

Chagford C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter 16th July 2021

Sports Day Special!

Today was our sports day and what a day it was! Fortunately every child was sunscreened at hatted and the always generous parents and carers had turned up for us with enough awnings, shelters and pergolas to ensure every child could sit in the shade. The teams stood out in their bright colours and the races and games began. All the children did their very best and gave us moments to remember and to be proud of.

After a long morning of competition the results were tabulated, checked and verified (thanks to Mimi and Sue our expert scorers) and a win was announced for the fabulous Blue team. We are proud of all our children so we made sure we gave every team a rousing cheer but this year the ribbons on the cup were blue and they will stay that way till next year. Well done everyone.

To finish off the day we observed the tradition of the Year Six spectacular—a curious event halfway between 'it's a knockout' and 'Takeshi's castle' involving custard, wellington boots, flour and a lot of hurdles. There's no points for the spectacular but it makes a lot of people strangely happy.

Thanks to Mr B who organised the day and made such a success of it. Thanks also to the staff who have put in hours after school to get everything ready, to the children who compete with great focus and support each other with great generosity of spirit, to the Year Sixes who helped run the day and last, but certainly not least, to the PTFA who bought everyone an ice cream to ensure we were cool and refreshed—it all made for a very special day.

Here's a few pictures to give you a flavour of the day.





There were some very 'interesting' approaches to the three legged race—some more effective than others...



Romping home!



Would you believe that a child could fly? Neither would I have till I saw the speedy sack race.





Our Tented Village—it looked like a music festival or a Bedouin encampment—at least we all had shade!

These wellies are filled with custard powder, water and—for some terrible reason—split red lentils. Would you put them on?



Why are these poor Year Sixes crawling across a tarpaulin? No one really knows—'tradition' apparently.

The 'spectacular' ends in a shower of flour. We loved the gleefulness with which the children doused themselves. What a brilliant, funny lot they are.





Thanks to the PTFA for this delicious and much needed ice cream. There was enough for everyone and it helped cool us down just when we needed it.

Pure focus and concentration.



I do love a traditional wheelbarrow race. Cooperation, communication, coordination, determination... you need it all if you want to succeed.

Seeing the children participating and supporting each other through the day was very special. Thank you everyone for making this such a great day.



Gardening Committee update

Ben Davis, one of our parents and a member of the Gardening Committee has written a stunning piece for our Gardening Blog, reflecting on the work carried out this year by our wonderful volunteers. We have been blown away by their dedication to restoring the gardens to their rightful beauty, making it a haven for creatures great and small! Do please enjoy his blog, which can be [found here](#).



Devon Voluntary Action

A Devon-wide partnership building vibrant, healthy communities

“Coming soon! Free Community Wellbeing event at Jubilee Hall, Chagford 10 am – 1 pm Saturday 4 September with lots of information on all aspects of health and wellbeing, fun mini activities, refreshments and much more. Look out for the posters and hope to see you all there!”

OKEHAMPTON Rural Craft & COMMUNITY Fair

23rd October

Okehampton College & Simmons Park
10.am - 4.00pm. Entry free

Okehampton College is excited to be involved in the **Rural Craft & Community Fair on Saturday 23rd October 2021** which will be a showcase of the opportunities that are available to engage in within our Town.

The **Rural Craft & Community Fair** will be the coming together of our recreational, support and voluntary organisations in the Okehampton area and will be an opportunity to find out more about what goes on in the town and what you can involve yourself in, whether that is sporting clubs, art/craft clubs, recreational/voluntary groups, or you want more information about support you can receive.

If you are a member organisation that would like to be represented at the Rural Craft & Community Fair and to take the opportunity to share what you do and recruit new members, please contact community@dmatschools.org.uk



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A message from our friends at Proper Job

Proper Job Defibrillator

Proper job have been leading a fund raiser to purchase a community defibrillator to be installed on the road facing wall of Crannafords Industrial Park. We reached our target in just three weeks and the great news is that we have enough funding to put paediatric pads in with the defib. Given Proper Job's proximity to the school, we hope you agree that this is a fantastic result for the whole community.

We sincerely hope that there is never a need to use the defibrillator but should it be required, we hope that the parents at the school are reassured by the nearby defibrillator which will specifically have life-saving equipment for children.



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