



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Families,

I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting classrooms over the last few weeks to look at learning. The children here amaze me with their knowledge and understanding in a wide range of subjects! I hope they share with you all the things they learn.

The last 2 weeks of term are very busy with concerts, Viking workshops, parents evenings and, not to forget, year 3's drama performance! Please check the dates section to see what's coming.

We are so excited to be offering an extra provision alongside our holiday play scheme this Easter. Forest school will run on 4 days. This will only be available to children booked into the play scheme and places are limited! See the leaflet in this newsletter for more information.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th March— Children's Yoga Workshop 3.30pm –4.30pm

Friday 15th March—Donaldson Class Assembly 9am

Friday 15th March—Skateboarding Workshop 3.30pm—4.30pm

Tuesday 19th March— Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm

Wednesday 20th March—Trumpet and Clarinet Concert 2.40pm

Wednesday 20th March - Parents vs Adults Netball Match 4.00pm

Friday 22nd March - Alexander Palace Children's Book Awards Trip

Friday 22nd March - Year 3 School Musical: Pirates Vs Mermaids Performance :

- **Morning Performance: 9:30 am**
- **Afternoon Performance: 4:00 pm**

Monday 25th March—Choir Concert 2.30pm –3.15pm

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March – Parents Evening (Reception Included)

Tuesday 26th March - PSA Adult spring swag workshop

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term

Monday 15th April - All years back to school

Wednesday 17th April - 19th April—Y4 Tolmers trip

Saturday 20th April—London Mini Marathon

Nursery

In nursery we have been making jelly for science week. The children have had so much fun smelling, mixing and pouring. Hopefully our jelly sets well and then we can eat it! Yummm!



Ahlberg

Donaldson

Last week was a very exciting week in Reception. For our final week of looking at the traditional tale of the Little Red Hen, we had a visit from some chickens from Spitalfields Farm. The farmers brought along some wheat. We all helped to thresh, winnow and grind the wheat to make some flour. Unlike the lazy dog, cat and duck in the story! Following on from this, we made some bread using some of the flour that we made ourselves and then we all helped to eat it as we'd all helped to make it!



Mozart

Hadid

This week in Mozart Class, we took our learning outdoors. We have been drawing our school and its features and describing our school using adjectives and similes. This was a blast and we enjoyed every moment of it.

Hadid class have been learning about suitable materials for different purposes. Last week we did an experiment to find out what materials were waterproof and suitable to make a roof for our fourth little pigs house. Look out for our creations at the end of term.



Seacole

This week Seacole Class enjoyed 'Science Week' by exploring the question 'Which fruit would set in jelly the quickest?'. We made predictions and conducted a fair test by keeping all variables the same, except the type of fruit we put in the jelly. We also carried out a challenge of which pair could stretch a curly wurly to the longest length in five minutes. We also created fact files on our class STEM hero - NASA scientist Katherine Johnson.



Rashford

As part of Science week (all about time), we carried out two fair tests. The first involved seeing who could stretch curly wurly chocolates to the longest length in 5 minutes. The second involved making jelly with different fruit in. The class made their predictions about which jelly would set the quickest.



Attenboough

Sneak Peak!

Year 3s are working incredibly hard to impress their audience with their production of Pirates versus Mermaids. They are so excited to present this witty and sassy show with catchy songs and great choreography to their friends and family next week.



Benjamin

Fibonacci

In Fibonacci class on Monday we were busy carrying out experiments for Science Week.

Science week was all about time and we looked at how pendulums work and how to tell the time using a sundial which the children made.

We also set up an experiment for our science topic on Animals including humans. We are testing what liquids affect the enamel on teeth/eggs. It's between Lucozade or vinegar at the moment.



Gandhi

This week we had a Science morning where we carried out investigations using our science skills of fair testing, problem solving, observing over time and pattern seeking.

We began our day carrying out a Curly Wurly experiment- We managed to stretch one out to 2.63 m in 5 minutes!!!!

We also made our own pendulums and our challenge was to see if we could get 10 swings in 30 seconds.

We ended the day with a tooth experiment, testing out the effect of different liquids on our teeth using eggs!!!



Pankhurst

Year 5's science topic this half term is 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. As part of Monday's Science Day, we explored adaptation in peppered moths during the Industrial Revolution. They were originally white with black speckles (so they could camouflage on the birch trees) but a random mutation caused some of them to turn dark black. These mutated moths survived as they could camouflage against the now blackened trees from the pollution. In year 5 we designed moths to camouflage within our classroom environment. See if you can spot some of the moths in these pictures!

Thompson



Mandela

What a week!

