

Chestnuts Primary School

NEWSLETTER



28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! We have had a fantastic first 2 weeks back with trips to Woodberry Wetlands and the Benjamin Franklin Museum, skateboarding workshops and an amazing adult art workshop. Thanks to the PSA for creating these amazing opportunities for our children. There is a lot happening this term so please check the dates for your diary section.

I was so impressed with our children's art work that was displayed in the RCA. Do see the photos later in this newsletter.

I know the next few weeks feel a little patchy in school, I am sorry for the disruption but am fully supportive of the teachers decision to strike.

Have a lovely, long weekend!

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4th May

New Reception Welcome Event

Thursday 4th May

Hula Hoop for Bibi Event 8pm

Friday 5th May

Maypole Dancing Workshops For KS2

W/B Monday 8th May

SATS week for Year 6

Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th May

Kids Jewellery Making Workshop (PSA)

Thursday 25th May

Adult Jewellery Making Workshop (PSA)

W/B Monday 29th May

Half Term

Tuesday 5th June

Inset Day

Monday 12th June

Sports Day (Details to follow)

Nursery

This term we are looking at the artwork of Wayne Thiebaud and creating our own art inspired by his work. We learnt that his art is very colourful and that he enjoyed creating images of cakes, sweets and ice creams. This week we have made our own colourful lollipops and practised our cutting skills too.







What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson

Ahlberg Class came in one day to find a magic beanstalk had grown out of our story door! We found the story Jack and the Beanstalk, some beans, golden coins and some plant pots! We planted our own bean

plant and spoke about what plants needed to grow. We wrote bean diaries and drew observational pictures.



Donaldson class had a great time on their trip to 'Woodberry Wetlands' this week. The children were scientist for the morning, exploring, digging and fishing. We had a great time! Thank you to our parent and staff volunteers!





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This term in Year 1, our History topic is 'School Days' and to help us better understand how our school has changed we had two special



visitors come to our class to explain to us how Chestnuts has changed over the years. We got the opportunity to see some pictures of our school from the past and to ask the visitors some questions. The children really enjoyed learning about our school's past.

Seacole

Last week Y2 had a surprise visitor. Mysterious snowy white footprints led us to a large and very lost penguin. We made these beautiful Lost Penguin posters to help him get home to the South Pole. Perhaps he just wanted some new friends, like the penguin and the boy in our new book, Lost & Found by Oliver Jeffers?







Attenborough

Attenborough Class have been growing microgreens in the classroom. We enjoyed tasting and identifying a range of microgreens - broccoli, radishes and beetroot! We were also amazed at how quickly they grew!







Dahl class have been creating dioramas of rainforests to help them with their new text in English, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. The idea was for them to make their own jungle to help them understand the setting of the journey the girls take in the book; that in turn should inspire new descriptive vocabulary. We have not completed them yet, but the children are loving building their own little worlds.









This week in Maths Fibonacci class have been looking at adding fractions, both improper and as mixed numbers.



Gandhi Class investigated the sound that a marble dropping on a drum made. We varied the height of the dropped marble and we used a decibel meter to record the volume of the sound. Unfortunately, the



decibel meter was not as accurate as we expected and so our first attempt did not show the results we expected. This led to a rich discussion about what had not worked and how we could repeat the experiment. Our second attempt was more successful.





Pankhurst

Thompson

Year 5 have started a new book called 'Into the Jungle'. To experience the plants and fauna that are in a jungle we went to the Barbican Conservatory - the closest thing to a jungle in London! We saw lots of different plants including ferns, palms, monsteras, and even saw some terrapins!





















Mandela

This week, Year 6 took a trip to the Benjamin Franklin Museum in Charing Cross. We had an enjoyable time learning about the dark history of the house - did you know graverobbers would sell cadavers and students would perform secret dissections in the candle-lit basement? In the attic, we observed some real-time experiments and watched how lightning could be created indoors! Polly (who was a resident over 200 years ago) showed us around and introduced us the eponymous ex-resident's strange habits. Was she a ghost? As the sun was shining, we thought we'd go on an adventure, and go Mudlarking along the Southbank! More trips are planned - watch this space...











ART CLASSES

Year 6 have been making cakes, they really do look good enough to eat..... someone put the kettle on!













Year 4 have been looking at the canning process as part of their topic on preserving foods. Their colourful designs are very eye catching and have included all the right information such as nutritional values, bar codes, use by dates, ingredients and more!













ECO SCHOOL

WINNER!

The winner of our Eco School 'design a label' competition is Holly in Year 6. The striking poster will soon be seen on our new classroom recycling bins that have been funded by the PSA. Keep your eyes open for other posters around the school reminding us all to recycle, reuse and reduce.







A massive thank you to all the Reception parents, carers and families for their continuous hard work, creativity, and generous donations to enhance our outdoor learning area, we are very grateful and the children love the new additions.'









HULAHOOP PARTY FOR BIBI

Thursday May 4th 2023 8-10:00 PM
Chestnuts Primary School

Hoops provided, tips and tricks by Katharine £12 entry, donation only bar
Pay cash on the door or book your ticket at https://hulahooppartyforbibi.eventbrite.com

Come and have a dance to raise money for Bibi's neuroblastoma treatment!

