Chater Junior School

Making lives better

Friday 10th July 2026

“If we don’t change, we don’t grow. If we don’t grow, we aren’t really living .”

Gail Sheehy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge congratulations to all the Year 6 pupils for their outstanding performance in the production **“Grimm- Once Upon A Musical."** The children were truly wonderful, and I would like to extend my gratitude to the teachers who supported them throughout. Special thanks are extended to Mrs Ress and Ms. Pratt for providing invaluable support to the Year 6 pupils.

Finally, the mastermind behind the production, Mrs White for her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment over the past six weeks, brought the show to life! I am incredibly proud of all the children for their fantastic effort.

Wednesday was a very busy day, we started with the year 6 prefects thoughtful and engaging assemblies they delivered in Years 3, 4 and 5. They spoke confidently about their successes, reflecting on the positive impact they have had within the school community. They also shared meaningful reasons why pupils should aspire to become prefects, highlighting opportunities to develop leadership skills, support others, and serve as positive role models.

All of our prefects have demonstrated enthusiasm, maturity, and commitment were evident throughout the year, and they represented our valued behaviours exceptionally well.

Also, the Year 5 children who have been selected to be Sports Leaders were trained by Mrs Lipley from Queens Secondary School. She was very impressed with their behaviour, enthusiasm, and engagement throughout the training. I look forward to seeing them take on their leadership roles and make a positive contribution to school life next year.

The pupils who attend Rocksteady club put on a fantastic performance for their parents and staff. They showcased the skills they have been developing throughout the term and performed with great confidence and enthusiasm. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance!

Congratulations to Azriel (Florence Nightingale), Miya (Florence Nightingale), and Aminah (Martin Luther King), the winners of the Rotary Club competition on “Happiness in Nature.” Their inspiring poems and stories beautifully captured the joy and beauty of the natural world. We are proud of their creativity and achievement.

A quote that perfectly captured Chater's commitment to being eco-friendly comes from Miya, who wrote in her poem, ***“Nature gives us joy each day in its bright and gentle way, If we care and do our part, happiness will fill each heart.”*** Please see the children’s work on the next page.

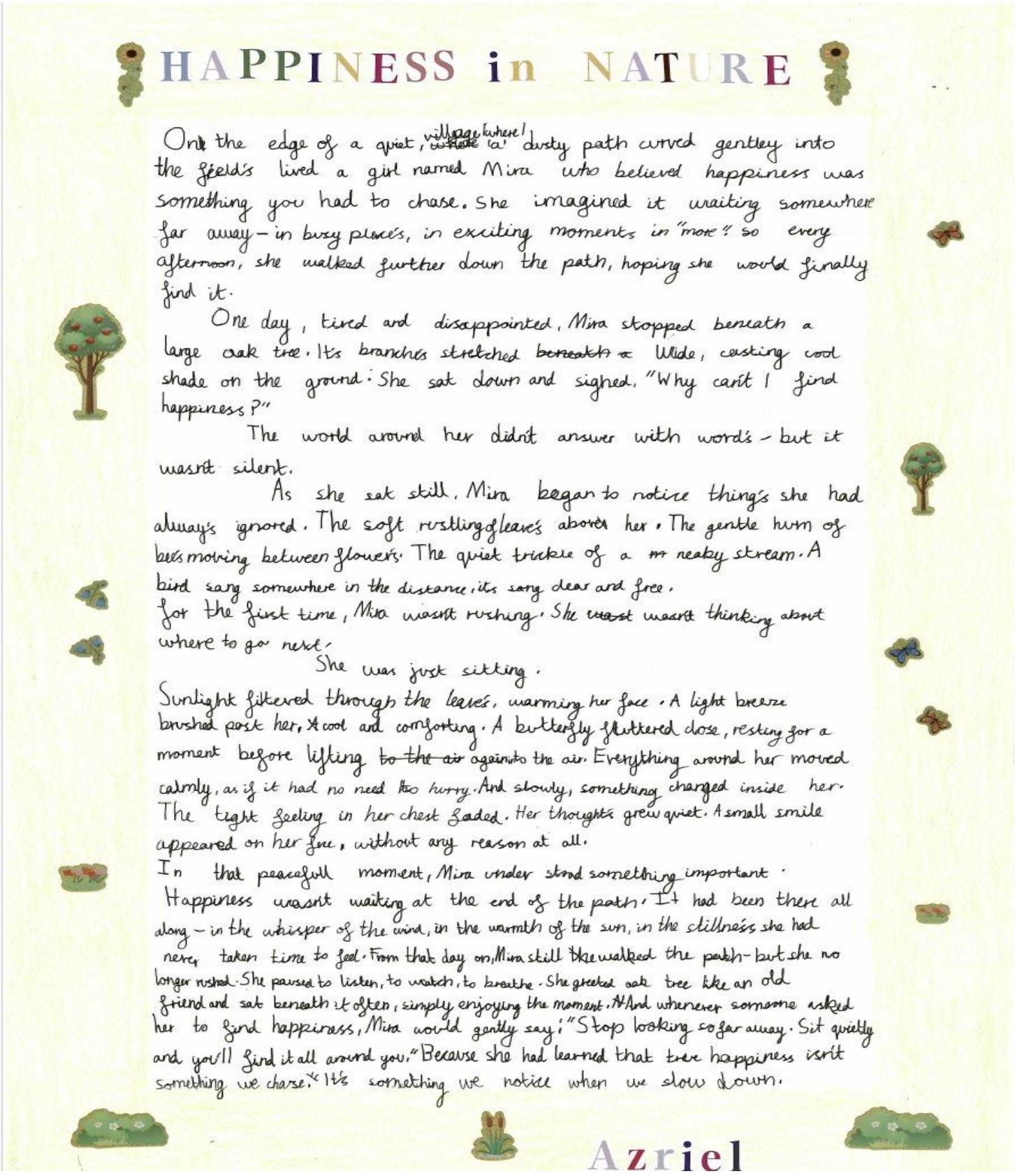
Well done to everyone who participated in the Energy Saving Poster Competition. Ms Pratt loved your creative ideas and your amazing artistic abilities. Congratulations to Kiki (Walter Tull class) and Yedaiah (Florence Nightingale class) for winning the competition. Look out for their designs popping up around school to help remind our whole school community to switch of lights to help save energy.

