



The APS Chronicle

A dedicated team of APS students bringing you the latest news

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Welcome to the Summer edition of the APS Chronicle. This issue is packed full of interesting articles written by Year 5 and 6 students all about things going on inside school and all over the globe. To entertain you during the holidays, we have included some fun activities, riddles and games too. Our hard-working newspaper team hope that you enjoy reading the newspaper. Have a wonderful Summer holiday!

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A New Prime Minister

The General Election took place at the start of July and our very own school was used as Polling Station, which meant we got to stay at home.

The big news is after 12 years of Conservative rule, Labour has overthrown The Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. They have won the General Election by a landslide 411 to Labour to 121 to Conservative meaning that Keir Starmer is our new Prime Minister.

Altogether, there are 650 constituencies and 650 MP spots and, in the elections, people vote from the 650 constituencies to choose the MPs. The candidates with the most votes get elected to represent their constituency in Parliament and have their votes and say on all of the big decisions.

The Labour party head Keir Starmer says he wants to build new schools, hire more teachers and change the age of voting from 18 to 16. Conservative head Rishi Sunak wanted to spend more on the armed forces and wants to introduce this new kind of service where 18-year olds will have to join the armed forces for a year or spend 1 week working in their local community.

By Anay

The Lion King

Year 6 have been working hard on their production of the perfect Disney classic, The Lion King. You must have heard the songs coming from the hall and maybe even spotted some of the costumes. The story is great and includes all kinds of scenes, from sad ones to romantic ones. It has not been easy to learn the songs as many of them are played in African languages such as Sotho, Swahili and Zulu. Everyone was hyped when our teachers announced it. We asked Ashkan how he feels. "I felt nervous at the start but now I'm excited and happy about getting the role of young Simba." We also heard from our older Simba, Dervarsh, "I also felt nervous when I got my role, yet now I feel more confident as I learn my lines and my songs". Keshvi in 6SC, who plays a hyena said, 'I am happy that I got a role and I think that we will have a great time.' Darcie and Sophia said that they have "enjoyed all of the preparation and are so excited to perform it." The year group have been working so hard on the

production, making use of time with every opportunity to practise. We have a fantastic team for the props and scenery, who are very talented and creative. The production was shown to parents on the 10th July and will be available to watch on the website.



By Samantha, Nashon and Devarsh

Euro 2024

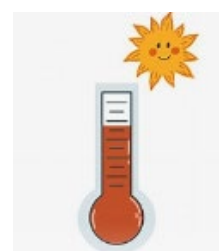
This year Germany hosted the Euro football tournament and football fever took over the school. Matches were played in the major stadiums in Germany and there were many fascinating goals scored by the footballers including Jude Bellingham's bicycle kick. At the start of the tournament there were predictions as to who would win. Ashkan in 6C said, "I think Portugal will win as they have world class players like Ronaldo, Bernardo Silva and Pepe". Sophia in 6C said, "Spain is going to win because they are very good." Miss Carberry reported that, "Her heart says England but her head says Spain". The final was played on Sunday 14th July and Spain were victorious, beating England 2-1.

By Nashon and Ashkan

Heatwave!

The UK has had a big heatwave and had one of the hottest Junes on record – temperatures reached 28 degrees on Friday 25th June. Although, this is chilly compared to the hottest temperature on record in Death Valley USA where it was over 56 degrees! Although June was hot, it hasn't been our hottest heatwave ever. This was a few years ago in July 2022, where it was so hot that we got sent home from school!

By Hannah-Rose



Summer Fun!

2024 summer is coming up. It is the perfect time where everyone can go outside to play in the park or the beach rather than just playing on their phones. We interviewed some of the children and adults around school to find out their summer plans. Umair in 6C said he will go to Dubai, Prince in 6C said he is going to America to see his dad and Denys in 6SC said he is going to Ukraine and going to play football. Miss Morgan said she is going to take her grandchildren for a trip and Mr Hollins said he is going to play sports such as badminton and football and will visit Greece. It will be a strange Summer for Year 6 as they look ahead to Secondary School. Here are 5 top activities to do this Summer if you are not going abroad.

1. Go for a picnic
2. Go for a swim
3. Go to the park
4. Take a bike ride
5. Enjoy a barbeque

By Nashon

Super Sports Day

As most of you may know, KS2 Sports Day happened on the 20th of June, 2024. The Year 5s and 6s were really excited and wondered what competitions they would participate in. The sports leaders worked extremely hard to make the day enjoyable and memorable. Kashmira, 6SC stated before the events, "I'm excited as it will be so much fun. I will be able to lead the events and we will have a great time! I'm not nervous at all because we will have an awesome time."

