



CNSNewsletter

Charitable Events



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection for Red Nose Day 2022.

Students paid money to come to school in their own clothes or funny costumes and also enjoyed buying delicious cakes. Well done to all the students who baked cakes or helped to sell the cakes at morning break. Altogether the school raised over £750!

The Year 7s wanted to raise funds for Braintrust, a charity which provides personalised support to people with a brain tumour and their families. On Friday March 25th, the students came to school wearing a brilliant array of hats and donated money to this charity. They were delighted to send £135 to Braintrust.

Our Day for Ukraine

We have had a terrific response from across our community to provide humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

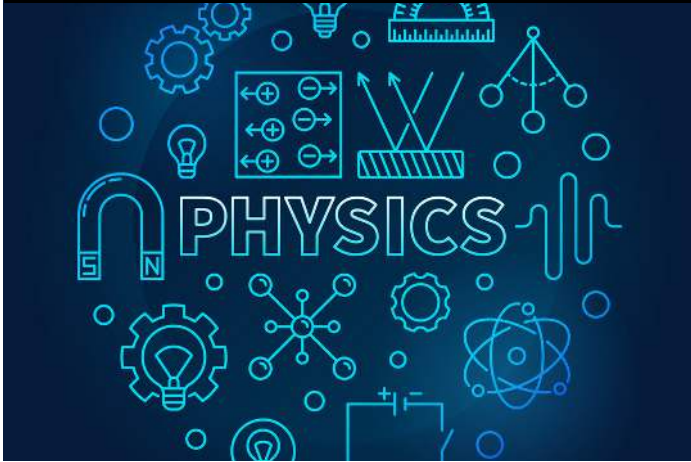
Mrs Drinkwater led her Textiles students to create hundreds of blue and gold lapel ribbons which were bought by staff and students at school. So far this has raised an amazing £2633. Families have also given funds via the British Red Cross Just Giving page for Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. So far over £28,000 has been donated!

On Friday March 11 parents, carers and students brought to school huge amounts of dried food, clothing, sleeping bags, toiletries, toys, torches and batteries etc for delivery to Poland to help Ukrainian refugees. The donated items were sorted and boxed by Sixth Form students and on Saturday an army of wonderful volunteers helped transport the donated items to The Chippy Larder depot. The items have now been delivered by lorry to the Red Cross in Poland.

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped out with this very worthwhile cause.



Physics Challengers



The British Physics Olympiad (BPhO) is a series of ten annual competitions aimed at encouraging the study of Physics for students in Years 11-13 in the UK and to recognise excellence in this field.

At the end of January, all thirteen of our Intermediate Physics Challengers walked away with medals following a gruelling competition to test their understanding of natural phenomena and ability to solve complex physics problems. Congratulations to Archie Street, Morgan Wollerton, Millie Chettleborough, Charlize Sproat, Nathan Smart, Evan Wollerton, Jack Loweth, Thomas Adnams, Arthur Webb, Charlotte Nunneley, Sammy Jenkins, Joanna Pike and Abigail Nunneley!

Upping the pressure in February, ten of our Senior Physics Challengers made it through both competitions. These students were tackling questions not covered in the A-Level curriculum, but all came away with medals as a testament to their determination and physics savviness! A super shout out to Joshua Childerstone, Becca Warner, Ned Duffy, Jessica Bradford, Aaron Denton, Alice Davis, James Homer, Hayden Moore, Ethan Ashworth, and Vivek Kumar!

You are all the pride of CNS Physics!

Mrs Eakins: Head of Physics

Young Enterprise



Over the course of the last six months a small group of Six Formers, Charlie Jennings, Evie Wilkinson and Emily Sinton, have been taking part in a Young Enterprise event not dissimilar to what you would have seen in the TV programme, The Apprentice.

The group were challenged to make a recycled product and take it from the planning, production, and marketing phases through to selling. They have attended a number of trade fairs and markets to sell their products and are hoping to do well in the county competition this year.

The group first started by making and selling clocks made by upcycling old vinyl records. They were then advised that in order to show that the company had longevity they needed to create new products to diversify. The group decided to add bowls, still made from recycled records, to their portfolio and have recently created a third product, packs of coasters made from old CDs.

