



Warden Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

The end of term always comes with mixed feelings and I think this is an exceptional year for that. For this year not only are we saying goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils, but also, to four members of our team.

Miss Jones has completed her 1 year maternity contract with us. Miss Jones has had an incredible first year in teaching – her Year 4 class have loved every minute of it and we are just so grateful that we've had this year with her as part of our team.

Mrs Shillam who has been at our school for 23 years as a midday supervisor and as a key member of our cleaning team for 24 years.

Mrs Smith, who started life at our school as a Teaching Assistant and then became our Well Being Lead. Mrs Smith developed the role over the years and all the training she has undertaken whilst in role has meant that our children, when they have need her, have had a high quality pastoral support from Mrs Smith. She leaves quite the legacy as the first Well Being Lead at our school and a big hole after nearly 22 years at our school.

Finally, Mr Herbert, our Site Manager. I always remember one of my tutors at Uni saying to me before our first placement "Make sure you get to know the school Janitor as quickly as possible – they'll do anything for you" – and these words are so true. Mr

Herbert has looked after our site, countless staff and three Head Teachers over his 22 years with us. He's always been such a key player in our school and I'm just sorry that he's not going to benefit from our new build, but he's promised to come back and visit.

I wish all our staff leaving and retiring to enjoy their next few weeks and months as they settle into different ways of life. You will be missed, but the door is always open to you all.

Now, to our Year 6 pupils.

Yet again, a disrupted and different year for them, but they have handled it brilliantly. Here are my words to them, from their Leavers' assembly, which was live streamed to all their parents at 10am.

Dear Year 6,

Suddenly it's that time of year, the one you've been thinking about since September and it's here...the last day of term. It's usually when I'm reading a book that inspiration hits with how to start my Year 6 Leavers' speech and this year is no different, or the quote more apt:

"None of us really know what we're made of until the world decides to test us."

From the Storm Keeper's Battle by Catherine Doyle.

It's certainly been another different year...another year where you've been challenged and tested with the disruption to your time in school. But you've shown us what you're made of and you've come out the other end older, knowing more than you did at the start (thank you Mr Williams, Miss Barrett and Mrs Gaisford!) and with a few more unplanned skills up your sleeve



— thanks Covid! Change — it is a part of our lives. I suppose this has reminded me again that we can't control everything and you just need to make the most of every moment. I know that in your last weeks you have certainly done this and in the process made loads of new memories to take with you. If nothing changed, no new opportunities would arise. If new opportunities didn't arise, then you wouldn't have the chance to grab them and make them yours, learn from them and add them to what makes you, you. What makes you belong, explore and succeed — wherever you are. Your time at Warden Hill has been filled with opportunities and chances and you're ready for new ones. So, for the last time, some words of wisdom from me...

“Never leave anything to chance and never let an opportunity get away. Own them both. Be forward thinking. Be realistic. But, above all this, be open to change. Change will challenge you. Change will make you question yourself and those around you. Change will give you a different perspective. Change will give you new hopes and dreams — harness them — don't lose sight of them. Hold them tight and make them a reality — make them your reality.”

Year 6, you are all standing on the brink of a new beginning - a fresh start. One that offers you new opportunities, new chances and change. Embrace them all and enjoy them.

I wish you all the very best for the future; I have high hopes for each and every one of you.

Yours with admiration,
Georgina Flooks



It's been an eventful year and I'd like to thank you all for your continued support over these past months.

That just leaves me to say I hope you all have an amazing summer and that you manage some quality family time too. I look forward to seeing you all back on Thursday 2nd September.

Georgina Flooks
Headteacher



Progress Awards

At the end of each academic year our teaching staff look back on the year to choose a pupil to receive the class progress award. These pupils will have shown that they have gone above and beyond with their perseverance to learn new skills. They may not have always found things easy and the learning might have been tricky at times but they have continued to move forward and have made exceptional progress.

