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- Hertfordshire Police
- St. Catherine's School
- Prior's Wood School
- Puller Memorial School
- Tonwell St. Mary's
- Thundridge School
- St. Mary's School
- Hunsdon School
- Wareside School
- Widford School
- Little Munden School
- Pinewood School
- Sacred Heart School
- Christ Church School
- Tower School
- St. Andrew's School
- Age Concern Ware
- Ware Priory
- Thundridge Village Hall
- St. Mary's Church
- Hertfordshire Air Ambulance
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- Fanshawe Pool
- Tesco Hertford
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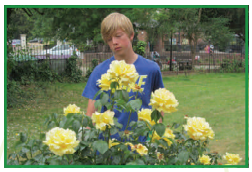
- Herts Air Ambulance
- Cancer Research
- Highfield House
- Westgate House



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Chauncy Citizenship In The Community Day 2013

Friday 12th July 2013

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Chauncy celebrated a magnificent 8th Community Day on Friday 12th July, when over 700 Chauncy students and 114 staff were sent out to work with local primary schools, village halls, and other community partners in Ware and its surrounding villages.

Chauncy School worked with over 1000 primary school pupils on a variety of activities including running an Olympic themed PE day for five primary schools, partnership projects in art, dance, ICT, science, photography and modern languages, a drama workshop and design and technology day where students created and raced their own kit cars. We also ran a mammoth 'Let's Get Cooking' session where 120 primary school children designed and created their own lunch. Chauncy students ran these exciting sessions, where learning and fun were the main aims of the day.

Our Year Seven students took part in a carousel of community based activities that included working with Hertfordshire Police, St. John's Ambulance, Road Safety Awareness and clearing and recycling litter on an environmental walk through Ware. They also staged their own sponsored walk to raise money for the Cancer Relief UK which raised £1100. We also ran a Strawberry Tea Party for Age Concern Ware, where the over 60s club were treated to home made cakes and biscuits, contemporary dancing and a number of musical performances.

Older students were transported in a fleet of eight minibuses to engage in a range of diverse projects including literacy and numeracy classes, music workshops, digging vegetable patches and painting garden furniture and even designing a Christmas Grotto for Santa when he visits St. Catherine's later in the year. Groundwork and decorating projects were carried out at organisations including Thundridge Village Hall, Ware Priory and St. Mary's Church.

Our Year Eight students spent the day packing shoppers' bags at Tesco Hertford to raise funds for the Hertfordshire Air Ambulance. The team had a busy day and managed to raise over £300.00.

In all we ran over 80 projects on the day which involved over 2000 people. There were many highlights, scorching temperatures and plenty of tired but happy students at 3.35pm on Friday.

We are already looking forward to Community Day 2014 and if you have any suggestions as to how we could help you or your organisation please contact Steve Walton (Deputy Headteacher) at the school.

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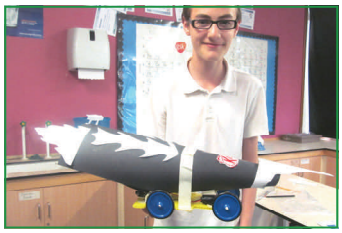
The Chauncy Ambassadors Front of House Team

The day flew by with crocodiles of primary pupils being guided on and off the buses and round school. Many thanks to our school ambassadors who made sure the classes got to the right place, came in out of the sunshine and found their way to the toilets! They even found time to serve a welcomed cup of coffee to the visiting staff. The happy faces and cheery waves as all the visitors left said it all - another successful Community Day had come to an end.
Diane Carey and Belinda Martin

Year Seven Community Carousel



Our Year Seven students enjoyed a very diverse day with a number of activities in and around school. Students participated in a workshop on Community Safety led by PCSOs from Hertfordshire Police where they learned how to keep themselves and their property safe. Nicky Townsend from St. John's Ambulance gave First Aid demonstrations throughout the day and students completed several Environmental Challenges where students walked several routes around the town collecting litter and various pieces of debris that included car bumpers and broken bikes. Students then participated in a sponsored walk to assist Cancer Relief UK. The students also made packs of laminated images which will be donated to local nurseries to assist with wall displays.