By Keshvi



Girls Cricket Competition

We all know what cricket is, but did you know that there was a girl's cricket competition this term? Mr Coleman took girls who were interested to try out for the competition one afternoon. All of the children were really excited as they might be able to play for our lovely school but unfortunately only eight were able to be chosen.

The competition took place in the Indian Gymkhana club. Firstly, they had to play against 3 random schools. The girls won against all of the three schools. They had made it to the quarter finals. I repeat the quarter finals! Everybody was shocked that they didn't lose any of the matches they played. After this, the team had a short snack break.

Then, Tiana and another captain played rock paper scissors realising that our team was going to bowl first. The team sighed as they were happy that they got what they wanted. The game was intense until Tiana scored a six on the last ball making the team win. Everyone was happy and they happily shook the other teams hand knowing they could go to the semi-final. When the clock hit 1:30, the cricketers were ready to smash the other team. They nervously played against a school, who they knew from the girl's football competition. Halfway through the match Mr Coleman noticed that the girls on the other team were chucking the ball which was against the rules so he informed the umpire. She immediately gave them a warning and also kept a good eye on them. Tension was rising. Everybody was on the edge of their seats as the umpire announced APS as the winner.

Priyal 6B exclaimed that, "she couldn't believe that her team won the semi-finals even if the other team were not playing fairly." Mr Coleman and Ms Smith told the team not to get their hopes high yet as there was a possible chance of anybody winning.

Finally, the time you all have been waiting to hear about has come. The finals approached and already an issue had occurred. The APS cricketers had to bat first and this was not good as the whole day they had balled first. They needed at least one wicket in the last over.

Unfortunately, we lost by three singular runs. They were this close but this means that they will be better next year and will have something to improve on next time they play cricket.

By Priyal



D-Day 80th Anniversary

25 heads of state, veterans and officials commemorated the 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024. On this day in 1944, around 150,000 American, British and Canadian troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, putting the Allies on a decisive path towards winning the war. Sadly, a total of 4,414 allied troops lost their lives on D-Day itself and more than 5,000 were wounded. Over 6,000 ships and more than 2,000 aircraft were involved in the Normandy landings. D-Day made a major impact in history and it's still remembered every year on the 6th of June. As students, we have also been learning about it and the impact that it made in World War II and a student from 6B, Priyal, stated that, " We have learnt lots about D-Day and how brave the soldiers were."



By Alicia and Saleha

The Ultimate Guide to The UEFA Champions League and FA Cup Finals

We all know about both the famous UEFA Champions League and FA Cup Finals but, in case you don't, want to read over what happened. If you like football, this article is for you!

The FA Cup: What is it and What happened?

The FA Cup is one of the domestic cups of England alongside the Carabao Cup. At the start, there were 124 teams, and that number went down to only 2 in the final. Manchester City went against easy teams, but Manchester United defeated harder teams.

It was Manchester United vs Manchester City in the final. A rematch of last year. Garnacho had a huge early chance but he hit it into Ortega; Just a few minutes later, Gvardiol made a huge mistake near his goal (he headed the ball towards his net) and conceded a goal scored by Garnacho. Mainoo sealed the win 9 minutes later by a smart hit, but Doku got a goal back in the 87th minute. United had won their first FA Cup since 2016.

Champions League

What about the Champions League? It was Real Madrid vs Dortmund. The first half was dominated by Dortmund, with Sabitzer, Adeyemi, Füllkrug and Brandt missing easy chances. Courtois was chilling. The goals came in the second half. A wonderful corner by Kroos into Carvajal and he headed it for 1-0 in the 74th minute. A few minutes later, Bellingham passed to Vinicius Jr who scored a beauty for 2-0. What an outstanding final!

By Ashkan and Nashon



Celebrations in Wembley

Mrs Hounsell's Maternity Leave

Mrs Hounsell, a year 5 teacher here at APS, found out around 9 months ago that she would be having a baby. Ever since then, the children of 5H have been buoyant and could not wait for her "little bundle of joy" to arrive.

In February, Mrs Hounsell decided to surprise her class with the game hangman. The class were perplexed but agreed to play. After a couple of minutes, the class began to decipher the phrase: Mrs Hounsell is having a baby! No one could believe it but at the same time they were enthusiastic about it. When asked about the news, her colleague and friend – Miss Carberry – stated "I am over the moon but will miss seeing her lovely face every day!"

The class gave her many name options and her top one was Freya, which a girl called Aditi suggested. Mrs Hounsell worked hard to carry on teaching her enthusiastic class so well as her baby bump grew. She went to appointments and substitutes had to replace her as she was away. Her class missed her a lot.

