

# CONKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOUSE COMPETITION 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



# BONKERS FOR CONKERS

- **Kids have been playing conkers for generations, some never grow out of it!**
- **Every October, hundreds of people come from all over the globe to take part in the World Conker Championships, held in Southwick, Northamptonshire**



# HOW TO CHOOSE A KILLER CONKER

- **To be a winner, you'll need a collection of really tough conkers.**
- **Choose round, regular shaped ones, make sure they don't have any cracks or dents.**
- **When you've collected a few, put them in a bucket of water. The best conkers will sink to the bottom as they're the most solid.**

# PREPARING YOUR CONKERS

- **Lots of people say the best way to make a conker really hard is to leave it in a cupboard for a year. But that's a long time to wait! You could try these instead:**
- **Bake them in the oven at 120°C for two hours. Get an adult to help you as they'll be hot when you take them out.**
- **Soak them in vinegar for a few days.**
- **Next, you need to make a hole straight through the middle of your conker using a nail or skewer. Definitely get an adult to do this for you – you want to make a hole in the conker, not in your hand!**
- **Cut a piece of string to about 35cm and thread it through the hole. Tie a knot at both ends so the conker doesn't fall off**

# HOW TO PLAY CONKERS

- **Wrap the loose end of the string around your hand.**
- **One player should dangle their conker on about 25cm of string, keeping it absolutely still.**
- **The other player then swings their conker at it to try to break it. You could toss a coin to see who goes first.**
- **If the attacking player misses, they can have two more chances before it's their opponent's turn.**
- **Take turns until one of the conkers breaks and you have a winner.**
- **A new conker is called a 'none-er' as it hasn't beaten anyone yet. When it beats another conker, it's a 'one-er'. If it beats another, it becomes a 'two-er'...**

# CONKER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT AKELEY

- **Who?** Anyone, staff or students
- **What?** Conkers – of course!
- **Where?** Near the tennis tables at AWH/in front of school at THM
- **When?** 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1.15 at AWH & 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1.15 at THM
- **Why?** Why not! Two house points per entry, 10 for the Champion! Sign up to take part on the sheet in the Hall at THM or in the entrance of Jubilee House at AWH