Age Concern Over 60s Strawberry Tea

Chauncy welcomed 40 guests from the Ware Age Concern Over 60s club during the afternoon. In the morning our Year Nine students created a fabulous Strawberry Tea and served refreshments throughout the afternoon. Musical entertainment was provided by the Chauncy House Band, singers, instrumentalists and dancers whilst Mr Pennock and Jordan Ward organised games, a raffle and a game of prize bingo!
Neil Pennock, Suzie Depreli and Sheryl Hornblower

Air Ambulance Bag Packing

15 excited Chauncy students visited Tesco's in Hertford raising money for the Herts Air Ambulance. Students were assisting customers with loading the carousel, bag packing and taking shopping to their cars raising £316. Customers were very appreciative and commented on the enthusiasm of the students and what a credit they were to the school. Well done, all involved.
Karen Gray and Lucy Saxon

Thundridge Village Hall Tidy Up Project

On a baking hot summer's day, it only seemed appropriate for Mr Symons and eight hardy souls from Year 10 to repent their past sins with a day of good, old-fashioned hard labour! Some sterling contributions from the students helped contribute to a very successful day's work, cleaning windows, tidying up and notably the gardening. As Tyler Drewe put it 'an excellent day has been had' and all nine of us could go home satisfied to have supported the locals of Thundridge in a small way…..
Robert Symons

St. Catherine's Learning Garden

Students of Chauncy helped to transform an unused area of St Catherine's school into a beautiful learning garden.
"The students were a credit to the school and made a definite impression on everyone involved. They also worked immensely hard and everyone who has seen it (bear in mind we had our school fete Saturday and it was a major talking point) has commented on how fabulous it is.". Mark Wilkinson - St. Catherine's Governor.
Sonali Ruparelia

Gardening at Priorswood and Tower

The hot weather did not deter the gardening team from removing weeds and cutting back undergrowth from the play areas of the nursery at Priorswood and year 4 class at Tower school. The ground was hard and difficult to dig but with determination and excellent digging from Liam Bartlett and the team we managed to clear the designated areas.
Sharon Mirams

Environmental Walk for Year Seven

Once again, Chauncy students outdid themselves in the blistering heat of British Summertime, reclaiming the streets of Ware as part of the Environmental Clean Up Walk around several routes emanating from the school; showing what it means to be proud of your community. Mr Winter of The Hyde commented, "this is fantastic, if only all young people were this conscientious. What amazing role models you've got".
Mr I Rooke

Let's Get Cooking

Three local primary schools had a real hands on cooking experience at the Chauncy School Community Day Lets Get Cooking event. They all successfully made a healthy style pizza and salad pot followed by a chocinana. After all the hard work and a little cleaning up they all sat down to eat what they had created.
Jo Hussey

Dance Activities at Chauncy

Year Ten Dance Leaders delivered a variety of Dance workshops on Community Day as part of their assessment for their Dance Leaders Award Certificate. This involved a huge amount of preparation time, organising and planning of the sessions. The Chauncy students were outstanding with the groups of younger children, managing their groups with professionalism, and fun. The students created their own warm ups and routines based on a variety of themes. The junior school students enjoyed the workshops and our students were exemplary role models.

Sheryl Hornblower and Hayley Green

Mini-Olympics

Over 50 Year Ten students led a variety of sporting activities as part of their Junior Sports Leader assessment. Activities included Rounders, Assault Course, Orienteering, Trampolining and Penalty Shoot Out. Our students were teaching junior pupils from Reception to Year Six from St. Catherine's, Sacred Heart, Tower and Hunsdon schools. In addition we sent out two teams of Junior Sports Leaders to Tower School, Prior's Wood and St. Catherine's to run Junior Sports Activities and help with Sports Days.

Marissa Goodwin, Fabian Smith, Hayley Green, Helen Easter and Kerrianna Lester

Kit Car Project

Sacred Heart and Puller Memorial joined Year 8 students for an exciting day building and racing kit cars. The morning was spent constructing the chassis and drive train. Next students constructed racing bodies, some designed theirs for speed others for looks. After lunch spent taking in the bustle of activity on the back field students prepared to race. The competition was fierce over three heats with many close fought races. Whether they won all their races (as the winning team did) or the wheels came off (literally) everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, including Mr Lovell who returned to Chauncy especially for Community Day. Many thanks to the teachers from both schools, Chauncy students, and Mr Lovell for making the kit car project such a success.

Owen Hawkridge

Middleton Swimming Gala

We ran a swimming gala for Middleton School at Fanshawe Pool. Chauncy students helped guide the children through their races. They had to assist them getting in and out of the water and make sure they all knew what they were doing. The students were fantastic they cheered the children on and really looked after them.

Claire Matthews and Kerri Hilton

Fun Science Workshop 1

'Primary school students helped granny stop her apples from going brown by investigating which solution was the best. Much to their surprise they found out it was salt! Whilst they were waiting for their discovery, they raced raisins in lemonade - which was "...so cool.." and the fastest were awarded Racing Raisin Winner status!'

Theresa Harris

English Drama Project 1

We enjoyed our session with Hunsdon School in the morning and Priors Wood School in the afternoon. All of the primary children worked very hard and I would like to thank my Year 9 and 6th form helpers who made it an interactive and inspiring event.

Clare Hutchins

Highfield House and Westgate House Nursing Homes VIsits

A group of year 10 girls visited the Highfield House and Westgate House Nursing Homes. They enjoyed talking to the elderly, finding out about their past, and entertaining them with bingo, cards, scrabble, manicures and hand massages. The students also helped with some gardening in the grounds of Highfield House.

