

Chauncy Citizenship in the Community Partners:

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- St. Catherine's School
- Prior's Wood School
- Puller Memorial School
- St. Andrew's School
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- St. Mary's School
- Hunsdon School
- Wareside School
- Christ Church School
- Tower School
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- Essex Scouts Sailing
- Ware Priory
- Thundridge Village Hall
- Wareside Village Hall
- High Cross Village Hall
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- Hertford Samaritans
- Middleton School
- St. John the Baptist School
- Sacred Heart School
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Chauncy Citizenship in the Community Day 2011

Chauncy celebrated its sixth Community Day on Friday 15th July, when over 700 students, 100 staff, several parents and volunteers, participated in a full day of local community projects in Ware and its surrounding villages.

As part of the day, Chauncy School welcomed 400 primary school students who participated in a variety of activities including a mini Olympics, projects in art, cooking, dance, ICT, science, photography and modern languages, a drama workshop and technology activity in which students designed, built and raced their own kit cars. Chauncy students and staff ran these enjoyable 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. Year Seven also helped clean up the school buildings and grounds in readiness for the new academic year.

Older students were transported in a fleet of six minibuses to engage in a range of diverse projects including literacy classes, music workshops, pond dipping, bug hunting, digging vegetable patches and painting garden furniture and murals for the town and village primary schools. Groundwork and decorating projects were carried out at organisations including such as Wareside, High Cross and Thundridge Village Halls, Ware Priory and St. Mary's Church.

Our Year Nine students spent the day washing cars to raise funds for UNICEF and our Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme. The Chauncy car wash raised £350.00 towards these worthy causes.

In all we ran 65 projects, involved over 1000 young people and over 2000 people in total on the day. There were many highlights, plenty of tired, dirty but happy students at 3.35pm on Friday .

Many thanks to all our partners who contributed projects for us to work on and to John Warner, Presdales, Sele and Wheatcroft Schools for the use of their minibuses on the day.

We are already looking forward to Community Day 2012 and if you have any suggestions as to how we could help you or your organisation please contact me, Steve Walton (Deputy Headteacher) at the school.

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Age Concern Over 60s Strawberry Tea

Chauncy welcomed 16 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. Entertainment was provided by Mrs Paris and Mrs Hornblower and their dance classes, whilst Mrs Brand and Ms Hall organised a showcase of musical talent. The afternoon concluded with a game of prize bingo!

Elissa Jones & Ephie Zorpides



Mural Painting

Head of Art Ben Rice coordinated four painting projects around the town and villages with projects at Wareside School, Puller Memorial, St. John the Baptist School and Christ Church School. Chauncy students worked hard throughout the day with teachers to create creative and colourful designs which have brightened up the school environment in readiness for the new academic year. Special mention goes to Albie Saunders who designed and painted the Garden Mural at Puller and Helena Copeland who created the river scene at St. John the Baptist. Ben Rice, Mike Strange, Karolyn Harris, Rebecca Cox and Sonali Ruparelia.



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 rain 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. Belinda Martin



Charity Car Wash

Community Day was very wet for 20 Chauncy students who participated in our 3rd Charity Car Wash. Over 40 cars were thoroughly cleaned raising over £200. Everyone worked extremely hard throughout the day. Karen Gray and Lucy Saxon



Vale House Gardening Project

Vale House are a substance addiction centre in Hertford who have worked closely with Chauncy delivering talks for students and parents, PSHE lessons and Health Days over the last two years. On Friday we took a team to help landscape their garden area and tidy up the grounds around the buildings. Jo from Vale House commented "The students did a super job". Rosemary Hutchinson and Sara Mead



English and Drama Workshops

Year 10 students visited Puller Memorial primary school for a Drama and English workshop based on the Julia Donaldson book 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. The sessions involved our students working with all of the primary school children at Puller and they worked hard throughout the day to support and encourage creativity. Nicky Borsden & Clare Hutchins



St. Catherine's School Gardening

Our Year Ten students visited our next door neighbours to spend a day in the grounds weeding, mowing, digging and planting. The students worked hard throughout the day and have made a real impact on the grounds around the school. Katharine Lovell

Wareside Village Hall

Tim Newton took a team of Year Ten students to Wareside Village Hall for a day of landscape gardening involving cutting back brambles, lopping branches from the overhanging laurel tree, weeding and tidying up. The work was hard but enjoyable as Jake Whan comments "The day was a real experience. I loved it!" and Elliot Felstead chipped in "I really enjoyed today as we helped out the Village Hall". The Village Hall Committee are extremely pleased with the results and were surprised at how much was achieved in a day. Tim Newton



St. Andrew's School Gardening Project

Students worked extremely hard and were very positive in a day of gardening at St. Andrew's Stanstead Abbots. Our Year Nine students dug flower beds, planted new flowers and restored an overgrown nature garden. The students worked superbly together and enjoyed their day. Martin Lear





Samaritans Leaflet Drop

A group of Year Nine students walked the streets of Hertford posting leaflets encouraging residents to become volunteers for Hertfordshire Samaritans service. John Hughes, Director of the Samaritans in Ware was delighted with our work.

