

Year 4 & 5 AGT Art Workshop



Congratulations to the 28 Year 4 & 5 CNPS Primary Partnership pupils, nominated by their schools, who took part in the AGT Art Workshop. Your effort and commitment was fantastic.

Miss Ashton, Art Teacher at CNS, based the workshop on birds, their shape and focussed specifically on the shapes and patterns of starling murmurations.

Miss Ashton explained that as starlings gather in the evenings to roost, often they will participate in a murmuration. The children were mesmerised by the image of a huge flock that shape-shifts in the sky as if it were one swirling liquid mass. The pupils then made their own murmuration installation in the Art Department. They each cut lots of different shapes of birds and worked together to display them on the wall. The effect was fantastic, and it gave the children real delight and pleasure seeing their work developing into a sweeping murmuration. This is on display in the Art Department.

Thank you so much to Miss Ashton, Mrs Thomas and Zuzanna, a Year 12 Art Leader; and of course well done to everyone who took part; you really were creative and hard working.

Mrs Phillips: Community Learning Lead

Year 10 Boys' Rugby Team add the County Cup to their collection



On Thursday 19th January the Year 10 Rugby team played John Mason in their second County Cup final in a row at Abingdon RFC.

After a tough first half CNS were leading 15 points to 7. With only 10 minutes left the score was 22 points to 12 to CNS but their determination and persistence paid off

with a number of tries at the end to finish the game as winners by 51 points to 12. The boys are enjoying another fantastically successful season with Captain Stan Norman receiving the trophy at the end of the game on behalf of the team.

**Mr Thomas:
Head of PE**



What's on at CNS

TERM 4 2017
Wk 22 A
Mon 20 Staff Training (no students in school)
Tues 21 Term begins
Wed 22 Y12/13 D&T visit to Owen Mumford
Thur 23 Y11/12/13 group photos in Hall
Fri 24 Y9 Options Evening in Main Hall 7.00 pm
 Y9 Options booklet to be sent home
Wk 23 B
Tues 28 A2 Lysistrata Drama Workshop 9am-4pm
 Y7 Reward Trip

MARCH
Thurs 2 Y9 Frantic Assembly Workshop
 Y9 Parent Teacher Consultation
 Tudor Hall German Play
Fri 3

Wk 24 A
Mon 6 Y9 Dance Workshop this week
 Y9 Options interviews this week
Fri 10 Y9-13 Dance Trip

Wk 25 B House Match Week
Mon 13 CNPS Science Y4/5 A,G&T 3.30-5.00pm
 Battle of the Bands 7pm
Thurs 16 Y13 Biology MRC visit
Fri 17 Y8 Enterprise morning
 Deadline for Y9 Options forms to be returned

Wk 26 A
Mon 20 Geog + Biology fieldwork (until 24th) (prov)
Tues 21 Y11 Performance Evening 7pm
Wed 22 CNPS Y1 Dance Festival CSLA 1.15-2.45pm
 GCSE + A level Music Recital evening 6.30pm
Thurs 23 Y12 Parent Teacher Consultation
Fri 24 Non-uniform day (Comic Relief)

Wk 27 B
Mon 27 Y11 History trip to Imperial War Museum
Tues 28 Y12 Performance Evening 7pm
Wed 29 CNPS School Olympics (1) Y2/3 1.15-3.30pm CSLA
Thurs 30 Y12 Exam Drama 9am-4pm
 Y8 English RSC Schools Broadcast 'The Tempest'

APRIL
Wk 28 A
Mon 3 Y11 English Assessments this week
Wed 5 CNPS School Olympics (2) Y2/3 1.15-3.30pm CSLA
 6th Form Showcase 4pm
Thurs 6 Dance Showcase 7pm
Fri 7 END TERM



HEAD'S LINES

Welcome to our first school newsletter of 2017. The excellent pictures in the centre pages of this newsletter capture the essence of our weather at this time of year, but the days are definitely getting longer and the evenings not so dark. Such feelings of optimism pervade the work of students in school, especially those who are preparing for public examinations this summer. It is therefore an ideal chance for me to reflect on what makes for good study habits. It also enables me to give some pointers to parents about supporting such work at home.

