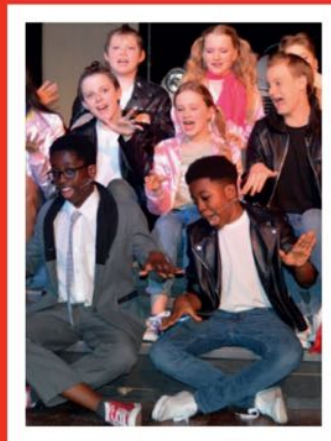
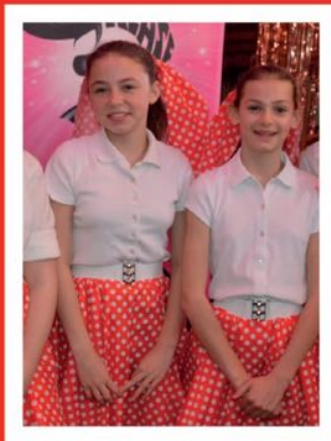


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CHEAM LIFE



Girls Hockey | U11 Champions!

The U11 Girls became South Central Hockey Champions by winning 4 out of 4 games at the tournament they attended in Reading. They scored 25 goals and conceded only one all day long. Special mention to Florence for taking a ball to the head but who still continued to support the girls and offer encouragement afterwards. They performed superbly in the heat and worked tirelessly through the games, a fantastic way for the girls to finish off their hockey year at Cheam.



Girls Football | Historic match

This term we hosted our first girls fixture at Cheam! A great game and hopefully the first of many! Well done to Siena for scoring the historic crucial goal.



Our racing car is taking shape!

The Cheam Greenpower Racing build is making superb progress thanks to the efforts of our Year 8 boys. The steering column is now in the kart as well as the front wheel brackets. There has been much excitement as the team have begun including some of the electronics!



Combined Art and Science trip for Year 6

Year 6 travelled to Oxford to visit the Natural History and Pitt River's museums in a combined Art and Science trip. They focused on evolution, adaptation and natural selection while studying the changes organisms undergo over generations. The new installation "Meat the future" about the impact of eating meat certainly made some of them consider the effect of farming and our carnivorous culture on climate change and global sustainability. In line with this term's Art focus on Masks, the children sketched and studied tribal masks from various locations across the world and will take inspiration back to the art room as they create their own masks.



Grand Designs for our Three Little Pigs

Reception have had enormous fun learning about the story of 'The Three Little Pigs.' The children have designed houses for the pigs to live in and have been working hard on their number formation. The group have also been developing their counting skills by making cakes out of play dough.



MARVELLOUS MATERIALS

2R have been exploring different materials this term. They went on a hunt around the Pre-Prep and the children took photos on their iPads of all the different materials that they spotted. The children have been using adjectives to describe what they discovered and they have begun to look at the properties of materials.



Fire Fire Fire!

Nursery have also been busy firefighters this term. The children have had great fun in the role play area and have put out a fire in the wooden house in the playground.



Fighting for Divisions!

Cheam's Division Cross-Country took place in March, with the whole of the Prep School running to battle it out for the trophy. This is a real highlight of the sporting year as it is a chance for every pupil in their Division to earn points and contribute to the final results. Of course, we commend the winning girls and boys in their categories, but equally, it is so fantastic to see the support and hear the cheers on the home straight for all pupils. Congratulations to Beck for winning the overall event for the first time in over a decade - maybe the tide is turning for the Green Army!



MAGICAL MUSIC

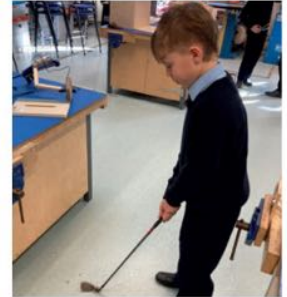
In their music lessons Nursery have been learning about speed (tempo) and volume (dynamics), showing these changes by making small or big waves with the parachute. They loved making waves in time to 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' by Grieg and Brahms's 'Hungarian Dance No. 5'. Music lessons with Mrs Cavill are always enormous fun!



Squiggling with Mr Rawson!

During Book Week Mr Rawson returned to do a 'Meet the Squiggle' workshop with the Year 2 class and they loved creating their own squiggle characters! They particularly loved being allowed, no, encouraged, to stand on their chairs when they shared a good idea. Mr Rawson made everyone laugh and the children have written wonderful stories about a squiggle which we are going to display in the foyer of the Pre-Prep.