Thursday was a significant day, as the children had the opportunity to meet their new class teachers. Additionally, our Year 6 pupils visited their secondary schools. I understand that change can be a worrying time, but please rest assured that we are here to support all our children through this transition.

Your child's annual report will be sent home with your child today. If you would like to comment on your child's report, please email the school office on **admin@chaterjm.herts.sch.uk** We would love to hear your feedback. Even writing a simple message of gratitude to the teachers will mean so much. If you have specific concerns, please speak to the class teacher or get in touch via email. We are a listening school, and our strength is to work collaboratively with you. We want all our children to succeed.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Khindey



HAPPINESS in NATURE

On the edge of a quiet, ~~village~~ where! ~~a~~ dusty path curved gently into the fields lived a girl named Mira who believed happiness was something you had to chase. She imagined it waiting somewhere far away – in busy places, in exciting moments in "more"! so every afternoon, she walked further down the path, hoping she would finally find it.

One day, tired and disappointed, Mira stopped beneath a large oak tree. Its branches stretched ~~beneath~~ wide, casting cool shade on the ground. She sat down and sighed, "Why can't I find happiness?"

The world around her didn't answer with words – but it wasn't silent.

As she sat still, Mira began to notice things she had always ignored. The soft rustling of leaves above her. The gentle hum of bees moving between flowers. The quiet trickle of a ~~a~~ nearby stream. A bird sang somewhere in the distance, its song clear and free.

For the first time, Mira wasn't rushing. She ~~was~~ wasn't thinking about where to go next.

She was just sitting.

Sunlight filtered through the leaves, warming her face. A light breeze brushed past her, cool and comforting. A butterfly fluttered close, resting for a moment before lifting ~~to the air~~ again into the air. Everything around her moved calmly, as if it had no need to hurry. And slowly, something changed inside her. The tight feeling in her chest faded. Her thoughts grew quiet. A small smile appeared on her face, without any reason at all.

In that peaceful moment, Mira understood something important. Happiness wasn't waiting at the end of the path. It had been there all along – in the whisper of the wind, in the warmth of the sun, in the stillness she had never taken time to feel. From that day on, Mira still ~~like~~ walked the path – but she no longer rushed. She paused to listen, to watch, to breathe. She greeted oak tree like an old friend and sat beneath it often, simply enjoying the moment. And whenever someone asked her to find happiness, Mira would gently say: "Stop looking so far away. Sit quietly and you'll find it all around you." Because she had learned that true happiness isn't something we chase. It's something we notice when we slow down.

Azriel

"Nature's Smile"

I feel happy in the sun, shining bright on everyone,

Warm and golden in the sky, like a smile way up high.

I feel happy in the breeze, playing games among the trees,

Leaves that dance and twirl around, falling softly to the ground.

I feel happy near the stream, water sparkling like a dream, Splashing, flowing, clear and blue, singing songs the whole day through.

I feel happy when birds sing, hopping, chirping, welcoming,

Flying high and flying free, just like I would like to be.

Butterflies with colours bright fill the air with pure delight,

Bees that buzz from flower to flower work all day, hour by hour.

Tall green grass beneath my feet smells so fresh and feels so sweet, Clouds that slowly drift on by paint soft pictures in the sky.

Animals both big and small have a happy place for all,

Fox and rabbit, bird and bee live together peacefully.

But if we throw our trash around on the grass or on the ground,

If we make the rivers dirty or the air not clean and worthy,

Then the birds will lose their song, animals won't feel they belong,

Trees may fall and flowers cry, clouds may hide in a grey sky.