The company has worked collaboratively with students from Sidford School and have learnt how to run meetings in a professional manner, communicating with the other school, organising and arranging agendas ahead of meetings so they run smoothly, and demonstrating fantastic teamwork.

Mr Robinson: Head of Student Engagement and Leadership

Careers Education@ CNS: Dyson Institute Engineering Workshop



The Dyson Institute visited CNS to host an Engineering careers workshop for a selected group of students from Years 11 and 12. Students were told about the huge variety of job roles involved in creating the Dyson Heurist – a robot vacuum cleaner.

After learning about the huge range of jobs involved in an engineering firm, the students were handed a Lego Brainstorm robot (which mimics the movement of the Dyson Heurist) and challenged to code it so that the robot would travel from a starting point to a finishing point in as few moves as possible. This was to highlight the use of problem-solving within the company. The whole experience was enlightening and entertaining, making for a very enjoyable and educational afternoon.

Jessica Bradford: I2EXC

Spring Concert at St Mary's School



On the evening of April 4th, our school musicians and singers performed their first live concert since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The concert took place at St Mary's Primary School's main hall as our own hall continues to undergo a major facelift. We are very grateful to St Mary's for the loan of their hall - their Year 6 pupils were treated to a private performance of the concert during the afternoon rehearsals.

The audience of over 100 were treated to so many wonderful performances from the musicians. The Concert Band started the programme off with two contrasting pieces, 'Remember Me' - a lullaby from Disney's *Coco* and 'The Force Awakens' from *Star Wars*. Maisie Taylor (Year 11) sang the 'Somewhere only we know' by Keane beautifully. Our new Folk Band, including Mr Turvey, Dr Hall and Mr Brown, entertained with three traditional reels and the Sixth Form Band brought us up to date with their indie rock rendition of 'Brazil' by Declan McKenna. Abigail Cubley (Year 10) performed the heartbreaking 'On my Own' from *Les Misérables* with great confidence and emotion.

Miss Johnston and the Flute Group treated the audience to two French pieces; 'Flutes en Vacances', a 20th century composition by Jacques Casterede, and the famous 'Clair de Lune' by Debussy. Both pieces were played with great skill and feeling. The Brass Band picked up the pace and got everyone's toes tapping with an energetic arrangement of four swing standards.

Emily Chambers (Year 11), Gold Medal winner at last year's New Talent International Youth Music competition,

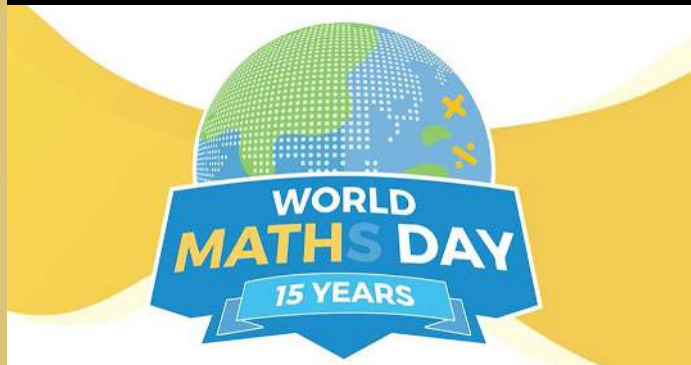


performed the melodic and evocative 'Reverie' by Bottesini; it was a captivating performance.

The Choir finished off the wonderful evening of music with a medley of Beatles' music followed by ABBA's 'Thank you for the Music' - a sentiment shared by a very appreciative audience!

Thank you to Mr Brown, Miss Johnston and all of the performers for all your hard work!

HOUSE NEWS



WORLD MATHS DAY CHALLENGE

World Maths Day was the 23rd of March. It is an international competition pitting students from all over the world against each other in a race for speed and accuracy in mental maths. It is open to students of all ages and abilities – with questions being age specific.

Over three hundred students from CNS took part; with representatives from every year group (including Sixth Form). The beauty of the competition is that you can challenge your friends or compete against someone who is playing at the same time from another country. A few lucky participants were allowed to compete in their maths classes but the majority of the entries were completed by the students in their own time. Every entrant gained 5 house points for their house with the best scores in each age group gaining 50 house points each and an Easter Egg.

