

The Power of playtime

Chapelford Village Primary School is taking a proactive step towards enhancing the overall well-being and development of its students by embracing the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Playtimes initiative. This innovative program emphasises the importance of outdoor play and learning, fostering a creative and engaging environment for children during break times.

The OPAL program, developed by a team of experts in play and environmental education, focuses on creating dynamic and inclusive outdoor spaces that encourage physical activity, social interaction, and imaginative play. With a strong emphasis on risk-taking, problem-solving, and team-building, the initiative aims to boost children's confidence, resilience, and overall happiness.

Chapelford Village Primary School has undergone a huge transformation in its outdoor spaces, introducing diverse play zones and equipment designed to stimulate children's creativity and curiosity. The site now features areas for imaginative play, natural elements like plants and trees, and opportunities for physical activities that promote a healthy and active lifestyle.

Miss Webb expressed her enthusiasm for the positive impact the OPAL Playtimes initiative will have on the school community, stating, "We believe that children learn best when they are happy and engaged. The OPAL program aligns perfectly with our philosophy of providing a holistic education that nurtures not only academic success but also the social and emotional well-being of our pupils."

On the first day of implementing the OPAL Playtimes program at Chapelford Village Primary School, the schoolyard buzzed with excitement as children eagerly participated in a range of dynamic activities across the site. Laughter echoed through the air as the table tennis tables became lively arenas for friendly matches, fostering not only physical activity but also encouraging sportsmanship and teamwork. The water play area proved to be a highlight of the day, with children enthusiastically engaging in a unique challenge – transporting water to a central dam using interconnected tubes. This creative water activity also promoted problem-solving skills and collaboration among some of our youngest pupils. Scooters zipped around the play spaces, adding an extra layer of exhilaration to the day. We asked the children what they thought of their new playtime:

"This is the best playtime ever!"

"I like being able to play with my older sister and see some of the older children."

"I like that I can choose where I go and what I want to play with."

New areas will be opening soon including a mud kitchen and sand pit. Chapelford Village Primary School's decision to adopt the OPAL Playtimes initiative reflects a forward-thinking approach to education, putting the well-being and happiness of its students at the forefront. As the program takes root, the school anticipates a positive impact on the overall school culture, with our pupils reaping the benefits of enhanced outdoor play experiences.



Star Learners

1	Ruby	14	Archie
2	Ruben	15	Max
3	Adam	16	Abigail
4	Jack	17	Eva
5	Juniper	18	Olly
6	Raghav	19	Ayman
7	Matthew	20	Heidi
8	Alfie	21	Amelia
9	Roby	22	Lexi
10	Ming	23	Maverick
11	The whole class	24	Isla
12	Harriet	25	Thomas
13	The whole class		

Readers of the Week

1	Hayden	14	June
2	Evie	15	Brian
3	Lola	16	Tayana
4	Ezra	17	Elliott
5	Martha	18	Max
6	Macy	19	Zohran
7	Bryan	20	Ellie
8	Leo	21	Thomas
9	Aidon	22	David
10	Alvina	23	Fearne
11	Ben	24	Alfie
12	Hunter	25	James W
13	Phoebe		

Values Award

4	Sara	5	Aurora	6	Theo	7	Ayla
8	Jude	9	Serene	10	Jamie	11	Glenn
12	Kayden	13	Bobby	14	Ella	15	Nicolaj
16	Sam	17	Lincoln	18	Michael	19	Faris
20	Aarush	21	Thomas RB	22	Aubrey	23	Ricky
24	Amy	25	Isabella H				

Health & Safety Reminders

- ◆ **May we ask for support with the safe use and enjoyment of the climbing frame by ensuring children do not use it before and after school.**
- ◆ Could we please politely remind parents to take care driving around both front and rear car parks at school drop off and pick up times, paying particular attention to the crossings as there have been a few near misses this week. Thanks in advance for your support with this as we all work together to keep our children safe.
- ◆ Smart Watches are not to be worn for school.
- ◆ E-SCOOTERS. Please can we take care on arrival to school on e-scooters.
- ◆ Bikes and scooters must **NOT** be ridden until outside of the school grounds!
- ◆ All ballgames including football are not to be played on the school playgrounds during drop-off and pick-up.
- ◆ School Gym Equipment is for pupils during the school day only.
- ◆ Please remember that dogs except for assistance dogs are NOT permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

