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Working together to become change makers

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Consequences

As you will know from our behaviour policy there are consequences for all behaviour — when these consequences are for positive behaviour we refer to it as ‘recognition.’ This recognition is demonstrated in a range of ways, for example, it could be verbal praise, a certificate in assembly, a phone call home, a note from the headteacher or being entrusted with additional responsibilities. Our main method of recognition is to use gold coins, which goes towards each houses total — the house with the greatest number of gold coins is then awarded the House Cup.

As of half term, pupils across the school had earned a total of 15254 gold coins!

We have 199 pupils on role. If we do a quick bit of maths this means each pupil has earned approximately 77 gold coins this year. There are 190 days in the school year and as of this coin count pupils should have attended 155 of those days (with an average school attendance of 91.5% the average days actually attended is 142). This means that on average each pupil has received recognition at level 2 or above every other day!

With so much positive behaviour demonstrated daily by pupils, we are considering how we can give further, meaningful recognition.

Level	Behaviour	Recognition/Consequence	Script Examples	Staff responsible
Recognition level 5	Exceptional work & values shown consistently	Work to be shared with HT Message home Gold coin	Focus on what valued behaviours have been demonstrated, linking back to school rules.	Headteacher
Recognition level 4	Exceptional work completed or values shown	Work shown or behaviour shared with SLT Gold coin	Appreciation shown for effort.	SLT
Recognition level 3	Work completed consistently well/effort above and beyond in learning/consistent values shown	Celebration certificate in Friday Assembly Extra responsibilities around class/school Gold coin	“Brilliant use of long division in maths” “Excellent artwork in the style of X”	All Staff
Recognition level 2	Repeated examples of level 1 Helping others in class/outside	Gold coin	“Fantastic listening” “Excellent explanation”	All Staff
Recognition level 1	Good classwork Respect shown to other children Thoughtful/engaging answers to questions	Verbal praise	Specific to valued behaviours Aim to create a positive, ‘Bandwagon Effect’	All Staff

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
54.4%	92.9%	88.9%	92.5%	94.4%	94.0%	92.0%	88.9%	91.5%

Sports Day — Working TOGETHER

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I am aware that not everyone will be receptive of the changes we have made to Sports Day, but they have been made for good reason and not without careful consideration. I have listed a few of these below:

- We want pupils to spend more time being active, and less time sitting watching.
- To try to keep as much routine as possible for our pupils — we know this helps with behaviour and supporting pupils with additional needs.
- To give parents better access to view events.
- Reduce how overwhelming Sports Day can be.
- Manage the length of time that the activities last, particularly for our younger pupils.
- To help manage our safeguarding risks — this includes everything from sharing food to having gates open.
- Staffing considerations.
- Supporting pupils whose family are not attending.
- To make the event have more panache and gravitas.

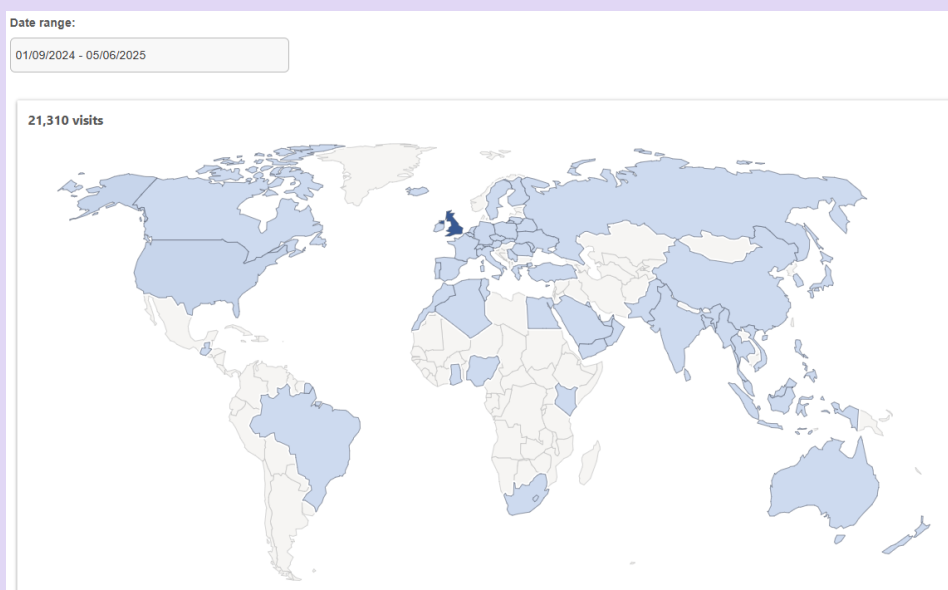
I will openly say that I was disappointed with the tone of a handful e-mails received in regards to Sports Day and this has greatly saddened me. I know e-mails can be sent in the heat of the moment but in a world where we can choose to be anything, we should always choose to be kind.

