

# Chirpy Chinnock



Special Edition (4) Summer Term 1

Welcome to our **Special Edition** of the Chirpy Chinnock, written by Year Three, Four and Five, while Year Six are busy with SATs. This issue contains a write up on The Primary Festival of Dance that we performed at the Octagon Theatre. A team have also prepared an interview with our Forest School Leader! There is a section on Chinnock's sport and an animal spotlight. We hope you enjoy the comic strip at the end of this issue.

*Guest Editors: Ellis, Alfie and Daniel.*

## Sports

In West Chinnock primary school we take sport seriously. But don't worry, it's all fun and games! In Summer Term 1 we have:

- Tennis - years 3+4
- Athletics - years 2-6

And in summer term 2 we have:

- Tennis - years 5+6
- Athletics - years 2-6

On the first week of athletics, with the teachers Mrs D and Mr Mitchell, we were practising our whistler throwing and aim. It was extremely fun and increases confidence for our up-coming sports day!

Written by Tamara

## Festival of Dance

Today we are going to tell you about the Primary Festival of Dance; who took part, what happened and everything you can think of. So let's get started!

Every year group took part in the Festival of Dance performed at the Octagon Theatre in April. Parents had to drop us off at 5 o'clock for rehearsal. Then the main performance began.

Years 3 and 4 did their dance to the African Warrior Song. They were a bit nervous but when they got on stage everyone enjoyed it! Keri had taught us all and she's a very good dance teacher. They had to do lots of jumping and sliding and wore bright clothes.

Year 5 and 6 danced to Natural by Imagine Dragons. They were a mixture of nervous and excited but definitely wanted to do it again when it was over! They had to throw people and do knee slides! They wore bright hoodies and baseball caps and brought to 'cool' to the show.

Now we are bringing some cuteness to the paper because reception and years one and two did a dance to Men in Black and were brilliant and very cute in sunglasses!



## Spotlight on Miss de le Hey

### What inspired you to work with nature?

I always loved being outside and making things with natural materials.

### What is your favourite thing about working with nature?

I think it's really important to have a connection with our landscape and my work allows me to enjoy the environment.

### If you could have another job what would it be and why?

Protecting our world, rescuing things or anything to improving our countryside.

### What is your opinion on deforestation and climate change?

I think it's a really serious problem and that children will experience real difficulties if the leaders of our governments do not do something now to tackle the issues.

### Can you give us some advice on how to look after poisonous flowers?

Leave them well alone!

### How do you properly pick up a stinging nettle without getting stung?

Pinch it between your fingers really tight.

### How do you properly put out a fire?

Let it burn down and then our water on, checking that the embers are out too.

### How can you tell the difference between trees?

You can tell by the bark, leaves, flowers or seeds.

### What has been the most successful thing you have learnt in nature?

Biodiversity is crucial for things to exist together.

Written by Tamara and Harley

### Phonics

We have phonics and writing every day using the program Read, Write Inc. Everyone who needs a little more help with reading has a group. Everyone enjoys it and it has helped our reading and writing.

By Harley-James



# ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT



*Drawn by Summer and written by Calum*

Barn owls are a beautiful bird of prey. They are nocturnal which means they sleep during the day and come out at night. When hunting their prey, they can fly between 10 and 20 miles per hour. The shape of their face actually helps with their hearing. Their ears are found tucked neatly just on the sides of their head, behind the eyes.

*Drawn by Lennie and written by Seth*

Black panthers have powerful teeth as sharp as a dog's teeth. Their fur keeps them warm and alive at night so they can eat their prey. They also have sharp claws. This big cat lives in Southeast Asia. They eat hogs, boars, deer, rabbits, small fish, monkeys, lizards, antelope and tapirs. They have to protect their cubs.



*Drawn by Ellie and written by William*

Buzzards are one of England's birds of prey. Buzzards have a wingspan of 1.1-1.4 meters. They eat mainly small mammals, but they also eat reptiles, amphibians, large insects, earthworms and birds. They will eat rodents such as voles, rats and squirrels. Buzzards have large wings so that they don't have to flap as much. When you see a buzzard circle a field it means it has found its prey, food or something interesting.



*Written and drawn by Ellie.*

Wolves like to howl at the moon and chase after their prey. They have very sharp claws and wolves are very dangerous. Wolves can hurt you!



# QUIZ

- Q1. Where are barn owls found?
- Q2. Where did the schools go to when they did the primary festival of dance?
- Q3. What was the owl looking for in the comic strip?
- Q4. What are big cat's feet called?
- Q5. What is the wingspan of a buzzard?
- Q6. Who are the guest editors?
- Q7. What did the year R,1 and 2 wear on their eyes?
- Q8. How fast do barn owls fly?
- Q9. What is Miss de la Hey's favourite thing about nature?
- Q10. Where do Black panthers live?
- Q11. Who are teaching with howlers?

## COMIC STRIP

'CAT, OWL AND MICE' BY HENRY AND ANTONIN



Quiz Answers: Are all in the newspaper!