

THE CHASE NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Consecutive Successful Inspection at The Chase, Malvern

A tough OFSTED team, relentlessly applying the latest higher standards demanded by the Government, gave a most encouraging and positive inspection verdict on The Chase at the end of last week's visit. In their efforts to acknowledge the progress made at The School since the last inspection, the Lead Inspector summarised the team's view in this somewhat tortuous, but gratefully received expression: 'The Chase is a good school with significant features of outstanding strength'!

There will be much more said in the detailed report, of course, including indications of areas for the school to work on, and we expect this to be published in three weeks time. In the meantime, we celebrate another successful inspection at The Chase and I am grateful to all staff, governors, students and parents for their hard work together over the past three years and the impressive efforts last week of those who contributed directly to the inspection itself.

Kevin Peck.

Nick Prosser's Funeral

Year 8 student Nick Prosser joined The Chase from Callow End Primary in September 2007 but was sadly not granted long in the school before illness, eventually diagnosed as a brain tumour, began seriously to affect him. Nick and his family fought against the disease most courageously, putting up with various tough treatments as cheerfully as possible and striving to keep normal life going. It was inspiring to see Nick and his Mum visit the school for favourite lessons until near the end of his struggle. Doctors and nurses were amazed to see Nick hold onto life for so long after he was unable to take proper nourishment.

Nick finally lost his brave battle at the beginning of last week and his funeral takes place on Thursday April 2nd at 2.00 pm at St Peter's Church, Powick. Mr. and Mrs. Prosser are keen for Chase students, staff and parents, who wish to support Nick and his family, to attend the funeral. We are expecting most of the students who go to come from Nick's own year group, Year 8, or from his older brother Chris's year group, Year 10, but those from other year groups who also feel a connection with Nick and his family are also welcome to attend the service at Powick.

Students wishing to attend the funeral should bring a note giving permission to their Form Tutors from parents/guardians, if possible by Friday March 27th. No student will be included in the school party without a note from home. The school will provide transport for students and staff. We expect to leave The Chase promptly at 1.00 pm, returning to school by 3.30 pm approximately. Students who wish to make their own way home from the church after the funeral should ask their parents to mention this in their notes to tutors. Any students who wish to attend the funeral with their parents, rather than joining the school party, should also bring a note for their Form Tutors, and attend school in the morning of April 2nd, leaving to meet their parents at lunchtime.

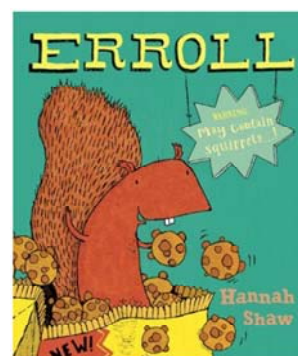
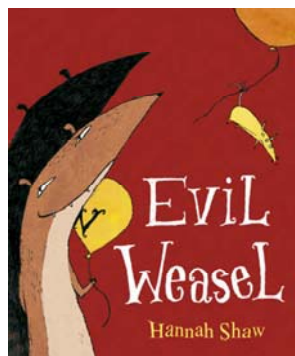
Nick's parents have asked that Chase students attending the funeral wear their full uniform as a tribute to their schoolmate, while adults are asked NOT to wear black. The family has also requested no flowers but donations to be made to The Acorns Hospice, Worcester, instead.

The thoughts and prayers of the whole Chase Community are with Nick and his family.

Kevin Peck

Author and illustrator Hannah Shaw visits The Chase Library.

On Thursday, 5th. March, to celebrate World Book Day, children's author and illustrator Hannah Shaw visited The Chase Library to work with a group of Year 12 Art students and a group of Year 7 students. Ms. Shaw's debut book, "Evil Weasel," was shortlisted for the Cambridgeshire Children's Picture Book Award, and her second book, "Erroll," is due to be published in April.



Ms. Shaw gave an introductory talk about her career and the process of producing a children's picture book, followed by a series of workshops during the course of the day. We looked at many award winning picture books to think about why they were successful, created an appealing character and designed an eye-catching cover and inside page. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to see some of Ms. Shaw's preparatory drawings for her own books and for those she has illustrated for other authors. The Year 12 Art students said it was helpful to be able to discuss the various techniques used in preparing the illustrations for publication.

