



Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter

June/July 2017

We have come to the end of the academic year. The summer term has been filled with many exciting events and activities as well as a lot of hard work by all our pupils and staff.

End of Year Statutory Tests

Pupils in Year Two and Year Six have had Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs).

Year Two and Year Six took tests in reading, maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Year Two assessments and results will be based on an overall teacher judgement based on the test results and class work. Year Six results will be from the tests they sat. These test papers were marked externally.

Year one pupils and some Year 2 pupils had phonics screening check.

The pupils remained calm throughout the testing weeks, worked hard and tried their very best.

I am pleased to say that our pupils in Year One, Year Two and Year Six, performed very well in these tests.

The results will be published on our website as soon as all the national results have been released.

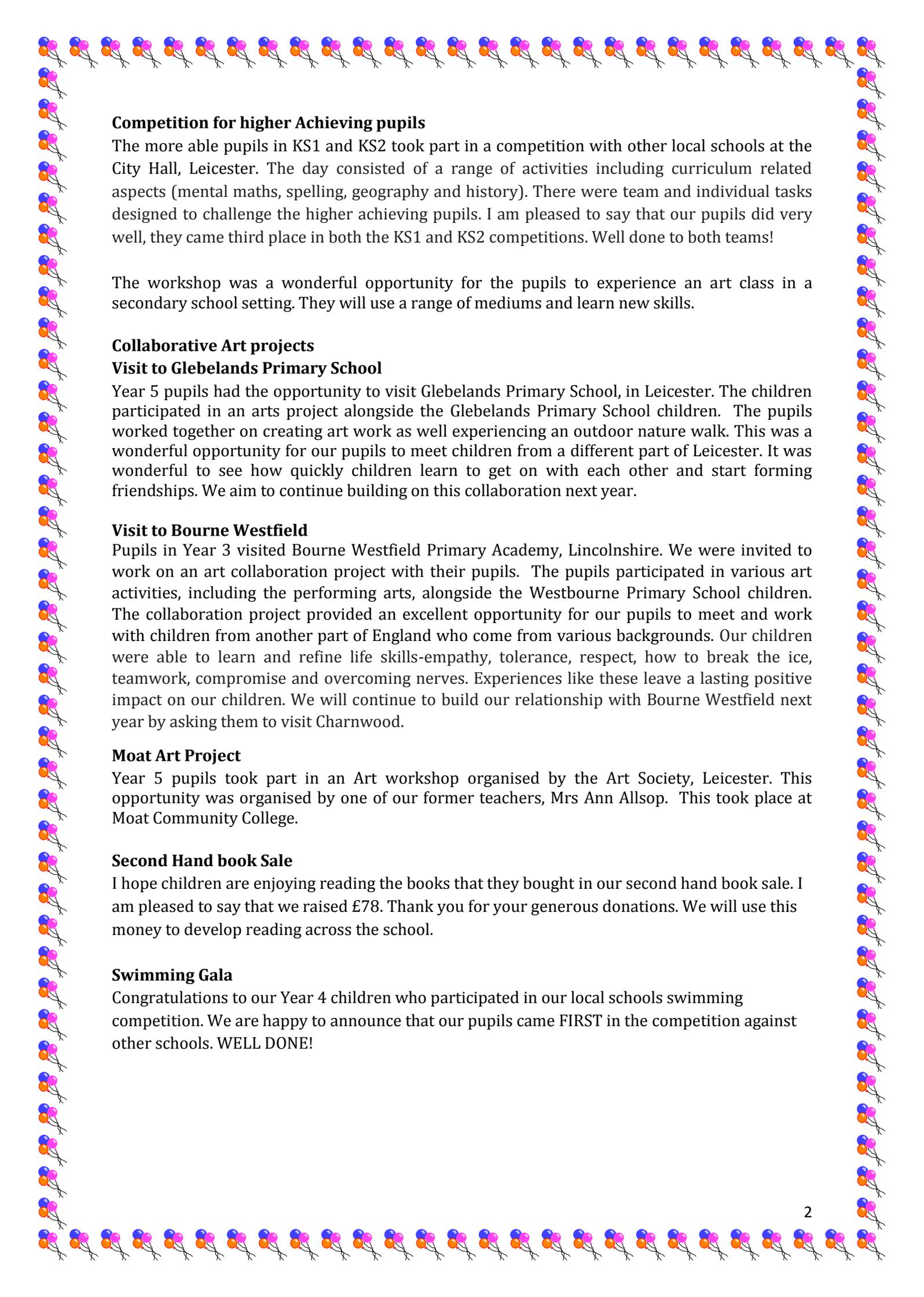
It is important to remember that the outcomes of the tests only give a fraction of information about the achievements of our pupils. I am very proud of each and every one of our pupils. As parents and staff we know how wonderfully talented our children are. We have kind, caring children, who have a multitude of skills and talents that cannot be formally tested. It is important that we remind our children that they are amazing and that we celebrate all their achievements, be it academic or creative. Above all else we want our children to grow up having instilled kindness, care and concern for all. Their good character and behaviour is of upmost importance as they grow up in our multicultural society.