The winners of our Maths competition were:

Y7: Danny Wood (Evenlode) and Naomi Boddy (Stour)

Y8: Anton Halterman (Glyme) and Sangid Rahman (Windrush)

Y9: Mario Buga (Windrush) and Madison Panting (Stour)

Y10: Alfie Thorpe (Windrush) and Erin Massey (Glyme)

Y11: Thomas Robinson (Evenlode) and Callum Cottrell (Glyme)

Y12/13: Zack Ibrahim (Glyme) and Flo Mantell (Evenlode)

Glyme House were the overall winners, with Evenlode coming a close second. Well done to everyone who took part.

HOUSE MATCHES

The week commencing Monday 28th March saw the long awaited return of Netball and Football house matches.

These were excellent occasions played with a wonderful spirit and well done to all those who took part.

Winners

Yr 7 Netball 7TW Football 7CSB

Yr 8 Netball 8 PRB Football 8 MKD

Yr 9 Netball 9 JLT Football 9 JLT

Yr 10 Netball 10 AXM Football Glyme

Yr 11 being played on Thursday 7th April

Mrs Deans: Mathematics Department

Mr Robinson: Head of Student Engagement & Leadership



Year 12 Sports Leaders Sports Events

Our Sports Leaders have done a fantastic job at delivering recent sports events; including the swimming gala, netball tournament and ball skills festival.



Then their final assessment loomed and we could not have been more proud of them.

Our Dance Leaders led two Year 1 Dance festivals based on the children's book 'Commotion in the Ocean'. It was fantastic to see the Year 1 pupils twirl, bounce, jump and leap their way through the activities that our Year 12s had created. For some Year 1 pupils it was their first school trip and the primary school staff were very grateful for the opportunity. We were pleased to have started them so positively on their path to many more sports events at Chipping Norton School through their primary school years.

Following this, our remaining two groups of Sports Leaders successfully delivered a multi-skills event to all Year 2 and Year 3 pupils in our Partnership schools. Over the afternoon they carried out agility, balance and coordination challenges and practised their indoor athletics skills. Running through all the activities was a theme of 'beating your personal best' and showing resilience and determination in your quest to do this.

Family Focus Week



In the middle of February we held our Family Focus Week for Years 4, 5 and 6 from our Partnership Primary Schools. The children came to Chipping Norton School, together with a parent or carer, to take part in free workshops across a wide range of subjects.

This time around we enjoyed Forest School where families made dens together and enjoyed a marshmallow or two and at the Trampolining workshop families were able to try out new skills and practise some old ones too. Two magnificent works of art were produced at the Art workshop which are displayed proudly in the Art department and minds were expanded whilst investigating space at the Astronomy workshop.

After-School Science Club

Our Science Department ran an extremely popular after-school club for Year 5 pupils. Over the course of three sessions they deliberated questions and carried out investigations based on a 'mission to Mars'. It was a pleasure to see their returning faces each week as they were desperate to get into the science labs and learn more.

Thank you to Mrs Heath and the Science Department; our Partnership parents were very grateful you had sparked such a love of learning and shown the children what lessons are like at CNS.

AIM Art Workshops



We would like to extend our thanks to all those Year 4 and Year 5 students who visited us to attend our able, interested and motivated workshops. These children were nominated by their schools and participated in activities designed to stretch and challenge them.

In the Art workshop they created mono-prints and the best bit was being allowed to put ink directly on to the desks! In PE they learned about the different kinds of strength and experienced a new game called handball.

Extratime @ CNS



Our Year 7 and Year 9 LAMDA groups performed their plays at the Chipping Norton Music Festival last week; they all performed brilliantly and received great feedback. One of the Year 9 groups was asked back to be part of the Festival Concert, which rounds up the festival and is put together from some of the best bits from the classes across the two weeks. Well done to all those involved.

Mrs Fisher: Community Learning Lead

The Royal Society's Young People's Book Prize



The Young People's Book Prize is an opportunity for children to read new, interesting science books, and vote for which one they like best in the competition. As well as that, it supports the writing of outstanding and accessible STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) books for children who are up to 14 years old.