The day was both productive and enjoyable and now we are all looking forward to reading "Erroll," the story of a talking squirrel who pops out of a packet of nuts! **Leah Wild** (7AC) said the day had been "great fun" and "I hope we can do it again!" Ms. Shaw e-mailed later to say she had enjoyed visiting The Chase and would love to return in the future. Many of the students present said they intended to complete their picture books and it would certainly be nice to think that the workshop may well have encouraged a student from The Chase to seek success in the world of publishing or book illustration.

The children's picture books used during the workshop are now on display in the library. I hope students will borrow these to share with younger brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Bates.

YEAR 7 CONSULTATION EVENINGS - WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL/ THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2009

Year 7 Consultation Evenings are on Wednesday, 1 April for the X population (forms HT, GN, LE, AC, LO) and Thursday, 23 April for the Y population (forms IN, DS, LR, PL, CH).

Letters and appointments sheets are being sent home with students this week. It is regretted that we are unable to arrange individual consultations with subject teachers or written profiles for parents not attending on the designated evening, except where there are specific problems. In all such circumstances you should contact Mrs Jennings.

New Minor Injuries Department opens in Malvern

A Minor Injuries Unit Department opened in Malvern Community Hospital in February, and has facilities (including X ray) to diagnose and treat a wide range of minor injuries and problems, for example cuts, grazes and wounds; sprains and strains; fractured and broken bones; minor head injuries; and minor burns and scalds. They are open from 9am to 9pm, seven days a week. For more information call **01684 612619**

Lost Property – Valuables

There are a number of valuable items in lost property (watches, keys, calculators, etc) – if your child has lost something of this nature please ask them to come to Pupil Reception to see if they can identify theirs.

Music success at Festival

Several Chase students enjoyed success at the recent Worcester Competitive Arts Festival held at the Royal Grammar School and Alice Ottley School. The clarinet trio of **Andrea Savidge**, **Rosie Smith** and **Rosy Cowell** successfully defended their title by beating King's School, Worcester to win the Open Woodwind class with a piece specially written for them by the school's brass teacher Mr Yates. Andrea narrowly missed out on first place in the Concerto class, but you can hear her performing the Weber Clarinet Concerto with the school Senior Orchestra in the Summer Concert on July 7th. **Tilly Chester** (Y7) achieved a silver medal in her class, and various other students did very well individually too. Finally, the Lower School Choir sang in the Under-14 Choirs class and although they didn't quite win they impressed all the audience and achieved a Distinction for their performance. A report by one of the choir members follows:

The Worcester Music Festival was an experience in itself. We were against Blessed Edward Oldcorne School, a very good choir.

We sang "Wimoweh" and "Hallelujah", both of which the judge regarded as excellent, with good dynamics and a fantastic ending for "Wimoweh". Blessed Edward's sang "Open the World" and "Don't Call Us", which were also judged to be excellent.

Sadly, the judge decided that the Blessed Edward's choir was slightly better, but we were awarded a Distinction, so we must have been good!

I'm very glad we did it, and next year I'm sure we will win! **Leah Wild 7AC**

Well done to all!

The Lower School Choir at RGS/AO:



Lower School Choir is on Fridays from 3.10 – 3.50 in M1: come and join us!

Calling all jazz players: next term sees the Jazz Band appearing in its regular slot at the Upton International Jazz Festival – come and join us for what is always an excellent event.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 3.10 – 4.00. Saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, trombone... the more the merrier.

Y9 - 13 Singers: Senior Choir needs YOU! Tuesdays 3.10 – 4.00 in M1: open to any Y9 – Y13 students. Refreshments provided... ☺

Gifted and Talented Modern Foreign Languages Day

On Wednesday 11th March, the AS language students attended a gifted and talented Modern Foreign Languages 'Excellence Hub' at Worcester Sixth Form College. The day was run by the University of Birmingham and Aston University, Birmingham and was orchestrated by native Spanish, Italian, Japanese, German and French speakers. There were four choices for each session, but all of us chose Translation Studies for the first one, and had the chance to try translating in the language that we are studying. This was very interesting and is a possible language course to take at university, and a career after that, although it was very challenging to do. There were three choices for the second session– French film, Spanish music or 'Unmistakably German?'. The other German students and I went of the latter which was very helpful and useful in improving our vocabulary and finding out more about Germany. The whole afternoon was very interesting—helping us to improve our languages, broadening our knowledge of Germany, having the opportunity to talk to native speakers and meet other language students from across the county. **Joanna Lucas and Sophie Bate 12GE**