HMI Ofsted Inspector visits Charnwood

Earlier this month we received a visit from a Her Majesty's Inspector. This was a 'good practice' visit and not an inspection. Our school was specifically chosen because it is situated in a deprived area and from available information appears to be doing well for children by the end of Reception as well as other statutory assessment points. The visit was made to explore the extent to which the curriculum in Reception prepares children for Year 1 and the subsequent demands of the national curriculum. The findings from the visit will be published in an OFSTED good practice report later in the year. The initial feedback from the inspector was very positive.

Year 6 Author Visit

Year Six pupils had the pleasure to meet the Author Kiran Millwood Hargrave. Kiran is the Author of 'The girl of Ink and stars'. The children read the book in class and had the opportunity to discuss the book with the author.



Competition for higher Achieving pupils

The more able pupils in KS1 and KS2 took part in a competition with other local schools at the City Hall, Leicester. The day consisted of a range of activities including curriculum related aspects (mental maths, spelling, geography and history). There were team and individual tasks designed to challenge the higher achieving pupils. I am pleased to say that our pupils did very well, they came third place in both the KS1 and KS2 competitions. Well done to both teams!

The workshop was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to experience an art class in a secondary school setting. They will use a range of mediums and learn new skills.

Collaborative Art projects

Visit to Glebelands Primary School

Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to visit Glebelands Primary School, in Leicester. The children participated in an arts project alongside the Glebelands Primary School children. The pupils worked together on creating art work as well experiencing an outdoor nature walk. This was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to meet children from a different part of Leicester. It was wonderful to see how quickly children learn to get on with each other and start forming friendships. We aim to continue building on this collaboration next year.

Visit to Bourne Westfield

Pupils in Year 3 visited Bourne Westfield Primary Academy, Lincolnshire. We were invited to work on an art collaboration project with their pupils. The pupils participated in various art activities, including the performing arts, alongside the Westbourne Primary School children. The collaboration project provided an excellent opportunity for our pupils to meet and work with children from another part of England who come from various backgrounds. Our children were able to learn and refine life skills-empathy, tolerance, respect, how to break the ice, teamwork, compromise and overcoming nerves. Experiences like these leave a lasting positive impact on our children. We will continue to build our relationship with Bourne Westfield next year by asking them to visit Charnwood.

Moat Art Project

Year 5 pupils took part in an Art workshop organised by the Art Society, Leicester. This opportunity was organised by one of our former teachers, Mrs Ann Allsop. This took place at Moat Community College.

Second Hand book Sale

I hope children are enjoying reading the books that they bought in our second hand book sale. I am pleased to say that we raised £78. Thank you for your generous donations. We will use this money to develop reading across the school.

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who participated in our local schools swimming competition. We are happy to announce that our pupils came FIRST in the competition against other schools. WELL DONE!

The final matches for this season took place this month. I am extremely proud of our Year 2 football team. They have had an amazing season with many successes. Charnwood have come second the league, missing out on first place by Sparkenhoe Primary. We congratulate them on their win.

Charnwood won 8 out of 12 games, drew twice and lost two matches. This is a fantastic achievement for our young players. The final scores are:-

Games played	Scores
Charnwood Vs Highfields Primary	2- 2
Charnwood Vs Uplands Infants	2- 1
Charnwood Vs Green Lane Infants	7 -1
Charnwood Vs Sparkenhoe Primary	1-3
Charnwood Vs Medway Primary	6-1
Charnwood Vs Shenton Primary	5-0
Charnwood Vs Highfields Primary	6-0
Charnwood Vs Uplands Infants	3-0
Charnwood Vs Green Lane Infants	2-2
Charnwood Vs Medway Primary	5-3
Charnwood Vs Sparkenhoe Primary	0-2
Charnwood Vs Shenton Primary	4-1

Sports Day

Our pupils and staff had great fun during our sports days this year. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles cheering our pupils on during the races. It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers joining in with the races too! Thank you for making these memorable days!

Saying Goodbye

Year Six Leavers

Once again it is that time, where we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We have seen our pupils' personality and characters develop over the past seven years, from those early years in the Foundation Stage to the end of Key Stage Two. It is now time to let them venture out to secondary school and continue their educational journey.

Year Six Leavers Assembly

Our Year six pupils and staff have put on an amazing end of year performance. The performance took us on a journey of our children's time at Charnwood. Parents, staff and pupils were overcome with emotions as they watched those special moments being re-enacted.

Staff leaving

At the end of any school year we unfortunately have to say goodbye to some of our staff who are leaving us and this year is no different. We have a number of staff who have taken voluntary redundancy this year. It is with deep regret and sadness that we say farewell to them.

