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YEAR 7 SAYS...

We asked our new Year 7s what they thought of life here at CCS.

Alex and Christopher say:

"It is really great here, the atmosphere is friendly."

Lucy and Ollie say:

"All the lessons are good and fun - especially art and PE. I think everyone will enjoy it here."

Amelie & Isaac say:

"All the teachers are friendly and welcoming. The food is so good!"

Laura says:

"My tutor is great and knowing that she is there to support and guide me makes me feel secure."

Paige and Amelie say:

"At this school you meet lots of other people and make friends really quickly."

Bennett says:

"I love the teachers, they are all really nice."

Ellie & Will say:

"Chipping Campden is really fun and we all enjoy it here."

Callum & Maria say:

"For the first time both of us have actually been enjoying learning at this school."

Sam & Jess say:

"We have had a really good term here and enjoyed lunchtime and the afterschool clubs."

Introducing our New Head of Science!

In September a new Head of Science, Mrs Vicki Lennon, joined us. Mrs Lennon has spent 19 years teaching in the



North West at a number of Liverpool schools. She says she loves being in the classroom doing experiments with students and seeing their faces when something they didn't expect happens. She would like to ensure that Science is perceived as challenging and fun instead of 'too hard'.



Season's greetings from Mrs Chandler

It was a pleasure to welcome 200 new faces in September; the (not so) new Year 7s have settled in beautifully and are a pleasure to have in our school.

They appeared quite at home by the time they welcomed the Year 6s during Open Evening in October and, as usual, made us very proud when they spoke about their transition from primary to secondary to a packed audience.

Since then, time has flown by. The Christmas lights have been lit, the Carol Concert has been prepared, our wonderful cooks are getting ready to make Christmas dinner for the masses and the annual staff panto, performed to the children every year, is still being written! All in all, there is much to look forward to.

Have a happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Mrs Sara Chandler, Vice Principal



Ri Maths Masterclasses

Our Sixth Form Mathematicians have been doing a fantastic job with a new joint project with the Royal Institute. They have been trained up to run Primary Mathematics Masterclasses for KS2 primary school pupils local to Chipping Campden. The programme aims to open young people's eyes to the excitement and real-world value of mathematics.

The six week course started on 4 November and involved 28 Year 5 & 6 pupils from six local primary schools. Each session was designed to stretch the most able young Mathematicians by

giving them the opportunity to use existing skills in challenging and unfamiliar contexts through investigation and problem solving.



Bristol University ChemLabS day

In June our science department had a busy time supervising sixty Year 4 and 5 children from five local primary schools. The pupils came from Mickleton, St James & Ebrington, St Catherine's, St David's and Welford to take part in a special Chemistry day led by Dr Alison Rivett of the Bristol University ChemLabS outreach team.

These potential Chemists of the future had a great time exploring the world of chemistry with five fascinating workshops that ranged from investigating colourful chemical reactions to an experiment that made slime! Many

thanks to the Ogden Trust for supporting this inspiring day!



Team Tim Science Show

To celebrate World Space Week in October, The Ogden Trust kindly funded two 'Team Tim' science shows for 150 KS2 primary students from across the Cotswolds here at Chipping Campden School. It was a hugely entertaining and interactive science show which invited the pupils to help British European Space Agency astronaut Tim Peake pass his training and blast off into space!

They helped Tim to keep fit, do quick calculations, conduct science experiments, grow space plants, launch small satellites, and perform a thrilling spacewalk to fix an ageing electrical circuit! Featuring a 'live' satellite link with the real Tim Peake and full of fun, learning and visual effects, 'Team Tim' was a fabulous way to inform the

pupils about the British astronaut's forthcoming mission to the International Space Station. Greg Stotebury, teacher at Dormer House said: "The children were thrilled to meet a real astronaut and to hear about his mission to the ISS."



Gold CREST Award winners

Five of our Sixth Form Science students are currently celebrating being the first in the country to be awarded a prestigious British Science Association (BSA) award for their science clubs. The students have each been awarded a Gold CREST Award for their innovative yearlong 'science communication' project with local primary schools. Sessions were full of practical science and 70 primary pupils enjoyed lessons on topics ranging from static electricity to the Solar System.



Primary Sports roundup

Over 35 student Sports Leaders have been involved in lots of Primary events and competitions throughout the year. One of the highlights was the recent Primary cross country event held at CCS on 11 November with over 250 students from our cluster Primary Schools participating. Our wonderful Sports Leaders assisted with leading the event including running warm ups, marshalling, timing, score keeping and encouraging the pupils as they ran their races. Other events that the Sports Leaders have helped with include the Primary netball tournament at the Fire College, dodgeball and tag rugby at St

James's. The last event of the year was the sports hall athletics competition on 9 December, with a further 20 sports leaders involved in its organisation. The Sports Leaders involved have been role models to the Primary school pupils and a credit to Chipping Campden School.



Primary STEM day

In June our Year 12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) ambassadors led a project with 40 primary school pupils from St David's, Moreton-in-Marsh, over two days making bird boxes. They designed and made their own bird box enhancing their Design Technology, Maths and Science skills.

The Stepping Up Project

Helena Sellars, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) and also a Primary School teacher, has done a fabulous job this last term with the Stepping Up project. This is a government funded scheme administered by University of Gloucester to train primary teachers in Modern Foreign Languages.

The project involved delivering after-school training sessions (or twilights) to primary staff at nine local schools to improve their confidence and skills in teaching MFL. It involved Helena going in to each school for a few hours to see what assistance they required and then returning to help them. Topics included help with planning a scheme of work, demonstrating resources and teaching a demonstration lesson.

