



Friday 1st May 2020

"Each man will be like a place to get out of the wind.
He will be like a place to hide from storms."

Isiah 32:2

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm writing this on Captain Tom's 100th Birthday and reflecting on his impact in the midst of our current situation. His humility, perseverance, respect and depths of self-motivation are shining examples to us all. I wonder how we will remember this period of difficulty when we look back on our lives and how others will perceive us? Although this is a challenging time, it's worth remembering that other historical events endured for longer... and that significant efforts and determination were needed during the period of restoration that followed each crisis. There are opportunities for us all to learn and grow new muscles in our emotional, social and personal development!

The class teachers have been experimenting with clips to occasionally support specific home-learning activities. To a degree, these reflect some of the class routines, approaches and techniques, so may provide a little more insight to support adults supervising home-learning, as well as the children undertaking the tasks. Despite this week's rain, it's been another active week of learning on site and at home. The class pages certainly celebrate everyone's efforts—well done Team Chevening!

Please take a look at the information from the PTA team—a great idea to maintain a united Team Chevening 'feel' and, possibly, raise some funds for the NHS.

Please remember to use
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to share your news, photos and newsletter. Remember to "... be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble" each day.

With best wishes to all, **Miss Minnis**

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for generously offering to pay for the new playground shelter that Mr Garrett has built. This will be a great venue, in all weather, for cake sales, hot chocolate, ticket selling, etc.

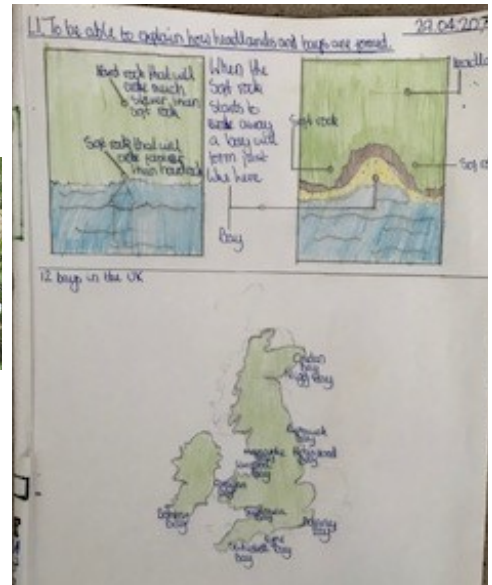


Christian Values

This week, even though we are not all together, we are pleased to recognise the following children for their endeavours:

All of Year R COURAGE & PERSEVERANCE	R	For trying their best and not giving up even when they found the learning tricky
All of Year 1 PERSEVERANCE, LOVE & RESPECT	1	For being good at home and working so hard
Huxley B - RESPECT	2	For tackling all his work so positively
Jessica W - COURAGE		For not being afraid to tackle difficult work
Sadie B LOVE & COMPASSION	3	For constantly thinking of others-continually checking in and showing them so much love and care
Leo C & Jack J LOVE	4	For such positive daily emails about all their learning
Digby S PERSEVERANCE	5	For trying very hard to keep up with all his work
Patrick B RESPECT & LOVE	6	For showing respect and love for his home learning

Home Learning Gallery - Years R & 6 - Please visit [Class Pages](#) for more



My poem about Christopher Columbus:

Went for a sail,
Said to my crew -
'We'll find riches of silver and gold,
More then we can carry, off the scale!!'

Went for a stroll,
Said to my crew -
'Take all the valuables you see! Don't stop!
We're a roll!'

Left my crew,
Said to the rest -
'Don't worry about them,
Just beat them black and blue!'

Went back to the Palace,
Said to my crew -
'Give our Queen the riches, jewels
And necklaces!'

Went down on my knees,
Said to my crew -
'Don't give up... we can get more gold,
If we travel the high seas!'

Went back to the New Land,
Said to my crew -
'These people are stupid! We're in charge!
And they're fighting us... this isn't planned.'

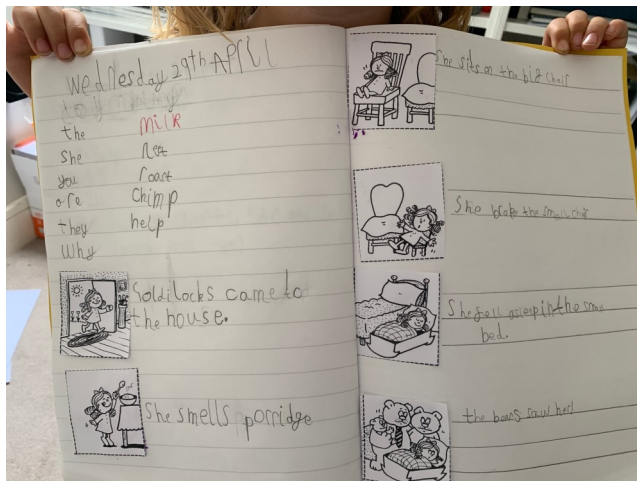
Went off to fight,
Said to my crew -
'Don't stop for a breath, we need to win!
Carry on all night!'