I would like to thank the following members of staff for their hard work and commitment to the pupils and community of Charnwood Primary School:-

Member of Staff	Role
Miss Farhana Abdullah	Teaching Assistant/Lunchtime Supervisor
Mrs Atya Alam	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Razia Girach	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Zarina Mangaria	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Zulekha Mangaria	Teaching Assistant/Lunchtime Supervisor
Mrs Shafiya Pakwasi	Teaching Assistant/Lunchtime Supervisor
Mrs Mumtaz Sheikh	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Sharifa Sheikh	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Farida Haji	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Champa Rathod	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Nasima Badin	Administrative Assistant
Mrs Rabia Abdullah	Lunchtime Supervisor
Mrs Nihal Talab	Lunchtime Supervisor
Mrs Nargis Sheikh	Lunchtime Supervisor
Miss Halima Girach	Teacher
Mrs Rizwana Ibrahim	Teacher

It is with gratitude and heartfelt thanks that we say good luck and best wishes to them all. I would also like to thank all our volunteers and students that have been with us this year. Their help and support has been invaluable.

End of Year Reports

You will receive your child's annual school report this week. Please sign the form enclosed with the report and return it to school as soon as possible.

Attendance

Our attendance target for the whole school in 2016/17 was 95.2%. I am very pleased to report that our pupils have achieved 95.8% attendance. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our children maintain a good level of attendance and punctuality. Further information about the importance of attendance can be found on our school website: - <http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

The classes with the best attendance this year were 5 Willow and 6 Olive.

Office

It is vital that the school is kept informed of any changes to contact phone numbers and medical needs. These details are very important in any case of emergency. Please note calls made to and from the school may be recorded and used for monitoring and training purposes.

Stay Safe

A reminder for all the children to stay safe as they enjoy the summer break:-

- Road safety – follow the green cross code as you play outdoors
- Stranger Danger – Be aware of strangers.

Make sure your parents / carers know where you are going and how long you will be. Never talk to strangers and always tell a known adult if you are approached by any strangers.

E-Safety

I am hoping that you will make the most of the good weather and enjoy more outdoor activities with your children. However I am sure that many of our children will be using digital media devices such as smart phones, iPads/ iPods and PCs during the holidays. May I remind you of the importance of ensuring that our children stay safe online. It is advisable to ensure parental controls are activated on the devices and children are supervised whilst online. Further information about E-safety can be found on the Leicester City Council Website:-

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/education-lifelong-learning/parental-support/onlinesafety/>

School Uniform Reminder

The pupils' uniform has been reviewed and agreed by the governing body. It is important that children come to school appropriately dressed in school uniform. The school uniform colours are **navy and white with black shoes**. All footwear must be black. Other colours are not acceptable as part of the uniform. Please note that the wearing of uniform will be monitored next year.

The uniform colour is navy blue NOT black. Please ensure pupils come to school wearing the correct uniform in the correct colours.

For Physical Education (PE) pupils must wear black trainers or black plimsolls.

Boys Uniform

White shirt/polo shirt, plain navy trousers, plain navy jumper/sweatshirt.

Or navy $\frac{3}{4}$ length jubah. Sensible BLACK shoes that have a closed back.

Girls Uniform

White blouse/polo shirt with navy trousers.

Or plain navy pinafore dress with a white blouse/polo shirt and plain navy jumper/sweatshirt.

Or navy $\frac{3}{4}$ length jubah with matching headwear.

Pins and brooches must not be used to fix head scarves.

Sensible black shoes that have a closed back.

Bullying

Don't forget if you want to report bullying you can contact the school online at www.textsomeone.com. Our school code is 20912 or use your mobile to text. Start your message with our ID code 20912. The number is 0778 147 4660.

Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about our school. Please have a look at this website and give your view: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Have a great summer holiday everyone. We look forward to seeing you all on the first day of the Autumn term.

School closes on Thursday, 13 July 2017

School re-opens on Tuesday, 29 August 2017

**CHARNWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEICESTER CITY LOCAL AUTHORITY
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2017/2018**

Term No 1: 34 days	
Schools Open	Tuesday 29 th August 2017
Schools Close	Friday 13 th October 2017
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 16 th October 2017 – Friday 20 th October 2017

Term No 2: 43 days	
Schools Open	Monday 23 rd October 2017
Schools Close	Wednesday 20 th December 2017
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Thursday 21 st December 2017 – Monday 8 th January 2018

Term No 3: 24 days	
Schools Open	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
Schools Close	Friday 9 th February 2018
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2018 – Friday 16 th February 2018

Term No 4: 25 days	
Schools Open	Monday 19 th February 2018
Schools Close	Friday 23 rd March 2018
Easter Holidays	Monday 26 th March 2018 – Friday 6 th April 2018

Term No 5: 34 days	
Schools Open	Monday 9 th April 2018
May Bank Holiday (schools closed)	Monday 7 th May 2018
Schools Close	Friday 25 th May 2018
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 28 th May 2018 – Friday 1 st June 2018

Term No 6: 30 days	
Schools Open	Monday 4 th June 2018
Schools Close	Friday 13 th July 2018
Summer Holiday begins	Monday 16 th July 2018

Bank Holidays:

28th Aug 2017
 25th & 26th Dec 2017
 1st January 2018
 30th March & 2nd April 2018
 7th May 2018
 28th May 2018