Lower School Ski Trip To Austria

In the early hours of Friday 13th February, 7 teachers and 56 pupils set off for Nassfeld, Austria for what has been described as the best lower school ski trip yet! Recently, Nassfeld had some of its best snow fall for years and at the top of the mountain the depth even reached 5 metres. This ensured some fantastic skiing and EVERYBODY managed to go from top to bottom within the first 4 days- a first in Chase history! The trip was a huge success and will provide great memories to look back on. Congratulations to everybody involved!



Year 7 Blackpool Hockey Tour Diary

Friday 13th March 2009... unlucky for some, but not Miss Hardy, Miss Grigg and the year 7 girls hockey squad, who all travelled to Blackpool for two days of hockey and FUN!

We arrived in Blackpool at about 1pm and enjoyed a couple of hours on the pier and at the Blackpool Tower. Later we went to Arnold School where we all took part in a training session, followed by a friendly match for two of our teams v Arnold. The Chase drew one and lost one...not a bad start especially given that the opposition had been playing as a team for a couple of years longer than us!

After the hockey finished for the day, we were all introduced to our host families and went our separate ways to spend Friday evening with them. We all had at least one friend from the Chase so it wasn't too scary, in fact it was brilliant! Some of us went to bed quite late (!) but some people went to bed early, getting a good night's sleep ready for the tournament. Each host entertained their guests in different ways such as the cinema, a meal out, late night swimming in a private pool and even learning to drive a golf cart for some!

Saturday followed with an early start of 7a.m ready for the tournament and when we got to Arnold school it was straight in to warm ups ready for the prompt 9a.m start. There were lots of teams in the tournament, split into two groups. One team came all the way from London! Matches were very competitive and we got off to a flying start winning our first 2-0 and our team work got better and better further into the tournament. We won the next match 4-0 and all was looking good until we faced our hosts, last year's tournament winners Arnold School. It was goal for goal, which Miss Hardy said was very exciting to watch, but we unfortunately lost 3-2. We went on to win our next match 3-1 and drew the last 1-1. Our team did absolutely brilliantly, earning a place in the semi-finals. Sadly we were defeated 1-0. We stayed to watch the final and presentations. Arnold school drew with the team we had just been knocked out by and they shared a big trophy.

After the presentation we said farewell to our new friends and excitedly ran for our bus taking us to THE PLEASURE BEACH! Despite the long queues it was such FUN! Everyone enjoyed themselves, but only 3 lucky people managed to get a ride on the Pepsi Max roller coaster before it shut down due to high winds! Never mind, the Tango Ice Blast was pretty exhilarating!

Early evening and we departed Blackpool, arriving back at the Chase on Saturday night 10.30pm. The journey home was full of excited stories and sleepy heads!

Overall, we've had an **AMAZING, BRILLIANT, FABULOUS** time. Massive thanks Miss Hardy & Miss Grigg...you are two cool teachers!!

Jazz Broadbent 7CH (tournament captain)

PE Newsletter

Yr 11 Netball V Evesham

After having had to cancel many matches this year due to lack of players we were all really excited to eventually get a team together and to be able to play the game. At the start of the game we struggled to get our first few goals as their defending team in the circle were strong. However after a few failed attempts we finally got our first few goals and then started to pull ahead. As our lead increased we all become more relaxed. In this time Evesham were able to re-gain 2 goals back. Exceptional centre court playing from **Sarah Medcalf** 11BL and brilliant linking by **Claudia** and **Tamsin Harris** 11LK enabled us to always have a passing option available. **Chloe Kendrick** 11RS played well as Goal Keeper despite having a broken finger! **Ami Franklin** 11RS and **Sarah Sheppard** 11RS also had a fantastic shooting technique despite Sarah not usually being a shooter, between them they both managed to score a very impressive 31 goals. The final score being 31-2 to the Chase.

By **Sarah Sheppard** 11RS

The Chase go to Wembley!