Engineering excellence from Angus



Angus from Year 7 has three impressive DT projects underway, one of which he is in the process of patenting. The two he can share include an impressive lightbox concept to enable people to draw accurate 3D pictures by use of isometric paper being placed in a LED lit A4 box. The entire project was designed on 2D Design and Tinker-cad software and involved digital printing, wood cutting and wire work. The second project, a golf club with an adjustable head, is another great example of his creative thinking and problem solving. Angus has made a prototype of the club which can have the head adjusted to be a 5,6,7 and 8 iron, so enabling golfers to only take 3 clubs on the course; a club, putter and driver. Angus is a fantastic example of a truly talented and creative engineer. We are thrilled to watch him develop his skills and concepts. Angus explained how his best ideas come to him, "I design things to help make life easier." Superb work Angus!



Our Grounds Team are replicating ancient hedges to support biodiversity at Cheam

Thank you to Mark Little, Head Groundsman, for spending time with pupils and explaining one of the many projects he and his amazing team are developing in our beautiful grounds to increase the biodiversity of our ecosystem. Using ancient methods,

the Grounds Team are skilfully building a natural living fence from hazel, similar to the style which would have been used centuries ago when the woodland was first planted. What an incredible and important project.

Wild Wednesday goes neon!

In March we saw the whole of Year 7, bedecked in a fantastic array of neon outfits, come together for their Wild Wednesday boarding night. After a fantastic supper of stacked burgers and fries, with cookies and flavoured milk to follow, an energetic countdown culminated in the doors to the large Dining Hall being flung open to reveal a neon karaoke club scene. The Gappers got the ball rolling with their energetic rendition of Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Baby, much appreciated by the crowd. There then followed ninety minutes of non-stop classics, with everybody eager to get their hands on the microphone and entertain the appreciative audience. Neon face painting and temporary tattoos were a hit, as was the very popular pic'n'mix Tuck Bar. With MC Millar on the decks, the entertainment came to a close with everyone singing George Ezra's Shotgun before energetic and heartfelt thanks were extended to Year 7 and boarding staff. At 8pm we all headed upstairs and within half an hour the children were all showered and in bed, resting and reading in time for lights out at 9pm. We look forward to welcoming all of the Year 5 and Year 4 children to their Wild Wednesdays next term.



Lorraine Kelly visits Cheam and shares with us her life on camera

It is not every day that you get to meet, let alone interview, a celebrity... but for Eddie, Chloe, Archie and Scarlett this was the case! On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Lorraine Kelly to Cheam. Lorraine travelled to us straight from her live 'Lorraine' show and then stepped onto the 'Cheam TV set' in the Chapel where she was interviewed by the children. Lorraine spoke with great energy about her work, giving behind the scenes anecdotes and insights into her fascinating career. From interviewing Oprah, being sung happy birthday by George Clooney, to meeting the Queen to receive her OBE and speaking to those affected by the horrors in Ukraine, Lorraine gave us all a wonderful and thought-provoking glimpse into the world of TV and news. Congratulations to the children who held their nerve under pressure and delivered their questions extremely well.



BOOK WEEK

We kick-started Book Week with our break-time 'Book Nooks', where children could hear different teachers reading some of their favourite stories. These continued daily and it was a joy to see children bustling down the corridors in search of a new nook! Unsurprisingly, the Headmaster's Study was particularly popular, though the crackling fireside readings in the Dining Hall were a close second! On World Book Day itself the children were herded into the Chapel having been summoned there by Miss Trunchbull. It transpired that a piece of her personal chocolate cake had been stolen! The culprit was soon wheedled out, but the hideous Headmistress had grossly underestimated the willpower (and remarkable appetite) of Bruce Bogtrotter! To everyone's delight, Bruce's infamous chocolate cake made another appearance at lunch, accompanied by Mrs Twit's 'Wormy Spaghetti', and few other literary treats! To top off the week's festivities, pupils in the Prep treated us to some memorable performances in our three Reading Competition finals.





And pull!

A new weekly activity of Clay Pigeon Shooting got off to a flying start this term, with a group of Year 7 being the first to pick up their guns. The activity at Penn Sports is run by two past pupils, Nick and Charlie Penn. The Year 7s made a fantastic start to this new sport and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Charlie and Nick for super instruction. We are looking forward to next week.



A warm welcome for PALS guests



Some of our Year 6 pupils hosted a visit from the local PALS group this term. PALS is a West Berkshire charity that has been working with physically disabled children and young people since 1997. The children were absolutely superb, planning, hosting and befriending the PALS children. The children made pizzas for their lunch, celebrated a couple of birthdays and enjoyed spending time together making music. This was a lovely initiative and rewarding experience for all.