Success at school is the result of both determination and effort (the theme for my assemblies last week!) and before either of these comes the decision to try.

"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't--you're right." (Henry Ford, car maker)

After the decision to try, good planning and organisation is essential. Ensuring that students have all that they need to get the most from their school day is the responsibility of their parents, backed up by their teachers. The better prepared students are, the more effective their learning. Please ensure that you regularly ask your son or daughter whether they are ready for school

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Generous students support charities, near and far



Last term the School Council organised a non-school uniform day in aid of the charity 'THRIVE'.

'THRIVE' is a charity, based in Chipping Norton, which aims to support local children living in desperate circumstances. It was formed

to address child poverty at a local level in order to give children the best chance of breaking the poverty cycle and achieving the best they can be.

Oxfordshire is the most rural county in the South East. Child poverty does

not tend to show up in rural data as numbers are small. However, when all the small numbers are added together, the rural share (of children in poverty) is 23% or 3345 children (Oxfordshire Rural Community Council 2011). The experience of growing up in poverty in a rural area may be worse than in an urban area due to poor access to services that can help.

As a school we managed to raise £1,426.46, which has gone to the charity and shall be used to support local children living in desperate circumstances.
<http://www.thrive-northox.co.uk/>

**Luke Briggs:
School Council Secretary**

9SS 'Challenge for Charity'

Congratulations to 9SS who recently raised £136.52 for Wateraid, Medicin Sans Frontier and The Anthony Nolan Trust by selling delicious cakes. Thank you to Tiago and Gustavo Boeing, Abbie Slark, Lola Burnett and Beth Summers for all your efforts.

This event was part of 'Challenge for Charity' month during which students in the tutor group set themselves a challenge for January, with some choosing to raise money

for charity at the same time. Other students in 9SS have been running, taken up cycling, practised the guitar every day or attended daily HIIT training sessions.

Mrs Willett



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and have all they require for the day ahead, so that they will not need to ask for equipment.

Once in their classrooms, we want students who have a “can do” attitude. School work is hard and it is meant to be hard. We are always encouraging students to persevere and not give up when things get a little tough. There is nothing wrong with trying and failing. In fact, it is only through failing that we really begin to learn.

“I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”
(Michael Jordan, basketball player)

Bronze, Silver, Gold
Teachers have been discussing how to make sure that students regularly get the chance to tackle challenging work, to come across difficult problems, and to show the grit and determination needed to work through them. We are using the Bronze, Silver and Gold Success Criteria to encourage students to push themselves and have high expectations.

Responding to feedback
In addition, teachers are seeking responses from students to the feedback that they are given. You can ask them about this at home. In exercise books you should see where students have responded to a question or comment from their teacher. This provides a clear record of the improvement work that students have undertaken following guidance from teachers. Homework then helps reinforce these messages and provides students with additional thinking time about their work.

Simon Duffy:
Head Teacher

CNS excels in latest A level performance tables



The performance tables released recently confirmed some excellent

results from students at Chipping Norton School. The school was placed

3rd out of all state-funded schools in the county and outperformed some private and grammar schools both within and out of our county.

Additionally, Chipping Norton School’s excellent A level results means that they lie within the top 8% of state-funded schools nationally for value added.

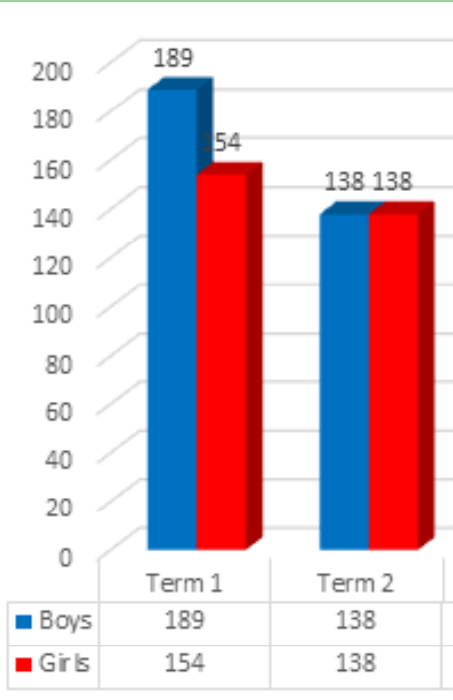
A value added figure of +0.19 means that students attending Chipping Norton School performed, on average, one fifth of a grade better across all their subjects than their counterparts nationally.

