



Chosen Hill School

Learning Tip

Museums and Galleries

One of the most rewarding learning experiences students can have is to visit a museum or an art gallery. A visit to a museum or gallery is an experience of value in itself – simply sampling the atmosphere is something students enjoy. It can also help students connect with the curriculum at a deeper level.

Year 8 students will be learning about Britain's involvement in the slave trade in their History lessons and will explore some of the links the South West had to slave trading. The M Shed Gallery in Bristol brings this particular topic to life and is well worth a visit.



Parent Newsletter 21/10/21

Thank you for your support over the last week as we have taken the additional covid precautions in light of the rising national and more acute local prevalence of Covid.

We will be continuing with the additional covid protocols for at least the first week back after half-term (week beginning 1st November). Whilst we are hopeful that the half-term break will help reduce the current number of positive cases it is appropriate to require students and staff to wear masks and keep to Year group social areas on their return to school.

Please can you continue with the twice weekly covid testing (LFD) - we would ask specifically that all students test on the Sunday 31st October prior to returning after the half term break. If you have a positive result on an LFD test please also continue to book a confirmatory PCR test.

I have been really pleased with how the students and staff have started this year and look forward to building on the opportunities and learning next term.... But before that I wish all student a restful half-term break.

Congratulations Alex Waters

Well done to Alex Waters (C6STO) for his nomination and appointment as a Lord Lieutenants cadet.

Alex was nominated by the Chief Petty Officer at his unit and is one of only 6 cadets, across all 3 services, to be selected to support the Lord Lieutenant at official and royal events across the county for the next 12 months.

It is a huge honour for Alex, who was nominated due to his commitment to the Sea Cadets over the last 5 years.



House Music

What a fantastic event House Music was last week. The effort, energy and enthusiasm that was invested by so many students and staff was incredible. The weeks running up to the event filled the school with energy and music and no doubt made many memories. Thank you to all involved in the organisation and delivery! As the usual highlights concert was not feasible as a public evening performance this year, an edited video will be available after half term for staff, parents and wider audience to enjoy...details to follow



Teaching Assistant Vacancies

We are looking for a person who may have NVQ Level 3 relevant qualifications and/or experience of working with students who have a range of special needs in Key Stages 3 and 4. Working for 25 hours per week. Further details available - please see the link below.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/qualified-learning-assistant-teaching-assistant-1179835>

Remembrance Day Events

This year Chosen Hill School are going to be supporting the Royal British Legion by running various events across the school. With the Centenary approaching on the 11th November we would like to encourage our students to join in. One of these events they can start doing at home over half term with help at school before they need to submit their entry on the 8th November, we are running a competition for each year group and a winner for each year will be selected and presented with a prize.

The theme is remembrance, this can be honouring one person or many or giving thanks to those who have or continue to serve. The entry can be written, a poem or story or any form of art work, a picture, photography, sculpture – anything. We need all entries in by the 8th November. For students that would like some support or inspiration we will be holding a 'Poppy Party' at lunch times for the first week back after half term in the Hub. Please see attached presentation for examples to help inspire your child.

We will be holding a uniform modification day on the 11th November. For any of our students that are involved in any of our armed forces cadets we would like for them to wear their cadet uniform.

We will also be holding a Learning Mentor group competition for the best decorated door.

If anyone would like to contribute to our fundraising efforts then please contact us using our Just Giving page details below.

<http://www.justgiving.com/team/Chosen-team?invite=true>

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Beth Staite at bst@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk or Allison Selwyn at as@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



Remembrance Competition

We are recognising the Centenary of WW1, by supporting the Royal British Legion, one of the events we are organising is a remembrance competition. This is a cause for all nationalities and races to get behind.

For our budding authors/poets enter your short story or poem along the theme of remembrance or thanks.

For our budding artist's be as creative as you like, using whatever materials you like to create art work such as a picture or sculpture.

There will be a winner from each year group, with prizes available and recognition of your contribution for all.

All entries to be handed in to your learning mentors by the 8th November – struggling for inspiration - join us in the Hub at lunchtimes the first week back.

See some examples below to get your creative juices going.....

'One Thousand Men Are Walking'

*One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide
they walk toward the light milord
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh and smile together
no foes to outrun
these men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved
they march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps
the meadows lit with golden beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave
they dream of those they left behind
and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men*

Joshua Dyer 2019 (aged 14)

The inquisitive mind of a child

Why are they selling poppies, mother? Selling poppies in town today?
The poppy, my child, is the flower of love for the men who marched away.

Why did they chose a poppy, mother? Why not a beautiful rose?
Because, my child, men fought and died in the fields where the poppy grows.

But why is the poppy so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child, the blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, mother. Why does it have to be black?
Black is the symbol of grief my child for the men, who never came back.

But why mother dear, are you crying so? Your tears are like winter rain.
My tears are my fears for you, my child, for the world is forgetting again.



Original poem written by John F. Willcock