Dates for your diary

February 2024	
Monday 5th	Year 5 - GSHS Drama performance of SHREK
Tuesday 6th	Whole School Parent's Evening
Thursday 8th	Whole School Parent's Evening
Friday 9th	Lunar New Year
Friday 9th	End of Term
Monday 19th	Back to School
March 2024	
Friday 1st	St David's Day. Children in St David's House can wear their own yellow clothes.
Monday 4th	EYFS Museum Trip
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Thursday 14th	Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting - 5pm
Monday 18th (Sunday 17th)	St Patrick's Day. Children in St Patrick's House can wear their own green clothes.
Wednesday 20th	Year 2 Residential Parent Meeting
Thursday 28th	End of Term
April 2024	
Monday 15th	Back to School

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations and well done to.....

Clement from Class 15 took part in a Badminton competition last weekend, he did really well and received a runner up medal.



Juniper from class 5 has passed her Pre-Primary ballet exam last weekend after lots of practice and hard work.

Well done to you both!

Parental concerns and issues

We take all concerns and issues seriously.

- ◇ If you have any worries, please contact the school and/or class teachers directly via the following methods: Email the class teacher: All class teachers have a direct email – these can be found on the [school website](#)
- ◇ Email the school office: office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk.
- ◇ Call the school: 01925 712554



ParentPay

Can we request that children's ParentPay accounts are regularly topped up, to make sure the children continue to receive their school lunches and snacks.

Free School Meals end for pupils at the end of Year 2. School lunch is £2.60 per person per day it to be paid via Parentpay.

If you require more help please don't hesitate to contact the school office on [01925 712554](tel:01925712554) or email us on office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk

Reminder - Once money has been put onto your child's account this needs to be allocation to school meals.



School Meals

School menu for week beginning **Monday 5th February** is **Week 3**.



In line with the Governments Healthy School incitive parents are requested to only send healthy snacks for their children for break and lunch time. Please ensure these items are low in fat and/or sugar. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please be aware that we are a **NUT FREE** school as we have in school with nut allergies. Please do not send your child into school with nut related products. Thank you



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2024



**Chapelford Village
Primary School**

EACH YEAR CHAPELFORD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES SAFER INTERNET DAY ON THE 6TH OF FEBRUARY TO RAISE AWARENESS OF A SAFER AND BETTER INTERNET FOR ALL.

THE THEME THIS YEAR IS "TOGETHER FOR A BETTER INTERNET". TO SUPPORT THIS WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE OUR PUPILS TO CREATE THEIR OWN E-SAFETY POSTER FOR OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE. CLASS TEACHERS WILL INTRODUCE THE COMPETITION WITHIN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN TO COMPLETE THEIR ENTRIES AT HOME.



HOW TO WIN

1

CREATE

DESIGN AN A4 POSTER WITH THE FOLLOWING THEME:

**YEAR 1-2
TOP TIPS FOR
CREATING A SAFE
PASSWORD**

**YEAR 3-4
DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS**

**YEAR 5-6
AGE RESTRICTIONS
ON APPS**

2

SUBMIT

POST YOUR ENTRIES IN THE BOX OUTSIDE OF CLASS 4. THE LAST DAY FOR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY THE 9TH OF FEBRUARY.

3

PRIZES

A WINNER WILL BE SELECTED FROM EACH YEAR GROUP. YOUR POSTER WILL GO LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS. THE WINNERS WILL BE INVITED TO HAVE A SMALL GROUP SESSION ON THE VR HEADSETS CHOOSING WHEREVER YOU WANT TO VISIT IN THE WORLD! WE COULD VISIT THE CORAL REEFS, SEE THE PENGUINS IN ANTARCTICA OR EVEN GO TO SPACE!

WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED AFTER THE HALF TERM HOLIDAYS.



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