Kids like me will feel it too, sad to see what people do, Nature's smile will fade away if we harm it every day.

So, I promise I will care, keep clean water, earth, and air, Pick up litter when I see, help the land and help the sea.

I will plant a little tree, grow more life for all to see, Share the world with every creature, learn and love my greatest teacher.

Nature gives us joy each day in its bright and gentle way,

If we care and do our part, happiness will fill each heart.

Written by,

Miya N

Florence Nightingale Class

Happiness In Nature

We all know that nature is beautiful and calming but this is a story of a boy who didn't know this. His name was John and he was like all boys stuck on the screen all day. From dawn to dusk his fingers danced on the keyboard, his eyes were hypnotized on the screen. All day his frustrated parents told him to go outside but he just stayed on the computer, he thought nature is boring (just to say I'm offended on this, nature is amazing and we all know it). Every day he would just play Roblox or Fortnite, his parents begged and begged, even his friends begged for him to go to the park with them but it was no use he wouldn't come off, it was like he only lived for games, well he did. That was until one day when he woke up and tried to turn on his computer but it didn't turn on, so he tried his PC, nothing, he tried his secret Nintendo switch, nothing, panicked he looked for his phone or the TV remote but they were nowhere. This was all part of his parent's plan so he could go on no devices, no screen and so he would have to go outside and enjoy the fresh air. He would then see the colourful birds and the golden sun (he never saw the sun, as he was always inside so technically, he was a vampire). But no, John refused to go outside no matter what, so then his parents said "if you go into the garden there will be an um .... um device that you can play on yeah ". You can tell they were lying but John didn't, being on the screen all your life will not make you smarter obviously. He went in the garden and his parents followed behind him and once he was in the garden his parents locked the door and he finally realised that this was a trick. He tried to open the door but it wouldn't budge a single inch. When he asked his parents, they said "this is the only way you will learn". "Learn what?" he asked and his mother replied " learn that life and nature aren't boring " and with that they left. John slumped on the door and looked around, he saw better graphics, he watched an emerald green dragonfly which looked way more advanced and beautiful than in a game, he saw the green lawn and slowly he gathered his courage and stepped on it, it was damp, velvet - like, tickling his toes. John finally realized that nature isn't a boring prison but paradise. When his parents finally opened the door, they expected him to be all grumpy, but no he sat happily down beside the flower pot. They had finally achieved their goal. "Mum, dad look at the sun it doesn't even need a charger and look at the birds they are so bright and colourful. The parents smiled at each other happy about their son. You see nature is amazing and maybe you too should put down your tablet or your controller or any silly device you have and go into your garden and look at nature.

Aminah A

(Martin Luther King)

Congratulations

Headteacher Award

Well done to the following children who received the Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly.

Akhilesh
Class: Walter Tull

Kainaat
Class: Queen Elizabeth II

Alfie
Class: Martin Luther King

Aaron
Class: Malala Yousafzai

Sofia
Class: Florence Nightingale

Aiden
Class: Ernest Shackleton

Esa
Class: Greta Thunberg

Jenisha
Class: Usain Bolt

Attendance Award- Greta Thunberg

Attend Today,
Achieve Tomorrow
Every School Day Counts!

National Target- 95%
Whole School Target - 96%
Whole School Attendance- 94.1%

Walter Tull	94.7%
Florence Nightingale	94.7%
Queen Elizabeth II	94.1%
Ernest Shackleton	94.8%
Martin Luther King	94%
Greta Thunberg	95.9%
Malala Yousafzai	89.7%
Usain Bolt	95.2%

Golden Table Award

Well done to the following children for showing excellent manners and behaviour at lunchtime.

Aidhaan
Class: Walter Tull

Jacob
Class: Queen Elizabeth II

Rachel
Class: Martin Luther King

Zoya
Class: Malala Yousafzai

Yousuf
Class: Florence Nightingale

Zahera
Class: Ernest Shackleton

Hafsa
Class: Greta Thunberg

Yusuf
Class: Usain Bolt

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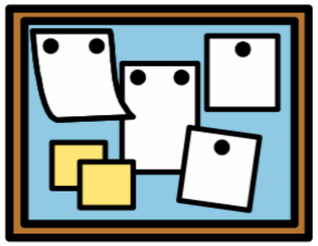

Please ensure your child returns their library and reading book to school next week.

Summer Term Diary Dates

Friday 10th July	**Annual Reports sent home**
Monday 13th July	Years 3 & 5 Athletics Festival at Watford Grammar School for Boys
Thursday 16th July	Year 4 Tri-Golf Festival Year 6 Picnic in the Park
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – 2:30-3:00pm.
Tuesday 21st July	**End of Summer Term- school finishes at 1:15pm**
Wednesday 22nd July	**INSET Day 5- school closed**
Thursday 23rd July	**Occasional Day – school closed**
Tuesday 1st September	**INSET DAY 1- School closed**
Wednesday 2nd September	**Autumn Term begins.**

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