A small group of students from Year 7 met at lunchtimes with Mrs George to plan and discuss the books that had been shortlisted:

- '100 Things to Know About Saving the Planet' by Rose Hall, Jerome Martin et al.
- 'Agent Asha: Mission Shark Bytes' by Sophie Deen
- 'I Am a Book. I Am a Portal to the Universe.' by Stefanie Posavec and Miriam Quick
- 'I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast' by Michael Holland
- 'Inventors' by Robert Winston
- 'Under the Stars' by Lisa Harvey-Smith.

We then presented the books to our Science classes, to give them an idea about what the books were about. Everyone in the class read different sections from all of the books, and looked at the illustrations. Each class then voted for their favourite book. All of the votes were added together and in the end our school decided on 'I Am a Book. I Am a Portal to the Universe' (the overall winner of the competition!).

We all agreed it was a very hard choice as all the books were wonderful - really interesting and great reads! Our school decided on this book, because it is full of bright and colourful pictures, really interesting facts that we hadn't known, and it wasn't off-putting for people who might find reading difficult, especially as everything was explained really clearly, without lots of dense text.

All the books are available to borrow from the school library if anyone is interested and wants to learn the true length of an anteaters tongue, the amount of bacteria your finger holds or how plastic-eating bacteria helps reduce waste. We really enjoyed taking part in The Young People's Book Prize this year!

Naomi Boddy (7TW) and Lily Johnson (7MAJ)

Library News: Book Week @ CNS



We started the term with a wonderful week of 'bookish' activities to celebrate Book Week @ CNS, World Book Day and to encourage everybody to read.

Throughout the week students were shown video excerpts from bestselling authors to encourage them to try reading something new. Author Christopher Edge delivered two talks about his brilliantly original books to Year 7 and Year 8 students and also ran a very successful creative writing workshop for Year 9 students in the library. In the middle of the week, students were challenged to answer 10 book-related questions using QR codes hidden around the school site.

Ten Sixth Form students recorded themselves reading picture story books such as 'Aliens love underpants' and 'Giraffes can't dance'. The videos and copies of the books were sent to our CNPS primary schools so that the youngest pupils could enjoy watching our eldest students reading entertaining and funny stories.

On World Book Day itself, we handed out over 100 new books to students as part of our 'Pass it On' book recycling scheme. We also held a non-uniform day in aid of Chipping Norton Theatre and many students came dressed as their favourite book character. Staff also dressed up as adjectives and students were asked to match staff members to an appropriate adjective. We were delighted to be able to donate £621 to the Theatre. A lot of fun was had by all!

Ms Bovington: Librarian



SPORTS NEWS



FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 23rd March nine Year 8 boys represented CNS and West Oxfordshire in the Football competition at Radley School. After 2 scoreless games and a narrow 1-0 loss the boys responded with 2 wins and an excellent 5-0 win in their last game. When the results were announced we knew it would be close but fortunately courtesy of the excellent win in the last game CNS won the competition on goals scored!

Now that the league session is over for Years 7-10 our attention turns to the cup. Our Year 7 played against Faringdon School in the quarter final on Wednesday 30th and unfortunately lost 1-0

Meanwhile our senior team continues to be unbeaten and are now into the league final after 6 wins out of 6 in the league and the cup semi final.

Mr Thomas: Head of PE

LACROSSE



Chipping Norton School have taken part in our first Lacrosse fixture and the future looks bright. The Year 7 and 8 girls have been training every Friday lunchtime for the last five weeks and have worked really hard to get skills in place before their first game.

We had a perfect sunny spring day for playing our first match over at Rendcomb College where Lacrosse is in the curriculum and taken seriously as two of their teachers are England coaches! They coached our girls through the rules and gave them tips on how to improve during the afternoon and the progress was nothing short of phenomenal. Within 10 mins of starting, the girls had improved massively and by half time had even scored two goals from Fran Raymond Barker and Molly Jenkins. Molly scored again in the second half and the game ended in a

RISING STARS: Joey Benfield



Joey is passionate about his sport, Moto X. He competes in the 125cc class of the British Youth Championships, intermediate level and hopes to move up through the levels to become a professional rider at 16 years old. Joey had sponsorship lined up last year, but due to the team having bike issues the sponsorship was held up; he hopes it will be completed this year to help finance his Moto X dreams.