Runners take on tough Cross-Country Challenge in Worcestershire

Over the term Cross-Country has taken centre stage with 16 runners heading up to Abberley Hall in Worcestershire for their relay event. In what can only be described as brutal conditions, the boys and girls ran with incredible guts and determination in very high winds, on a very hilly course. Overall, our U13 Girls team won their category, the U13 Boys came 2nd, and our U11 Boys and Girls' teams just missed out on a top 3 finish in what was their first competitive run for the school. Congratulations to Tiger and Camilla who were awarded medals for their individual lap times. A huge thanks to the many parents who also braved the conditions on Sunday and lent their support so brilliantly!

In February the U11 Netball team had a superb day winning 5 out of 5 games in the group stages of the Regionals Netball Tournament. The girls then won the quarter-finals and semi-finals to face Millfield in the final. They team won the final 11-2 and headed to the U11 National Netball Finals in March. At the Finals, the girls played extremely well and became gallant silver medallists. This is a fantastic achievement, placing 2nd out of 203 schools in the country.

U11 Netball team take second place at nationals



Go Grease Lightening!

The anticipation for the performances of Grease began building many weeks before but reached a crescendo as showtime approached!

Year 8 had been making careful and excited preparations and these resulted in some absolutely stunning performances on the drama, dance and music front. Lines were spoken clearly and emotively, dancing was enthusiastic and singing was energetic and pitch-perfect. Soloists enjoyed their moment to shine and produced some most impressive performances. Costumes, make-up, sound and lighting, as well as backstage crew all came together to create an absolute highlight to the term.

Huge thanks must be extended Mr Bennett and his band, Hayley for brilliant choreography and, of course, to Miss McSweeney for her passion and thorough preparation. None of this could have happened, however, without the wonderful support of parents and some extremely hard work by a rather gifted group of children; what a special moment for them all to reflect on in years to come. Congratulations to all involved!

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Grease Opening night Gala, in aid of The Cheam Foundation. Thanks to a wonderful committee of parents, gala guests got in the Rydell High mood with beers, burgers, popcorn and prosecco, before heading into the Chapel to enjoy the show. Thank you to Childs Farm for their sponsorship, Bucklebury Farm for the theatre ice creams and all the companies who contributed to the exciting raffle.



National Prep Schools Cross Country Championships



The 2022 Cross Country season culminated in 16 runners from Cheam heading up to Malvern on the Sunday of Exeat to run in the National Prep Schools Cross Country Championships. Competition was unsurprisingly fierce and the course was rightly tough, including several long hills to negotiate. The U11 runners ran 2.8km and the seniors 3.2km; with around 180 runners in each race it was always going to be hotly contested and at a pace that was going to push even the hardest of runners! All negotiated the course well, with particular mention to Penelope Hall who managed a top 10 finish in her race; all Cheam teams ran with such heart and fight to earn some very impressive team places too. U11 Boys - 17th out of 46 schools | U11 Girls - 24th out of 46 schools | U13 Boys - 5th out of 34 schools | U13 Girls - 5th out of 27 schools. A huge thanks to all runners for doing the school proud and to the parents who made the journey up to Malvern to provide support. We wish the Year 8 runners every success in the future and look forward to those in Year 7 and below returning for a fuller season in 2023!

Spring Concert

The Pre-Prep Spring Concert was a celebration of all the musical talent from Nursery to Year 2 which showcased choirs singing seasonal tunes such as 'Spring Chicken' and 'Hello, Mr Sun', the string group with Offenbach's 'Can-Can', two recorder ensembles and topic-related songs 'Just like a Roman' (Year 1) and 'Build it High' (Year 2). Other instrumental work included Reception's boomwhacker performance of 'Drunken Sailor', Music Club's djembe performance and Year 2's flashing drumsticks, creating a visual and rhythmic spectacle. Between musical items, the winners of the Verse Speaking Competition regaled the audience with their poems. The concert culminated in all the children gathering on the stage for our finale item, 'This Little Light of Mine'. Well done to all the children and all the staff on what was a real team effort!



Planetarium brings learning to life



In March the children loved a visit to the planetarium which came to Cheam. Inside the giant dome they learnt about all the different stars and planets in a 3D environment. Having the chance to hold some moon rock was a fantastic opportunity. We continue to ensure that a wide and varied curriculum is available to the children and this week is a prime example of all that we fit into their exciting days.