Went off to jail,
Said to my crew -
'Stay strong and bold! Remember everything I have told you:
'Always fight tooth and nail!'

Went to the throne room,
The Queen said to me -
'You can have one last voyage, but you are
Forbidden to return to Espanol, or you will meet your doom!'

Went on my last outing,
Said to myself -
'I love to explore, I love to discover...
One day it will be name they will shout!!'

Went to my death bed,
Said to myself -
'It will be my name
That they will shout!!'



Mrs Newton 28 April 1686

Sat under a tree,
I said to Him,
Why do these apples fall to the ground,
What could it be?

Charlotte creating heart cushions
for Darent Valley Hospital.



Personal Best Challenge

There have been more Personal Bests this week including some staff members! Mrs Roll has scored 20 netball goals in 1 minute; Mrs Thewlis ran for 25 minutes and then topped her PB to 30 minutes the following day. Tristan edged closer to his target of 25 burpees - he is now at 24. Ben scored 39 baskets in 5 minutes of basketball; Adi completed 17 burpees in one minute!. Great work everyone!!



Shivi has been doing some running to raise funds for the NHS. His "Personal Best" has raised £400 - will Shivi be like Capt. Tom and exceed his expectations?

Lexia Leaders

Congratulations to the following children for meeting their time targets on Lexia:

Murphy, Alice, Beatrice, Archie, Jacob, Sofia & Florence.

Congratulations to Arthur for completing the entire Lexia programme - Well done!

World Book Night



On Thursday 23rd April, we recognised World Book Night, an annual celebration of reading and books! We celebrate World Book Night because reading has been proven to have the power to lessen our anxiety and improve our sleep. Both of which are very important, especially at this strange and unfamiliar time.

If you didn't get a chance to participate on Thursday, don't worry! Have a look on the 'Special Events' link. There are lots of activities for you to get involved in and you can do as many of them as you like, in the coming weeks.



VE Day - Friday, 8th May

Friday May 8th is the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Our current conditions make it a little hard to celebrate in the way that was originally planned, but that won't stop us marking the day.

From joining in singing "We'll Meet Again" on our doorsteps after the Queen's speech at 9pm, to holding a VE day tea party in our back garden, the possibilities are endless.

This English Heritage [link](#) tells you everything you need to know about how to have a VE day celebration at home.

Join the nation to celebrate and send your photos to: lmclean@chevening.kent.sch.uk



On-site Learning

The Chevening on-site learning team have been creating some lovely stained glass window designs this week. See how many you can find throughout the newsletter.



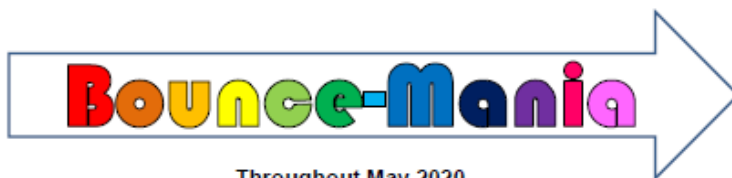
Worship & Prayers

This week's Acts of Worship have given the children an opportunity to look at themselves as friends, examining actions, attributes and motives; not a bad idea for adults as well as children! Given that we are physically apart, this is an opportunity to challenge ourselves and consider whether change might be helpful, wise and beneficial when we re-unite.

*A group of parents and staff have committed to continue to pray for our **school family** each week. Please email the school office if you want to join in—we share themes and anonymous news, needs, information, songs, prayers via email. If you want the group to pray for something, please email the school office.*



PTA News



Throughout May 2020

To raise funds for NHS Charities Together

For May, the PTA Team are challenging everyone to a bounce!

Keeping within the current expectations on social distancing, can you find a unique way to be part of the team and bounce along? We hope this will create some virtual fun—if you want to share your fun, send us some photos for the website! There is an option to raise money via JustGiving—see the PTA's email for more details.

Online Safety & Well-being

Once again, we draw your attention to InternetMatters.org, with their clear advice for on-line safety for all ages. During this time of home-learning, a number of scams, attacks and inappropriate contacts have been made, targeting businesses, groups and individuals. Please ensure your home IT is supporting your child's safety in the virtual and real world.



For further support and some free resources see www.elsa-support.co.uk

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