Joey's love of Moto X started by watching his dad ride. His dad gave him the incentive that he would buy him a MX bike as soon as he knew how to ride a road bike, so Joey learnt from about the age of 4 or 5. Although Joey enjoys both the speed and the element of danger when he races, the best thing about Moto X is the friendships that he has made with other competitors because of their shared love of the sport.

Joey will next compete at the Corsham MX Club championship race. This will be his first race at the 125cc level but he stands a good chance of winning. He has previously been part of the British Youth Championships at the 85cc level. He is looking forward to challenging himself at this higher level with a bigger and faster bike.

very respectable 8-3 loss.

The home team were really supportive and the umpire made the afternoon a wonderful experience. The Chipping Norton girls were absolutely fantastic and I was really proud of them. Their courage to play a new sport, curiosity to learn and compassion shown through friendships made with the opposition really emphasised everything the school want young people to learn about themselves.

The whole team were amazing, thank you girls for making it one of the most memorable fixtures I have taken on 15 years. It was great to see you learn and achieve with such amazing potential on display.

As we enter the summer term groups across the school will be doing Lacrosse as part of the curriculum. There will also be opportunities after school to join a club on Thursday's with an external coach from Oxford City Lacrosse club. He is also a national level coach. We will be having return fixtures against Rendcomb and St Hugh's in the near future too.

Mr Robinson: PE Department

RISING STARS: Ronnie Harris and Tahlia Davidson-Wright



Ronnie is a Year 9 student in Windrush House but in his spare time he is a motorbike racer. He competes in the Junior MotoGP - this is the motorbike equivalent to Junior Formula One. Ronnie has just signed a deal with the Michael Laverty VisionTrack Honda Racing Team and he is competing at a national level. He will be going for European trials soon and he hopes that this will lead to being part of the World Championships.

As part of the Michael Laverty Team Ronnie receives sponsorship. The sponsorship means that he is able to do training sessions in Spain, he has a team mechanic, gets to have specially set up training sessions and also has fitness sessions provided for him. Recently Ronnie has been on a fitness training session in Lincoln with ex-UK champion Danny Webb where he took part in track bike training, dirt bike training and fitness testing.

Ronnie really enjoys the speed and adrenaline that he gets from riding motorbikes reaching speeds of 120mph. He says it is also a fantastic way to socialise with people from all across the world and he has made many friends. Ronnie has also met a lot of famous people and loves the feeling of winning.

Ronnie has always had a rival in his races - his good friend Ethan Sparks who he has known since he was two years old. The families of the two boys are really good friends and Ronnie is excited as they have both signed contracts to now become teammates. Even though they will still be rivals they will be able to work together for their team.

Ronnie's aspirations are to make it into the British Talent Cup for the under 18s, which is the top level in the UK, where he will ride around world-renowned tracks such as Silverstone and Donnington Park. If he manages to qualify he will go into the European Talent Cup and hopefully this will secure a two-year contract extension staying with the team. This will give him a large amount of support to develop through the sponsorship. Ronnie will then hope to be offered the opportunity to become professional in the World Championship in MotoGP.

Ronnie recently finished in first position in the GP70 class at a FAB racing championship. His younger brother, Bill, a successful rider in the GP50 class, came fourth in the same event. Both boys have a very exciting future!

Mr Robinson: Head of Student Engagement & Leadership

Tahlia is in Year 10 and is a member of Glyme House. In her spare time she plays both Ice and Roller Hockey. While Roller Hockey is a recreational pastime, Ice Hockey is where she is pursuing excellence.

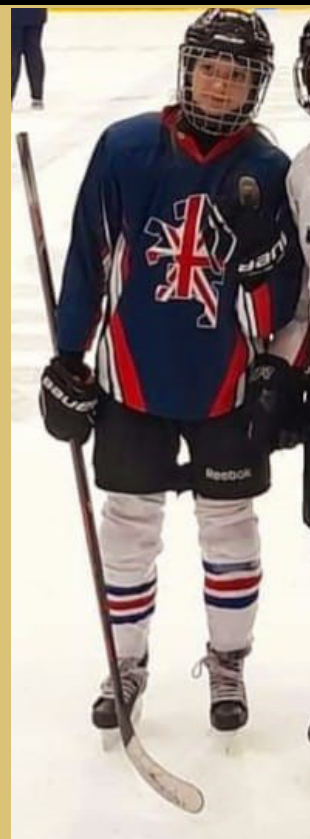
Tahlia has just been selected for the Women's under 16 GB team, which is an astonishing achievement. Tahlia's ultimate goal is to compete in the 2026 Winter Olympics and with her resilience and determination I think CNS school may just see their first Olympic Champion Alumni.

