.

How well can you do?



Class 6

This week Class 6 have been learning about British artist David Hockney. We have been working to create our own "joiners" a piece of photographic collage. Look out for our final pieces on the Class 6 page of the website next week!



The global prayer movement started yesterday, but it's not too late to join in! Lasting until 23.05.21, there are great resources on line for all ages to spend time in prayer. In previous years, Chevening children have contributed to Prayer Stations in St Botolph's Church. This is not happening in the same way this year, but there are still opportunities to reflect individually, in small groups and on-line in different ways. Click on the image above for an introduction.



The Cheeky Pandas feature in the children's section of Thy Kingdom Come, with videos, songs, animations, prayers and interviews with special guests. Click on the image above for further information.

Worship

Next week's worship theme explores prayer as a conversation. Living prayerfully is not limited to Christians, followers of other faiths also seek time to listen, speak and respond in prayer and reflection. Two-way communication builds relationships, trust and harmony, which help to restore, nurture and stretch individuals, communities and nations. As Christians approach Pentecost, they also celebrate Ascension Day. To learn more, see <https://youtu.be/JQhKWmFJKnA>

Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,
I write to inform you that Mrs Dana Dobrescu has stepped down from the role of Foundation Governor, due to personal circumstances. Dana wishes to focus her time on family commitments.

Mrs Louise Dod will complete her term of office on 28th June 2021, after serving 8 years as firstly a Parent Elected Governor and currently as a Foundation Governor. Our great thanks and appreciation to Louise, who has held many positions including Vice Chair of Governors, Chair of Strategy Committee, Chair of Learning & Development Committee, SEND and Pupil Premium Governor, as well as Chair of Chevening School Nursery Trustees. Her time, energy and support have been invaluable to our school.

We therefore have two Foundation Governor positions available. Foundation Governors are expected to bring to the Governing Board an informed regard for the Church nature of the foundation of our school, to ensure that its Christian ethos is preserved and developed, and the religious worship reflects the tradition of the Church of England. Governors' responsibilities involve the considerable commitment of time and energy. It is not necessary for governors to be "experts" - accountants, surveyors, solicitors, teachers - but they must be willing to bring to bear their own common sense and experience of life on the many issues presented for their attention. Rev. Hannah Adams will seek and recommend people who she regards as being able to bring a Christian perspective to the life of our school. They will have knowledge of what Christian values might be from their own learning and relationships within their Church. Suitable candidates will be considered from St Botolph's Church, as well as other local churches. Please contact Hannah if you are interested in learning more, rev.hannahadams@gmail.com.

Prue Burrlock



Congratulations to feisty flyers: Alicia, Tristan, Arthur and James winners of the Paper Aeroplane Race at Early Morning Club!

Calling all gardeners

Local, mature horse manure for sale. Great for garden beds and vegetable plots. £5 per bag. Bring your own bag or 25kg bags available. Cash payments on collection. All proceeds towards School Swimming Pool. Please contact Prue (prue.burrlock@jabbs.com) to arrange collection from her home in Chipstead.



Family First Magazine

Family First is a magazine that is packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown. Please click the image for more details:



SCOPay

Please remember that when you receive emails from cheveningschool@scopay.com via SCOPay, any replies you try to send will **NOT** be received by the school office team! ScoPay is an unmonitored email system.

To send a reply you **MUST** email office@chevening.kent.sch.uk

We Are Family Festival

Missing the Chevening Summer Fair this year? Please don't worry, we've got something even better for you!

Presenting **'We Are Family' Festival!** The best way to celebrate the end of term and the beginning of the Summer holidays! Woohoo!!

THE family festival of the year! And only 10 minutes from Chevening. A beautiful location and great DJ's, it's a fab day for the whole family. Fair rides, arts & crafts stalls, pony rides, face painting, food stalls, a beer tent and dancing for all!

And the best bit - the organisers are donating £4 from EVERY TICKET sold to Chevening School to our PTFA!

'We Are Family' festival kicks off at 12pm, 17th July 2021.