“Can I thank you indeed for the support of your pupils who undertook a Volunteer Recruitment leaflet drop in Hertford last Friday on behalf of Samaritans. We are currently looking for new volunteers as we are keen to extend our service beyond our centre with what we call "Feet on the Street". This support of your pupils with the leaflet drop was therefore very appropriate and much appreciated. I believe it also offered the opportunity for them to understand the service and support that is available to those who feel distressed and are at risk. Can you please convey our real thanks to them for this valuable support and I'm sure you will be proud of the contribution they have made to their local community”. **Sushil Rishiraj and Ania Herbut**



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. Our Year Eight students led an Irish dancing workshop for junior school students and performed at the Age Concern Strawberry Tea later in the day. **Sheryl Etienne and Chelsea Paris**



High Cross Village Hall

Year Nine Students visited High Cross Village Hall and undertook a day of painting, cleaning and gardening. The Chauncy group did an excellent job tidying the Village Hall, weeding the parking area, cleaning the windows and clearing a very overgrown path around the Hall. "Today was great painting the village hall with my friends. It was really fun and it felt good to be able to help the community", Bethany Wright commented. Kane Castle added "Today was great, gardening with my friends at the village hall". **Pablo Ardiles**



Mini-Olympics

Over 50 Year Ten students lead 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 Hundon, Prior's Wood, St. Catherine's and Puller Schools to run Junior Sports Activities. This was highly enjoyable as Hugo Evens comments, "It was nice to be the teacher for a Day". **Marissa Goodwin, Fabian Smith, Hayley Green, James Steventon, Alan Crawley, Tish Gibbins and Sandy Edwards.**



Gardening at St. Mary's Church

A team of Chauncy students visited the Church to assist with the gardening tasks such as trimming trees and plants, flower arranging and weeding. The work was greatly appreciated by the Church Wardens who provided tea, orange squash and biscuits. **Ben Phipps**



Wareside Music Workshop

Chauncy music students spent the morning at Wareside School where they worked with pupils creating an impressive 'Stomp' based performance using a variety of everyday items. Their performances looked very professional and sounded great, involving fancy footwork, stamping, clapping, athletic moves and a number of unusual sounds created by plastic cups! A fun and educational day was had by all! **Sam Hall**

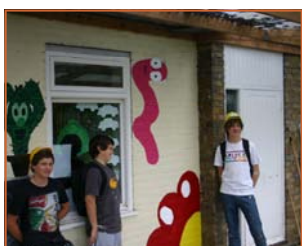


Ware Priory

A group 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 and painted an outdoor stage in readiness for Rock in the Priory. **David Pawson**

Essex Scouts Sailing Association

The students worked hard on cleaning the overhanging trees, weeds and shrubs along the entrance into the Scout Sailing Association. They painted oars and markings along the waterside. As a reward for their efforts the group were given a free session on the water where they enjoyed sailing and canoeing. **Beth Yates**



St. Catherine's Kit Car Project

Year Four students from St. Catherine's primary school came in to Chauncy School to work with the technology and ICT department. They had an introduction to aerodynamics and then built electric race cars. Each group then raced their vehicles. The students were highly creative and manufactured some excellent cars. **Gavin Lovell and Andrew Bowen**

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. Greg Sambridge, General Manager of the Pool and Gym commented, "I just wanted to send you an email to let you know how thankful we were to receive some help from your pupils on Friday. Jenny Matthews was very helpful in organising the pupils and they were very proactive. I have nothing but praise for the pupils that attended. Again, thank you". Middleton School have already booked for next year! **Claire and Jenny Matthews**

Problem Solving

Chauncy Year Eight students visited Prior's Wood and Hunsdon School to run a Problem Solving course in which primary students had to navigate a series of puzzles and mental challenges that required them to think hard, work as a team and find unusual solutions to each challenge. **Craig Burnett and Samia Masood**

Modern Languages

Some of our Year Nine language students spent the day creating fabulous artwork that will be used as a visual teaching resource in and around the Modern Languages area of the school. Canvas Art displaying vital messages such as 'Reciclar!', 'No tirar basura!' and 'Estoy constipacto!' now adorn the walls and corridors helping students with their language development. Our German students also taught a carousel of primary school classes throughout the day, introducing them to German with fun games and activities. **Vicky Griffiths, Emma Drummon and Ros McFiggans.**

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 Helen Grout and Donna Goldsmith 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 school clean up that made the school sparkle in readiness for our Art Gallery opening and 'Chauncy Rocks!' later in the evening.

Science, ICT and Art Carousels

Chauncy welcomed St. Catherine's, Christchurch, Tower and St. Mary's pupils for a day of multi-activities. Students were taught Science, ICT, Ceramics and Art in a day of fun activities. The day had an impact on one student who worked with K'Nex in a Science session, "This is brilliant - I'm going to ask for K'Nex for my birthday and Xmas and my next birthday and next Xmas and my next next birthday and next next Xmas!" **Teresa Harris, Michele O'Hanlon, Danny Stevenson, Owen Hawkridge, Lisa Garratt and Hannah Courtney**

**"Many thanks to your team and Pablo for all their hard work in our Village Hall. The Trustees and I are very grateful".
Jan Handy (High Cross Village Hall)**

**"Thank you for coming and doing Drama with us, we had a great time!!!"
Year 4 (Prior's Wood)**

**"A very successful day from the St. Andrew's point of view - all went very smoothly - the children had a lot of fun with the photography workshop and the outdoor classroom is so much better after its weeding and planting session".
Rosemary Woodhall (St. Andrew's School)**

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