Trip to the rainforest for Year 3 explorers

The Year 3s took off on an adventure to The Living Rainforest this week to experience first-hand what they have been learning about in their English and Geography lessons. The children were led on a guided tour, learning about how the animals and plants in the rainforest had adapted to their habitats. We also saw a wonderful example of the 3 C's during breaktime with some of the children helping others on the playground, keep an eye on Instagram for the video!



West End Theatre Workshop

In March the West End Theatre workshops provided an amazing hour of dancing and acting. From the Early Years who performed the 'Gingerbread Man' to Year 1 with 'Where the Wild Things Are' and Year 2 who performed 'The Lorax', the children had a wonderful time putting actions to music.



£8,000 for Naomi House!

Louise from Naomi House visited and we were thrilled to present her with a cheque for £8040 from the Cheam Christmas Fair. Our DT Scholars, Max, William and Grace, who sold their handmade gifts at the sale and Mrs Haigh, presented the cheque; Omnia Caritate.



Author | Clare Luther Visits Cheam

Following Book Week it was the turn of all the children from Reception to Year 2 to shine in our annual Verse Speaking Competition. We were so impressed by the way in which all the children learned their poems and had the confidence and courage to stand up in front of an audience and recite the poems that they had learned off by heart. Our adjudicator, author Clare Luther, had already met the children during the day when she led PSHCEE workshops which were based on her books about the dogs at the dog hotel! The children loved hearing the stories from her books and were then given individual and encouraging feedback about their performances. Congratulations to our three winners, Emma in Year 1, Monty in 2R and Guy in 2F who each received a special trophy to take home.



Science Week

The great egg drop and more...

Science Week started with a fantastic Science Show by Don Plane. Our theme for the week has been eggs and there were some cracking demonstrations by Don who brought children on stage to join the experiments. In lessons the children have been doing egg-citing experiments: testing the strength of eggs, bouncy eggs, even electrocuting eggs! On Thursday it was the Great Egg Drop when over 80 children lined the balcony in the Sports Hall, eager to try out their egg-contraptions! There were huge cheers of excitement when eggs landed unscathed on the floor. What a fantastic event!



Budding Graphic Designers

1K enjoyed their computing lesson where they continued literacy work on 'Little Red' by Bethan Woollvin. They created graphic designs of the wolf eating cake and were able to locate the file, open it up and print it out independently. They also made jigsaw puzzles and answered a quiz online!



Easter Bonnets

The Pre-Prep Hall was an array of colour this morning as the children paraded in their wonderful colourful creations.



LA JOURNÉE FRANÇAISE



After having missed a year and being postponed, la Journée française came back to the delight of pupils and staff alike. The school wore its best 'bleu, blanc, rouge' attire for this occasion and the day started with a delicious 'petit-déjeuner' Français including warm croissants. This was then followed by a special French assembly which started with the whole school singing the Franco-British Hymn 'A toi la gloire'. Years 1 and 2 joined the rest of the school in the Chapel to sing 'Bonjour' by Alain Lelait to the delight of everyone present. Children from Years 3 up to 7 then treated us to a beautifully read poem by Maurice Carême called 'Trois escargots'. After this came the exciting cultural quiz which saw staff having studied French in the old days being grilled on the topic of 'Weird French Traditions'. Finally, after a fun and educational session, the whole school was invited for lunch to a very French 'déjeuner' during which was served French delicacies such as coq au vin, croquemonsieurs, soupe à l'oignon and choux au chocolat! Quelle journée géniale!

Year 2 Trip to Legoland

The children in Year Two have been enjoying their topic 'Homes Under the Hammer' and to celebrate all their wonderful topic work they went on an action packed trip to Legoland. Their first stop was a workshop that focused on different types of homes around the world. The children enjoyed building homes and famous structures from their continent and they discussed the different materials that each continent used to make its buildings and structures. We had some fantastic igloos from Antarctica and some excellent pyramids from Africa. They even recreated the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Sydney Opera House! After lunch in the sunshine they were able to explore Miniland. They saw the Queen at Buckingham Place, they watched NASA launch a space rocket and they watched boats navigate the canals in the Netherlands. They learnt how Lego is made and how many bricks it takes to build a Lego White House. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed another workshop; 'Lego Camera Action' was a huge success. In small groups the children used Lego to make several story boards. They used a movie maker app on the iPads to take moving images of their Lego sets. As directors of their own films, they set their creations to a soundtrack and had a go at editing the clips to make a short film.



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