44 football and GCSE PE students from year 10 have the very exciting opportunity of going to the new Wembley to watch England versus Ukraine in a world cup qualifying match. Tickets to Wembley for international matches are in such high demand that schools are very rarely offered the opportunity to take students to such games. The opportunity has arisen as a reward for The Chase winning the FA Charter Standard award for excellence in football, which is given to very few schools nationally. We wish the pupils who are lucky enough to be going a very enjoyable trip!!



PE Good News Slot

- The Chase U13 girls are **county cricket champions**, they were undefeated in the county tournament and are now playing in the regionals on 23rd April in Derby
- Last week The Chase U12 girls rugby squad played in the county development tournament and performed brilliantly to reach the semi finals. It was the first time playing in a match for some of the girls, they unfortunately lost out on a place in the finals, losing to Blessed Edwards.
- U12 Boys rugby were **runners up** in the annual CCT tournament (Chase, Cleeve and Tewkesbury)
- **Jack Lannie** 10DA and **Sam Harris** 9CA have both been selected for the County Cross Country Team and will be going to the National Championships this month. Well done boys, and good luck in the National Championships!!



Sports Results:



Boys Football:

1st Team:

The Chase 0 – 1 Malvern College
The Chase 7 – 2 Hanley Castle
The Chase 4 – 1 Pershore
The Chase 1 – 2 Evesham
The Chase 5 – 3 Worcester 6th Form

2nd Team:

The Chase 4 – 3 Malvern College
The Chase 4 – 0 Pershore
The Chase 1 – 0 Evesham
The Chase 1 – 3 Worcester 6th Form

Year 11 (U16):

The Chase 'A' 8 – 1 Malvern College
The Chase 'B' 3 – 0 Malvern College
The Chase 5 – 3 Pershore
The Chase 4 – 1 Hanley

Year 10 (U15):

The Chase 3 – 1 Down End Tech
The Chase 'A' 9 – 0 Malvern College
The Chase 'B' 3 – 0 Malvern College
The Chase 3 – 0 Hanley
The Chase 4 – 0 Pershore
The Chase 0 – 1 Evesham
The Chase 1 – 0 RGS

Year 9 (U14):

The Chase 'A' 3 – 1 Malvern College
The Chase 'B' 3 -2 Malvern College

Year 8 (U13):

The Chase 4 – 1 Pershore
The Chase 8 – 0 Hanley
The Chase 'A' 5 – 0 RGS
The Chase 'B' 1 – 4 RGS

Year 7 (U12):

The Chase 'A' 2 – 1 Hanley
The Chase 'A' 0 – 6 RGS
The Chase 'B' 1 – 0 RGS
The Chase 'B' 0 – 1 Chantry

Netball:

1st Team:

The Chase 18 – 13 Hanley
The Chase 16 – 38 Malvern College
The Chase 2 – 57 King's
The Chase 39 – 12 Dyson's
The Chase 23 – 37 Hereford 6th Form

Year 11:

The Chase 7 – 36 Prince Henry's
The Chase 31 – 2 Evesham

Year 10:

The Chase 4 – 25 RGS
The Chase 20 – 9 Christopher Whitehead
The Chase 'A' 31 – 2 Dyson's
The Chase 'B' 25 – 5 Dyson's
The Chase 15 – 5 Malvern College
The Chase 18 – 20 Hanley

Year 9:

The Chase 16 – 16 Prince Henry's
The Chase 14 – 14 Christopher Whitehead
The Chase 23 – 9 Dyson's
The Chase 7 – 23 MSJ
The Chase 'A' 14 – 29 Malvern College
The Chase 'B' 1 – 29 Malvern College
The Chase 'B' 17 – 6 Malvern College 'C'
The Chase 13 – 9 Hanley
The Chase 9 – 10 Evesham

Year 8:

The Chase 17 – 18 Dyson's
The Chase 15 – 15 MSJ
The Chase 'B' 10 – 14 Dyson's 'B'
The Chase 25 – 0 Hanley

Year 7:

The Chase 37 – 1 Dyson's
The Chase 19 – 5 MSJ
The Chase 'B' 9 – 5 Dyson's 'B'
The Chase 16 – 15 King's
The Chase 'B' 14 – 15 King's 'C'
The Chase 34 – 3 Hanley