Tahlia first started playing Ice Hockey when she was 6 years old, initially playing for a team in Oxford. She was inspired by her brother who also represented GB. Her brother's coaching team spotted Tahlia's natural sporting talent and approached her to join the game. When interviewing Tahlia about her recent success she said the thing she loves most about Ice Hockey is playing as part of a team and the competitive nature of the sport. She said the thing that took the most getting used to was the combination of illegal tackles as being smashed into the side boards of the rink can be really painful, but in true Tahlia style she would pick herself up and play even better to out-skate her opponents.

Tahlia currently trains three times a week for her club in Slough and plays matches at the weekend, which shows both her resilience and determination, managing this alongside her GCSE studies. Tahlia also hopes to start boxing, demonstrating huge levels of courage as this sport is certainly not for the faint hearted!

We wish Tahlia the best of luck as she begins her Olympic dream.

Mrs De Bruyn: Assistant Headteacher



Alumni News: Daniel Huddleston



My name is Daniel Huddleston; I am an ex-student from Chipping Norton School, now a qualified physiotherapist working within the NHS. My A-Levels were Biology, Psychology and PE, alongside AS level Physics.

My journey began at Chipping Norton School when I was a timid and shy Year 7 walking into the hall on my first day. However, the 7 years spent at CNS helped me to develop to become the person I am today. I thoroughly enjoyed all my years at Chipping Norton School and look on these fondly as they shaped me and supported me to develop vital skills relevant to my role as a physiotherapist within the NHS.

During my time at Chipping Norton School I dived head first into any sport I was able to play, mostly football, athletics and cricket, but I have tried my hand at rugby representing the school a few times much to Mr Thomas' delight!

My time in Sixth Form at Chipping Norton school was by far the best years of school for me; being given the extra freedom as you develop to become a young adult. Sixth Form allowed me to study subjects I had a true interest in and for me, subjects that were directly related to physiotherapy. I was honoured to be Head Boy during my time at Chipping Norton School, not only did this allow me to proudly represent the school at a number of different events, but it also supported me to develop key skills for transitioning into the world of adulthood and life beyond Sixth Form. This included developing public speaking skills, improving communication, team working and project managing.

Some may say I have been in the fortunate position of always knowing that I wanted to be a physiotherapist and so this naturally involved going to university to study and train. This dream of mine began at a very young age from both personal experience of having physiotherapy and also seeing the wonderful work physiotherapists do to support people, having shadowed a number of them whilst at school and before going to university.

During my time studying at Brunel University London I have been fortunate to have worked in a number of hospitals (both before and directly during the Covid-19 pandemic) whilst also taking part in a number of exciting placements across London. This includes working in Kings College Hospital London where I spent 6 weeks working in their intensive care unit, a number of hospitals in and around Oxfordshire during the Covid-19 pandemic. I also worked with the professional rugby league team, the London Broncos, where I worked alongside the head physiotherapist treating and supporting the first team players.

I have learned a tremendous amount whilst spending over 1000 clinical hours within hospital environments whilst training to be a physiotherapist, both about myself and the current environment we are all in today. A lot of skills used during this time, which I am sure a lot of you have experienced over the last 2 years, such as resilience, compassion, determination and commitment, and having a willingness to learn were all first established whilst at Chipping Norton School and have continued to follow me today.

Your time at school is special and you should cherish each and every moment. It is not often that things are handed to you on a plate and often the journey may not be clear. But what is clear, speaking from experience is that Chipping Norton School is a fantastic place to learn, where support given is endless and if you decide to grasp every opportunity that is given to you both now and in the future, you will only continue to grow and develop.

Daniel Huddleston



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