

# Chirpy Chinnock

West Chinnock Primary School Student Paper

Issue 3, Spring Term 1 2022

Welcome to the third edition of our school newspaper. We have had a busy first half of the Spring term. We are taking part in a sponsored read over half term leading up to World Book Day and are looking forward to buying new books for the library with money that you raise!

We hope you enjoy reading the newspaper.

Edited by Ollie.

## Club News

Written by Addison and Mary

### Football

Every Tuesday lunchtime Ian comes in and does football club with us. It is really fun and popular.

### Art

Every Wednesday lunchtime Mary, Harrison and Molly run art club. It is entertaining and great for creative people.

### Hockey

Hockey club is run by Mrs D and Mr Mitchell on Thursday after school. It is an amazing club and very popular. We have a tournament coming up at Millfield soon and hope to do well.

### Sewing Club

Sewing club is run by Mrs Holbrook on Mondays after school and is good fun. At the moment we are sewing patterns onto coasters and bookmarks. It is a good club to start the week.

### Nature Club

Nature club is becoming very popular at West Chinnock. Everybody is glad Nicola is back. She teaches us bird calls, plants and lots more. She shows us things you usually don't see when you are outside. She makes exploring nature lots of fun!

### Multi-sports

Multi-sports is a lunchtime club run by Mia, Sophia, Benjamin and Addison. We're having fun doing big group activities such as running, skipping, hula hooping and more.

### Dance

The whole school is having dance lessons with Keri on Friday mornings making up dances ready for an event at the Octagon theatre on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2022. Class one have their own dance and class two are split into years 3/4 and 5/6.

By Benjamin

## Spotlight on Mr Bertie

Every Wednesday West Chinnock Juniors are lucky enough to have brass lessons with Mr Bertie, you may have noticed your children have been bringing instruments home! We have learnt so much and wanted to learn a few things about him so we asked him a few questions.....

### **How did you first get into brass?**

*I was eleven years old and wanted to play the piccolo. My music teacher said I would have to learn the flute as well and being a lazy boy, I only wanted to play one instrument. As soon as I tried the trumpet I thought it was brilliant and it was something I could do. I have continued finding things out about brass and music that enthuse me.*

### **Where is your favourite holiday destination?**

*Bonaire in the Dutch Antilles which is in the South Caribbean.*

**What is my favourite sport?** *I like all Winter Sports and American Football. This may surprise you but I used to play football and basketball when I was in the Army.*

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***If you could have one superpower what would it be?***

*To communicate properly with everyone.*

***Have you ever spoken to, or met, a professional musician?***

*It has been my privilege to work with many professional musicians. I have always found them humble, considerate and approachable. They are rarely big-headed about their skill in music and are happy to help. Superstars are different and usually so focussed in their own world, they have little time for ordinary people or fans.*



## **White-tailed sea eagle**

White tailed sea eagles are the biggest birds of prey in the UK and one was recently spotted in Cornwall. We are really interested in birds of prey so decided to do some research. They eat large fish but also eat birds, mammals and carrion [dead animals hunted by other predators]. The chicks can be eaten by raccoons, fishers, bobcats, bears and even other birds of prey! The white-tailed sea eagle is a very large bird. It measures 66-94 cm [26-37 in] in length with a whopping 1.78-2.45 m [5.8-8.0 ft.] wingspan! The wingspan averages about 7 feet. This is the largest of any eagle! It is a close cousin of the bald eagle, but it lives in Eurasia. They live in the North West coast of Scotland and the Isle of White, England in the UK. The female lays 2 or 3 dull white eggs 2-5 days apart in March or April, and starts to incubate with the first egg for 38 days per egg.

By Calum, Oscar and William



By Calum.

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Written by Antonin and Harrison

Remember reading this counts towards your sponsored read! Enjoy reading over half term and remember to dress up for world book day on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>!



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