



West Chinnock Church School

Friday 24th May 2024

With this week's announcement that The General Election is set for the 4th July, there is no doubt that the children will have lots of questions to ask in the coming weeks. I'm looking forward to talking with pupils about democracy, how it works, why it is important and how we all have a stake in the process. As a starting point for discussion at home, there are some resources on the [BBC](#) which you may find useful.

The last week of the half-term is a time to celebrate, recognise successes as well as looking forward to next term. A huge well done to all pupils for their hard work and congratulations to the award winners that we celebrate in assembly today.

Our Year 4 represented the school excellently as they travelled to Stanchester this week for a primary multisports festival. It was heartening to see so many former pupils (now in Year 10) as Sports Leaders and we congratulate former West Chinnock pupil Jenson Murphy on his appointment as Stanchester Head Boy next year.



On Tuesday, was the school's first ever 'Prayer Day'. It was a welcome day of calmness, reflection and contemplation. You could hear a pin drop in the church and the pupils were so engaged and thoughtful as they took part in the activities with Rev Nick and Rev Coelette.

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Dance (Years R-3)

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TBC

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On Thursday, children took part in the 'Outdoor Day' working together on a collaborative willow flower moving artwork. It was a day where the true Chinnock spirit shone through alongside some great curriculum links. Impressively, pupils worked alongside each other across the age range brilliantly. A huge thank you to staff for leading this. The final piece will be displayed for you all to see!

Please see the attached poster about our upcoming poetry competition which is launched today together with some ideas of poems children may choose to illustrate or perform (the dates for the performance are to be confirmed but will be towards the end of July).

A reminder that rounders club is open to Years 2 to 6. Now the weather is (hopefully) more settled, please do come along.

Finally, we say a special thank you, goodbye and good luck to Mrs McBain who has been appointed Senior Office Administrator at Hill View, a special free school in Ash opening in September. She will be with us for a couple of weeks after the half-term before starting her post before the summer holiday to get this new school fully operational for September. If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift, please speak to Mrs Brimble or Mr Caswell. Details about how the office will be managed going forward will be communicated after half-term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Mr Caswell



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