Mr Trainer:
Deputy Head

Spotlight on attendance



Students with 100% Attendance



Queue Jumpers update
During Term 1 the boys dominated attendance with the girls pulling back to equal pegging in Term 2. 183 students with 100% attendance in Term 1 and 2 have been given a Laser Kombat voucher to use between 13th February and 31st March; this entitles them to a free game. There is another opportunity to win these vouchers at the

end of Term 4 and 6.

A big ‘thank you’ to all the staff at Laser Kombat, Oxford.

Queue Jumper ‘Extra’ prizes this year are: vouchers from Shenington Kart Racing Club, Parkour Generations (London), Blenheim Palace, Adam Henson’s Cotswold Farm Park, Cineworld, Burford Wildlife Park, Tickittysshake and W H Smiths.

On behalf of all the students at Chipping Norton School I would like to thank the above mentioned companies for their continued support.

Ms Hancock:
Deputy Head Teacher

U I I Netball tournament



On a bright winter afternoon Chipping Norton School was delighted to welcome the ten netball teams from CNPS primary schools to the annual Netball Tournament. There is a lot of preparation for this tournament, by the pupils and their teachers, to ensure that they are at their very best and play to the highest standard.

The tournament is run by Chipping Norton School Year 12 Sports Leaders who all have their own specific roles included umpiring, scoring, warm ups and leading the entire tournament. They are supported by Chipping Norton School PE Department and Mrs Phillips.

After a hard fought tournament the winners were:
Small Schools: Enstone.
Big Schools: St Mary’s – who will go on to represent CNPS as the West Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership Tournament.

Well done to everyone who took part in this, and as always a big ‘thank you’ to the primary teachers and parents, who work so hard and encourage their pupils to do their very best, and of course our talented and committed Year 12 Sports Leaders. It is a great event and wonderful to see such enthusiasm from everyone. Congratulations.

Annual U I I Swimming Gala



Chipping Norton School was very pleased to welcome CNPS primary swimmers to the Annual Swimming Gala. This event is supported by Four Shires

Swimming Club members and Chipping Norton School Year 12 Sports Leaders.

The standard of swimming was very high

Year 3 & 4 Ball Skills Festival



Year 3 & 4 pupils from Hook Norton, St Mary’s, Great Rollright, Great Tew and Chadlington Primary Partnership Schools were welcomed to Chipping Norton School by Mrs Phillips to take part in the Ball Skills Festival. This festival is led by Year 11 Sports Leaders who take the lead and run the festival.

The children were split into countries and taken through various activities. They made up a team chant which caused great delight and noise in the Sports Hall. After that they warmed-up, played throwing and catching games and then took part in the Bench Ball Festival.

The Bench Ball teams were made up of mixed

schools, but after working together they became a determined team, and wanted to win.

The enthusiasm and effort demonstrated was overwhelming and the Year 11 students were very impressed by the younger children. Italy, the winning team, were made up of pupils from Hook Norton, Kingham and St Mary’s Primary Schools.

Congratulations to all of the students who took part; you were amazing and should be very proud. Thank you so much to all the staff who support their pupils. It was a great festival and we really enjoy seeing such enthusiasm and effort.

Four Shires said “Thank You for another well organised gala. Since helping out from 2009, I really think this year was by far the most successful. The standard of swimming continues to improve every year”.

Thank you to the PE Department, Community Learning Team, CNPS primary colleagues, the Year 12 Sports Leaders and, of course, the swimmers. It was a fantastic event.

Mrs Phillips: Community Learning Lead

AGT English Workshop



32 Year 4 & 5 Partnership pupils came along to Chipping Norton School to attend the Able Gifted & Talented English Workshop. The pupils were welcomed by Mrs Duffy and Mr Gent.