After all the memories it was her last day. At lunchtime, the children surprised her with card and gifts and a group of girls even planned a treasure hunt for her – Mrs Kad helped to make it a surprise. Once Mrs Hounsell solved the riddle and found the treasure box she was in a daze! There were presents inside the box and a card. She hugged each and every one of them and couldn't thank them enough. After lunch, they did a lesson, then Mrs Hounsell told them good news that she might come next Friday and be there for the class photo. The class were so jubilant to hear this news! Sadly, it was the end of the day. Nobody wanted to leave, since it was Mrs Hounsell's last day. She hugged them tightly and left.

By Tiana and Aditi



Early Finish Friday?

There is currently a debate going on that suggests that school should finish at 1:30pm on Fridays. This has caused a lot of controversy. Some argue that it would be better for child and teacher mental health but others say it will be challenging for parents.

Our TA Mr Hollins stated, "It would be a good thing as the children need to relax but for the working parents there should be activities such as cooking and sports to keep the children busy until half past three."

Now we will look at some statements the students shared. Kaung from 6C shared that it can be good for the children and it can give them some time to relax which is better for their physical and mental health. He also shared that it would be good for teachers too. This is a very kind thing to say because not only is he thinking about the kids but he is also thinking about the teachers and the staff. Based on all of these interviews I think it's a 50% chance that school would finish at 1:30pm. However, collecting these statements and listening to them started a whole new perspective about the debate each time. We will have to wait to see what happens in the future.

By Saleha



Save Our Planet

The environment is important so we need to help it. Anybody can help, even toddlers. You can help the world in only 5 minutes!

You can start off by not using plastic bags while going shopping. You can bring your own instead and help the environment. You can use bottles that are reusable instead of plastic water bottles. We can grow plants, stop cutting down trees and do not litter. Pollution in the environment is a problem. Why use a car even on 25-minute drives when you could use a cycle, a skateboard or a scooter even if it takes a little more time. Cars are also expensive, you will need petrol and your car might break down.

Our beautiful planet has wonderful nature on land but what about the sea? The sea animals are peacefully living in their habitat. But sometimes littering happens and some sea creatures won't like it, for example turtles they get trapped in plastic and that makes the turtle have a difficult time breathing.

So, my final message is: save plants and beautiful nature. Don't litter and don't cut trees and plant your own flowers, fruit and vegetables. We can make our world a better place.



By Mithra

World Environment Day

Since 1760 our planet's forests have decreased by 6.9% this is equivalent to 10 million hectares or 40 square kilometres. This shows that the UK is not protecting its forests. Global warming is increasing due to new factories. Many underwater creatures are eating plastic which is not biodegradable and can last up to around 1000 years. This can suffocate animals if not kill them!

Since there are lots of people who drive cars and own factories there is a lot of pollution going in the air so it is getting hotter and hotter each day which means that ice caps are melting and polar bears are dying. To solve this problem, we need to stop pollution as much as we can that includes walking to places which are close to you. Also, we do not only need to stop pollution but we also need to recycle, reuse and reduce because over 12 million tonnes of plastic is thrown in the ocean every year and because of that animals which live in the ocean may suffocate and die.

Environment song:
Got to save the oceans
Got to save the trees
Got to save the ice lands
Got to save the breeze
We've got to reduce got to reuse
Recycle everything we use
There're horrible gases in the air
Our poor, poor atmosphere
Please don't cut down our trees
Or hunt our animals.

World Environment Day

On 5th June millions of people from over 150 countries have united for World Environment Day, an annual event that encourages the global population to engage in the noble cause of protecting and restoring our planet, Earth.

This day serves as a powerful platform, inspiring many people to change the world in a positive way. It's a celebration of environmental action and the influential role that governments, businesses and individuals play in crafting a more sustainable future.

This day was marked by events, including educational workshops, community clean-ups and policy discussions, all dedicated to fostering a greener tomorrow. Environmentalists and policymakers have stressed the importance of collective action in tackling the pressing challenges of our era.

As the events of World Environment Day unfolded, the movement for a healthier planet has gained undeniable momentum. With each passing year, the call to action becomes louder, and the commitment to making a difference grows stronger.

Looking ahead, the focus is on harnessing the day's enthusiasm for long-term environmental guardianship. The journey towards a sustainable future is a continuous one, and every step is crucial.

Stay tuned for further developments as communities around the world relentlessly strive for ecological balance and harmony with nature, ensuring that the echoes of today's actions reverberate into a greener tomorrow.

By Jayden



Year 1 and 2 Dance Competition!

Before half term, some of the 5H Sports Leaders set a dance competition for the year 1 and 2s and everyone really enjoyed it. The competition was a very fun activity for the children and it carried on for approximately 2 to 3 weeks!