Ania Herbut

Ware Priory

A team of Year Nine students visited the Priory to complete a series of tasks in preparation for Summer Activities at the Ware Venue. Students weeded the flower beds in the grounds, swept and cleaned the paving of weeds.

Jane Brown

Fun Science Workshop 2

Year Three and Year Five pupils from Priors Wood had a fantastic day doing fun science with K'NEX. Students were given a challenge to design, build and test a crash helmet. The students were supported by year 10 students.

Michele O'Hanlon

Year Seven Sponsored Walk

We enjoyed a really successful sponsored walk on Friday, where each Year Seven class walked 1 mile to raise money for Cancer Relief UK. Thanks to everyone who supported the walk, we managed to raise over £1000!

Angela Townsend

History Drama Theatre in Education

The gifted and talented drama group had devised and directed their own drama pieces which were aimed at teach the primary audiences about different eras in history. The Chauncy students then led a number of drama activities relating to these historic events.

Michelle Ferris and Holly Conroy

English, Drama and Literacy Workshop 3

Pupils from Puller Memorial Nursery & Reception and Wareside enjoyed an interactive English, Drama and Literacy session run by Chauncy Year Eight students. The activity was a huge success with positive feedback from Puller School:

"I had a good time doing my activities. I liked role-playing." Alfie (pupil) and

"The day was very well organised and the children enjoyed themselves". Mrs Evans (class teacher). The day was a hit for at least one Wareside pupil:

"I liked all of the activities. It was much better than a normal school day!" – Oliver (Wareside pupil).

Lindsey Shearn and Claire Protherough

Gardening at St. Mary's Church

Mrs Franklin and Mrs Brown took a group of Year Nine students to St Mary's Church for a clean up. There was a lot of weeding and sorting out to do and the students were keen to get stuck in. By the time we had finished, both sites were unrecognisable. The Chauncy students did a great job and impressed Tower Captain Mike Franklin who commented: "They were enthusiastic, polite and hard working, and very reluctant to go without finishing the tasks that we had allocated."

Samantha Franklin and Jane Brown

Charity Car Wash

The charity carwash was a great success this year, raising £225 for a local hospice. Danielle Walsom in year 10 came up with the idea as she wanted to raise money for the hospice where her Grandfather died in a few years ago. The students worked very hard despite steaming and rapidly drying cars in the afternoon and managed to wash a record 40 cars.

Scarlett O'Sullivan

Community Day 2013 Feedback

Please convey my thanks to the students for their help as part of the Community Day at your school. They were enthusiastic, polite and hard working, and very reluctant to go without finishing the tasks that we had allocated. Thank you also to members of staff who also put in strenuous efforts despite the high temperatures. Some of the students who ascended the tower showed an interest in ringing bells. Please remind them that we would welcome any new recruits!

Mike Franklin, Tower Captain, St. Mary's Church, Ware

Hi Steve - A BIG THANKYOU from St. Mary's! Overall we all had a great time, the sessions were well organised and all your children were a credit to you! It was lovely for us all to see past pupils looking so smart and grown up. Thanks again!

Clare Thorne, (St. Mary's School)

Please will you pass on an enormous thank you to the group of students who volunteered at Highfield Care Home on Friday. I had a day off on Friday so didn't get the chance to meet them.

I cannot believe the transformation, they worked incredibly hard on such a hot day. They cleared out a very overgrown area, which was full of brambles and nettles, so it wasn't easy for them. The area looks great and our residents now have a shaded part of the garden to use, and they are very grateful, for the students hard work. The students are a credit to you, and we are all so thankful. Please pass on my thanks and let them know, if they would like to help again in the future they are more than welcome.

Suzanne Hemingway, (Gardener at Highfield)

I just wanted to say a big thank you to Ben Phipps and the Year 8 boys who came to help at Little Munden today. They worked tirelessly, were friendly and polite to whoever they spoke to and were a testament to Chauncy School. Please pass on my thanks to the boys and thank you again for making a difference. We are extremely appreciative.

Stuart Whiteland, (Headteacher, Little Munden School)

Many thanks for having me along again for your Community Day this year. It has been a pleasure as always, and I hope that the other activities were as successful and enjoyable as mine. I would like to extend my thanks to Rosemary Hutchinson, as she was a tremendous help during my sessions.

Jeremy Fisk, (PCSO Ware)

Thank you so much for all your hard work at the Priory and surrounding area on Friday. The students all worked really hard and were a credit to Chauncy.

Jill Rowlinson, (Town Clerk—The Priory)

A big Thank You to Chauncy School for coming to see us and welcoming our children at your school—another successful community day!

Puller Memorial School

Photographs and videos from Community Day are available from the Official Chauncy School Facebook page

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