This yer the awarded pupils are:

Kayden RR	Millie 4S
Olivia RW	Tom 4E
Tom 1B	Brooke 5R
Bluebell 1S	Hayden 5C
Niamh 2T	Logan 6B
Oscar 2H	Immy 6W
Ava 3W	Zofia 6G
Ivy 3B	

The staff then have a huge decision to make as to which one of these pupils will achieve the overall progress award which is the Mitchell Award. This year the Mitchell Award has been presented to Immy Russell for her outstanding determination throughout Year 6.

Well done to all our deserving winners who are a shining example to us all!

Ms Nicholson





Downie Shield Award

The Downie Shield is awarded annually to a child who has exhibited not just fantastic skills and aptitude for school sport, but also the values that we expect of our young sportsmen and women.

Tobi was an incredibly worth recipient of the award this year, having demonstrated outstanding talent in a variety of sports, but more pertinently led Coln fantastically in house events, encouraged and motivated others of all ages, supported and led by example to all teams he was involved in and was a simply exemplary model for all pupils at Warden Hill.

We are immensely proud and honoured that Tobi is the winner of this year's Downie Shield.

The Biggest Sing

Year 3 took part in the Biggest Sing on Tuesday 15th June. They joined thousands of other children live, singing the Bill Withers' classic 'Lovely Day.'

Young Voices are raising money at the same time as giving thousands of children the opportunity to take part in the brilliant event. If you would like to donate to the marvellous charity Place2Be please click <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=biggestsing>



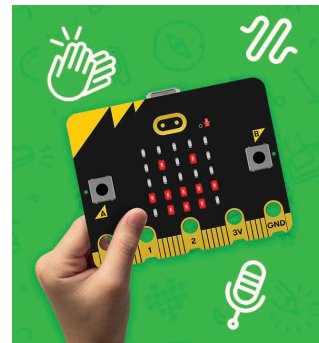
Year 6 micro:bit computing

Year 6 have been focusing on coding during their computing unit. They have been using micro:bits to create step counters, magnet detectors and a variety of other projects.

The micro:bit is a pocket-sized computer that introduces you to how software and hardware work together. It has an LED light display, buttons, sensors and many input/output features that, when programmed, let it interact with you and your world.

When we used the micro:bits, we created a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors. After playing this with our friends, we made a step counter. I thought it was really fun and enjoyed the Rock, Paper, Scissors game the most – I've even thought about asking for a micro:bit from my parents so I can try it at home!

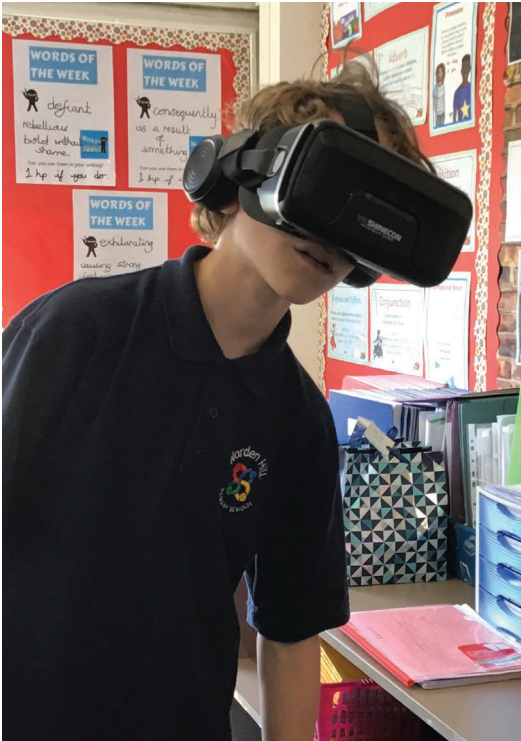
Vanessa 6B



Virtual Reality

Children in Year 5 worked on a unit called 'We are VR designers'. They began by exploring Google Street view and learnt how to take 360 degree photographs. They also learnt how to use some software to be able to create their own virtual world that represented a chapter from their class novel Sky Song. As part of the unit, the children used a different programming script to make their world interactive, including making characters and animals move and speak. Once completed, they were able to view their work in Virtual Reality on our new headsets which proved to be a great hit!