The theme of the workshop was 'The Tempest' and the teachers gave a short overview of the story and the characters. The first half of the workshop was spent using a parachute, and imagining stormy seas. This is a really good way to get everyone involved and to introduce the story.

During the second part of the workshop the children decided on a scene and

wrote a short piece in their groups. They then performed to each other. The workshop was lots of fun and the children all went home feeling they had learnt about the characters and story from one of Shakespeare's famous plays.

Taking part in this workshop was an exciting opportunity for the pupils to tackle a new topic, meet new people and go home with a massive feeling of achievement.

Well done to you all; you all worked so hard and Chipping Norton School really enjoyed hosting you.



Extra Time Science Club



Chipping Norton School has been very excited to welcome 88 Year 4 & 5 CNPS primary pupils to the Extra Time Science Club. The club has run for 5 weeks and the workshops are based on learning about Forensic Science.

During the five weeks, pupils attended four different workshops - Finger Print Recognition, Using a Bunsen Burners to identify chemical reactions, Chromatography (which identifies different colours within inks), and Microscopes (which identifies human and animal hairs). All of these workshop show methods and procedures on how Forensic Science is used to help solve crimes.

At the fifth workshop, the pupils used all of the skills

and methods they had learnt over the four weeks to solve a crime.

The teachers said what a pleasure it has been to teach the youngsters, and have been impressed with the commitment they have shown, and how much progress they have made in such a short time. Well done to everyone who took part. We know that learning about different aspects of Science will support you and encourage you to learn about the world around you and how it works.

Thank you to Mr Turvey, Miss Heath, Mr Prentice and Mr Mavromichalis, supported by Mrs Wilcocks, Miss Lloyd and Mrs Massey from Chipping Norton Science Department.

Mrs Phillips: Community Learning Lead



Auf dem campingplatz



On Thursday February 2nd, 76 students travelled to Tudor Hall School to see a German language play especially devised for secondary school students. The play 'Auf dem Campingplatz' was performed by the Onatti Theatre Company. It had only two actors and was about two friends (a boy and a girl) going on a camping trip together.

The play was very humorous and involved the audience by getting them to actively take

part on the stage. Dylan and I had to go and insult the boy character on behalf of the girl, who wasn't talking to him. Santi had to help the girl put her tent up and Will had to hide inside the tent.

Although the play was entirely in German it was very easy to understand because of the quality of the acting. After the play finished we were able to enjoy a drink and a snack in Tudor Hall's cafeteria. The students who went

commented that "it was really interesting and fun" and "it was a really great trip". We are grateful to Tudor Hall School for hosting this brilliant event.

Abbie Slark: 9SS



Charity concert: a date for your diary

Chipping Norton School Chamber Ensemble



CONCERT

In aid of



Children's Hospital
Reg. charity 1057295

Tickets: £3
on the door

Saturday 25th February 2017
11:00am

Chipping Norton Methodist Church

The Chipping Norton School Chamber Ensemble, directed by sixth former Emma Pascoe, is comprised of students from all years. Over the past year they have been building up their repertoire and are very much looking forward to performing in the town. Emma has worked extremely hard with the Ensemble and would like to give something back to both the school and the local community that she is a part of. Their chosen charity, The Oxford Children's Hospital, has helped many families in the local community and would appreciate your support.

Sixth form Christmas jumper fun!



Our ever-stylish sixth form students donned their festive knitwear on the last day of term before Christmas in support of Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Not only did they brighten up the school but they raised an impressive £104 for the charity appeal.

Winter Wonderland: Photography Competition



Photographs: (above) Winning photograph by Sophia Robinson (8GN). (Below) the runners up photographs by (left) Florence Mantell (7GN) and (right) Lola Burnett (9SS).

Students from all houses took photographs through December and January focussing on the theme; Winter Wonderland.

Entries came in and the House Leaders had real difficulties whittling them down to the final 3! After much deliberation, we had to enlist Mr Clitheroe as the Final Judge... the 3 finalists were Florence Mantell, Lola Burnett and Sophia Robinson, with Sophia being judged the winner! Local professional Photographer Sophie Carson will be coming into school to run a workshop with the 3 finalists.

Miss Ashton:
House Leader



Wonderful photographs from the other entrants to the competition.