For a while, the sports leaders couldn't decide who should win 1st, 2nd and 3rd place until they finally decided on the following. 1st Yasmina & Belkis, 2nd Iga & Vicky and 3rd Anuhya! The sports leaders have also decided about the Year 1 but for now it is TOP SECRET!

This was one of the best competitions we have had all year and we thought that the dance moves were fantastic

By Erika



Transition Day

Tuesday 2nd July was Year 6 transition day. This is a day where Year 6 students go to their secondary school and meet new teachers and get a taste of their lessons in year 7. People said they had a lot of fun and enjoyed their day at their new schools. Like many people I was nervous about going to my new school but also excited at the same time. Jalal from 6C said, "I enjoyed the interesting lessons and had lots of friends in my form group." Daniel from 6C said: "I played Bench Football and had a really fun time at my school."

Many people made new friends and got to know each other as well as learning how the school day worked. I met my form tutor and also got to know which house I am in. Transition day is a big change since it's a fresh start and makes students confident about their new secondary school.

By Anay

Moving On To Secondary

It is completely normal to feel nervous about going to a new school! Some helpers and I interviewed others about how they feel about the new challenges that will come when they start their new secondary school.

Darcie 6C - "I'm really excited about going to the same school - as my cousin. Although she is older than me, I will still have nice opportunities to see her during the school day. I hope to get along with the teachers and students!"

Omar 6B- "Some things I'm really looking forward to viewing at my new school, are places like the classrooms and the cafeteria. I know that the school I am going to is going to be bigger than APS and it will be very confusing to get around at first. I hope I can make friends quickly so then they can help me get around the school easier.

Sandalu 6SC- "I am looking forward to meeting new people at my new school. I can't believe that I am moving to year seven already! It feels so weird how fast primary school went by."

Samantha 6C- "I am feeling quite nervous about losing all my friends when I leave APS. I've made some very nice memories here and it will be hard to leave after how long I've been here."

In my opinion, I feel as though many children are having different emotions about going to secondary school. On Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday, there will be a nice visit for many children to look around at their new schools and what it's like to be there!

By Sophia

Hampton Court Palace

On June 6th, Year Five went on a school trip to Hampton Court Palace, a place where Henry the Eighth actually lived. Everybody enjoyed this fun trip and learned lots of facts about the Tudors, which is great as this was our topic.

Did you know that King Henry VIII had six wives and the most well-known one is Anne Boleyn?

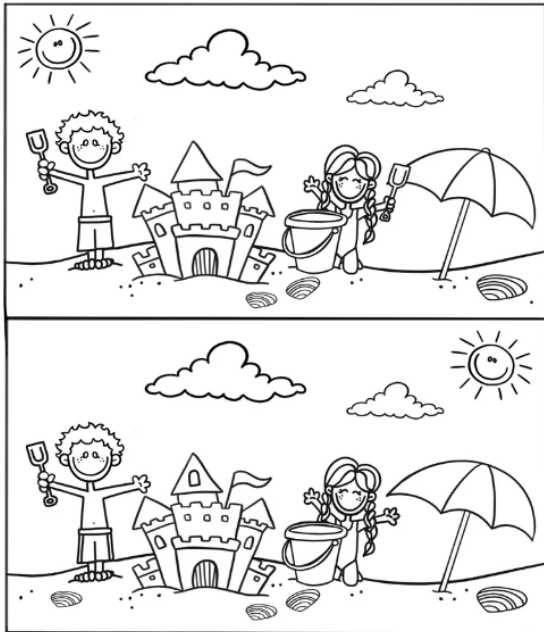
She was meant to spend the rest of her years in the Tower of London but her fate was changed and she was beheaded. The kitchen in Hampton Court Palace was very popular on the trip. Most servants worked in the kitchen but they never met the king while serving the food because he was deemed too important.

Year Five have shown their knowledge about the Tudors in their amazing pieces of work this term and they have written a narrative story too. Overall, they loved this trip and this will be their last one with the year five teachers.

By Hannah-Rose

Activity Corner

How many differences can you spot in the Summer picture?



Can you solve these Summer riddles?

What gets wetter the more it dries?

What lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its roots upward?

What travels all the way around the world but always stays in one spot?

Jokes

What did the beach say to the tide?

Long time no sea!

How do you know that the ocean is friendly?

It always waves!

What happens to snowmen in the Summer?

A puddle!

What is black, white and red all over?

A zebra with sunburn!



Final thoughts from the newspaper team

We hope that you enjoyed reading this edition of the APS Chronicle 2024. We wish you all a lovely summer break.

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