Some children were also able to experiment with augmented reality. They recorded their book reviews and were able to link this to a QR code for others to be able to listen to their recording. Have a listen to one of our children reading their review of Anne of Green Gables by scanning the QR code below:



Balanceability

Balanceability combines unique ergonomic balance bikes with a schedule of fun activities that build confidence, spatial awareness and dynamic balance skills enabling young children to cycle without ever needing stabilisers.

The Balanceability programme is aligned to the EYFS framework and we will work with children on their static and dynamic balances, both on and off the bike, as well as improving their fine and gross motor skills and overall physical literacy.

Over the Summer term Reception children took part in games and activities, gradually increasing their confidence and balance, getting them off to the best start in cycling.



Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Bookings are now open for Cheltenham's HAF provision. Eligible families can visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf/> to sign children up for activities.

Please note that activities can be booked on to, until the day of activity.

We are continually adding new opportunities for your children so please keep checking back for updates.

Gloucestershire County Council has collected information to support children and their families over the school holiday period. Please click the image opposite to access the booklet.

If you have any queries please contact Childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme>

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Cheltenham & Gloucester Gymnastics Club, a British Gymnastics investment project, have just opened a brand new, state-of-the-art gymnastics centre just across the A40 in Barnwood. Our mission is to get as many people involved in the sport of gymnastics with the aim of improving the physical and mental health of children in Gloucestershire. We hope our fun and engaging programme will be something children of all ages and abilities will enjoy!

Throughout the summer holidays, we are running gymnastics camps which are perfect for the complete beginner or developing gymnast. Children will develop new skills, meet new friends and stay active this summer in our fun and safe learning environment.

Thank you!

Martin Higgins
Cheltenham & Gloucester
Gymnastics Club
www.cggymnastics.co.uk



Following the success of their first Cheltenham World Relay in 2020 the Friends of the Cheltenham Samaritans are organising a bigger, better event in 2021. The aim is to get as many people as possible taking part in exercise over a 6 week period and seeing how far around the globe their collective miles take them. Those participating are encouraged to get sponsorship and to spread awareness of the fantastic work of the Cheltenham branch of Samaritans. By getting pupils, students, staff and parents involved each participant's fitness and mental wellbeing will improve too. So why not join up and encourage the whole school community & friends to join you?

Q: How do I get involved?

A: Sign up as an individual or as a team at <https://cheltenhamworldrelay.com/>

Q: When is the relay happening?

A: From Monday 26 July to Sunday 5 September.

Q: How do I log my exercise activities for the relay?

A: Once signed up you can link your [Strava app](#) to your Cheltenham World Relay 2021 account, or manually log your miles to your account.

Q: What activities can I log?

A: Any that can be measured by distance in any combination. So help build the miles by walking, running, cycling, swimming, canoeing and any other means that takes your fancy!

Q: How do I sponsor the relay or make a donation?

A: Visit the Friends of the Cheltenham Samaritans JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cheltenham-world-relay-2021>

Q: What happens to the money raised?

A: All monies raised are given to the Cheltenham Branch of Samaritans to help maintain and run the branch centre for the benefit of those who need help, and to train the volunteers who provide the service.

Q: How will the Cheltenham World Relay 2021 progress be communicated?

A: We will send out weekly newsletters to update progress and to share interesting stories. Each participant or team has their own page within their account which they can send out to friends and supporters. Also spread the word by posting video & pictures of you in action on the Friends of the Cheltenham Samaritans social media pages. [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)

So [sign up](#) now with your friends for a summer of fresh air fun and to help Samaritans in Cheltenham.

The Friends of the Cheltenham Samaritans has been chosen by Councillor Steve Harvey, Mayor of Cheltenham, as the Mayor's Charity for the Civic Year 2021-22.





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[Visit the website and see for yourself!](http://www.cheltenhamrocks.co.uk)

PARKS, WALKS & PLAY AREAS

If you're looking for some new areas to explore during the summer holidays we've got you covered with over 50 Parks, Walks & Play Areas on Cheltenham Rocks!

[Find the areas listed here and start exploring!](#)



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