Picnic

Whilst the changes we have made to Sports Day this year means that we wont be having a shared picnic lunch - following a conversation with a parent on the playground this week, I have been looking at how we can support a school picnic to give us another opportunity to get together (as well as the Summer Fair, work party's, other PATCH events, coffee mornings/afternoons, workshops, etc). After school on Sports Day (Monday 23rd June), we will open our West field (running track field) until 5pm; families are welcome to bring their picnic blankets/baskets and enjoy spending time together in the summer sunshine. This will enable families to have all of the benefits of a lovely shared experience if they so wish. This will not a school run activity and therefore pupils will be the responsibly of their parents.

The Whole World is Watching

The image below shows our website hits this year. It's incredible to have had 21310 visits and these come from across the globe. It really is true to say, the whole world is being inspired by the positive work we are doing TOGETHER at Chambersbury!



Hemel Aces and Lions

You may have seen from our collaboration on Instagram that we are now working with Hemel Aces and Lions — they are using our sports facilities for a number of their teams. We look forward to seeing this relationship go from strength to strength.



Changes

Change can be frightening and cause an increase in anxiety however sometimes change is needed for improvement and to move forward. It was a lovely way to start the half term to hear how these changes are having a positive impact for our pupils and families. I am sure everyone would agree, these changes have given our pupils a range of new opportunities and developed our school environment. Below are just a few of the new introductions we have made this year:

- PE kit worn by pupils on PE days.
- Bikeability for Year 5 & 6.
- Recruited a number of new school governors to bring in their strategic expertise to the school.
- Performing Arts club which will produce a performance.
- Literacy scheme of work, moving over to film and text based units.
- Boxing club, including pupils being graded and winning awards.
- Childcare on site — including free Friday sessions this half term.
- iRock with live concerts for the whole school and parents.
- OPAL shed and equipment as well as opening more of the site for pupils to use.
- Parent workshops — the next one is with Dacorum Family Services.
- Behaviour policy and training for staff to improve consistency of approach.
- Taekwondo and workshop for pupils and parents.
- Safeguarding measures – locking gates and toilets, increased Designated Safeguarding Leads, etc.
- Introduced Climate Change plan.
- Instagram to keep parents updated and involved.
- PATCH events such as the race night and work parties.
- Links with Longdean and Abbots Hill who visit regularly.
- Charity reps who organised the NSPCC cake sale and are involved in other events.
- Forest school for Year 6 pupils on Friday morning.
- Staffing – pastoral care role created.
- Improved lighting in the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classroom.
- High vis tops so staff can be seen at lunchtimes.
- Music development plan implemented.
- Working closely with the police including workshops for pupils and parents.
- Holiday camps for this summer holiday.

Year 5 & 6 Residential

This week Year 5 and 6 attended Phasels Wood for their residential trips — these trips have been a great success with the pupils gaining memories that will last them a lifetime. If you would like to view some photographs of the wonderful time they have had, you can find them attached to this newsletter.

Experiences like this, whilst not statutory in the National Curriculum, really do support pupils development, not just as learners but also as individuals and we very much value them. We are mindful of the costs of these to parents and will always consider how financially viable they are.

Staff give up their own time to attend these trips and without such a committed team, residentials wouldn't be able to take place. I have really appreciated how their dedication has been recognised particularly on our Instagram post. Thank you.

Key Events:

Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June — Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Monday 9th June — Year 4 Boxmoor trust trip

Tuesday 10th June — EYFS Pirate day

Wednesday 11th June — Meet Dacorum Family Services

Thursday 19th June — Year 1 Great Fire of London workshop

Monday 23rd June — Sports Day

Monday 23rd June — Parent Picnic

Monday 7th July — Year 5 & 6 production

Tuesday 8th July — Year 5 & 6 production

Wednesday 9th July — End of Year reports sent to parents

Thursday 10th July — Transition Day

Monday 14th July — iRock Concert

Tuesday 15th July — Year 2 graduation

Tuesday 15th July — EYFS Teddy Bears picnic

Tuesday 15th — Year 6 graduation

Wednesday 16th July — Year 6 BBQ and water activities

Friday 18th July — Leavers assembly

Friday 18th July — End of term for pupils at 13:30

Red signifies new events/dates

Meet Dacorum Family Services

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Dacorum Family Services coffee afternoon on Wednesday at 14:30. We have chosen this time, following your feedback and are expecting a strong attendance.

Dacorum Family Services are there to support families have helped families and children to:

- Improve attendance
- Be happier in school and also at home
- Become more organised
- Manage anger
- Build better relationships
- Be more resilient, able to cope with difficult situations
- Feel more confident.

What we offer

- 1-2-1 sessions with our family workers
- Home visits
- Surgeries at your local school/online
- Subject specific online workshops
- Parenting advice and courses
- Help to access local services
- Signposting to counselling wellbeing services
- Signposting to adult learning and development
- Positive activities for children, young people and their families
- Domestic abuse support
- Family breakdown support
- Debt advice & signposting
- SEND advice & signposting
- Wellbeing advice for children and young people



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