Norsted Manor Farm. Orpington. Kent. BR6 7PM.

This event is fully COVID compliant.

Get your tickets and join in with this family jewel!

For tickets please get in touch with your class reps or Leonie Paris on

ParisprojectsLtd@gmail.com



The Big Ask – the largest ever national survey of children in England, designed to find out what their concerns and aspirations about the future area.

The Big Ask is now live at <http://thebigask.uk/>

The results from this survey will help identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. Please encourage your child to take part in this unique national opportunity.

Clubs Schedule

The clubs on offer for Summer 2021 are:

- * Classes R, 1&2: **Athletics** (Tuesdays 3.20 - 4.20pm)
- * Class 3 & 4: **Boxing** (Fridays 8am—8.40am)
- * Class 3 & 4: **Football** (Fridays 3.20pm—4.15pm)
- * Class 5 & 6: **Netball** (Mondays 3.20pm—4.30pm)
- * Class 5 & 6: **Hockey** (Thursdays 3.20pm—4.20pm)
- * Class 5 & 6: **Cross County** (Fridays 8.10-8.40am)

PTFA Update

The PTFA would like to thank everyone that took part in last night's wine tasting event. www.winesavvy.info provided a brilliant deal to maximise the funds raised. Wine Savvy can provide virtual or face-to-face bespoke and corporate wine tastings. This event has raised just over £400—thank you!

News from The Rec: Last week's Lolly Sale raised £100!

Save the Date: PTFA Fun Day

The PTFA are hoping to organise some fun to kick off the new school year on **Saturday 11th September 2021, 2—4pm.**

Including Music, BBQ, Bar, Inflatables, Donkey Rides, Face Painting/Glitter Tattoos, Coconut Shy—there's fun for all!



More information will be sent out towards the end of July.

Key Dates

| Date | Event |
|-------------------|--|
| 17th & 20th May | Parent Consultation Meetings |
| 25th May | Class 2 Bore Place trip |
| 27th—28th May | Class 6 Bush Craft Trip |
| 28th May | PTFA Mad Hair Day |
| 28th May | Last Day of Term 5 |
| 31st May—4th June | Half Term |
| 7th June | First Day of Term 6 |
| 10th June | Class 4 Bore Place Trip |
| 7- 11th June | Class 6 KCC Bikeability |
| 11th June | Class R Leeds Castle trip |
| 16th June | Class 6 Rochester Cathedral |
| 18th June | Inter-House Sports Carousel Morning (Children only) |
| 25th June | Sports Day Afternoon (Parents invited for lunch and races) |
| 2nd July | INSET Day (No children!) |
| 7th July | Class 6 Safety in Action |
| 14th July | Class 6 Chevening House Tour |
| 19th July | Class 6 BBQ and Swim |
| 21st July | Leavers' Service—St Botolph's Church |
| 21st July | Last Day of the Year! |

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

House Points

| Houses | Total House Points |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Churchill | 5059 |
| Sackville | 5120 |
| Stanhope | 5471 |
| Wolfe | 6616 |

Parent Safe

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when are, if we don't know what's happening on their devices. Who are they talking to? What are they doing? Are they okay? DigiSafe are helping parents understand how to keep children safe: online and beyond.

Please click on the image for more details:



Chevening Nursery

Chevening School Nursery, on our school site, has a limited number of places for this September. For further information please [click here](#) or call Suzanne to arrange a visit on 01732 452 342.

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 | 92.6% | 96.9% |
| Class 1 | 98.3% | 97.8% |
| Class 2 | 99.3% | 98.1% |
| Class 3 | 99.5% | 96.3% |
| Class 4 | 97.6% | 97.6% |
| Class 5 | 95.3% | 95.8% |
| Class 6 | 95.3% | 95.6% |
| Whole school | 96.8% | 96.9% |
| Excellent | >97%: celebration of excellent attendance | |
| Good | 95-97%: note of good attendance | |
| Poor | <95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance | |



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