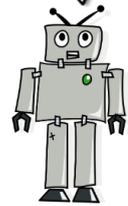
First, Science Day - where we created and molded our very own biodegradable plastics, and discussed polymers and the environmental factors associated with single-use plastics. To complete our day, we researched our STEM Heroes for this term: Wangari Maathai, and our core text's protagonist - William Kamkwamba.

As this is Science Week, we had to programme a robot, using a list of simple, precise instructions, how to make the perfect jam sandwich. Be careful, this robot takes what you say very literally!

Continuing our STEM journey, and linking to William Kamkwamba's own life, we had an enrichment day where we engineered and built load-bearing bridges, and fully functioning windmills.

Malala

I make sandwich!



ART CLASSES

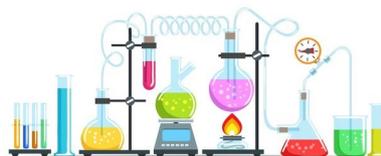


Using the double-dip method of painting the children in year 2 captured Royal composure and expressions beautifully in their portraits of monarchs.





8-17 March
**British
Science
Week
2024**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were so excited to celebrate British Science Week, and we hope your children have come home feeling buzzed and inspired by the activities that were planned for them. We love our science at Chestnuts and believe every one of our students can be their own STEM Hero. And this is where you come in...

STEM Ambassadors within the Chestnuts Community. We are inviting any parents, or family members, who work in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics profession to come talk to our children. We want our children to see that a career in STEM is possible, and that children of all abilities and backgrounds can follow their dreams. And this starts with you. We would cherish the opportunity to invite you into school to discuss your own experiences and aspirations; perhaps perform a demonstration; or lead on an outdoors activity in nature; and you may in turn inspire our children to continue studying STEM subjects into secondary and beyond.

If you are interested in being a STEM Ambassador, feel free to contact me and we can arrange a face-to-face after school one day.

Many thanks,

Mr. Bloom

Science Lead

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One final thing...

British Science Week 2024 is holding a National Poster Competition focusing on this year's theme of 'TIME'. The poster can be either A3 or A4, exploring any aspect of time, and will be judged on Creativity in Approach; Content; and Effective Communication. The deadline to hand in the poster to Mr. Bloom will be on Wednesday 27th March.

You can check out previous winners here: <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/winners-of-the-2023-poster-competition-announced/>

You can find the full details, terms and conditions in the link below: <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

Good luck!!!

ECO-SCHOOL

ECO FLAG DESIGN COMPETITION

DESIGN AN ECO-SCHOOL FLAG FOR OUR SCHOOL!



DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MONDAY 25th MARCH

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY THE ECO-SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

THE ECO-SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL THEN MAKE IT!

PLEASE GIVE ALL ENTRIES TO MS MOWER

THINK GREEN, THINK ECO, THINK BOLD, THINK BRIGHT!

GET DRAWING!

Preloved Book Sales

There will be books for sale alongside the Friday treats on alternate Fridays. Books will be on sale for a £1 donation to the school. We are not in need of book donations at this present time. **The next book sale is on Friday 22nd March.**

The Nursery would love a child's table and chairs set. If any family have a set they no longer need then please could they donate it to the school office.

Thank you, The Nursery Team

CHESNUTS PRIMARY & SUNRISE FOREST SCHOOL EASTER OUTDOORS SESSIONS



☀️ EXPLORE ☀️ COOK ☀️ CRAFT ☀️ PLAY ☀️



Date
2-5th April, 2024



Age Range
5-11 Years

£12.50
PER HALF DAY
£20
PER FULL DAY
+ CHESNUTS DAY RATE £30

Join us this Easter holiday as we go wild with a range of nature crafts, games and delicious campfire cooking.

Morning - Afternoon and All Day Places Available. 10 seats per half session.
£12.50 per Half Day. £20 Per Full Day on top of Chesnuts Fee.

☀️ 10-12.30 ☀️ 1.30-4 ☀️ 10-4 ☀️

Book via Chesnuts Holiday Play Scheme

Instagram @sunriseforestschool



Copy and paste the link to Book
<https://www.chesnnutsprimary.com/page/april-play-scheme-2024/36559>

Supported and funded by Chesnuts PSA - All funds go towards creative activities for our Children

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club opens between 7.45am and 8.30am. The gate will be closed at 8.30am

The charge for breakfast club is **£4 per day**.

For any late bookings for Breakfast club Please let the school office know or email : Office@chestnutsprimary.com

P.E Reminder

Please can children bring the correct clothing, shoes and a water bottle for P.E lessons.

Haringey
LONDON

**Easter
break** 2024

£1
swim for all
under 16 years
old excluding
Lido

FUN Activities, courses
and events for
children and young
people in Haringey



[haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun](https://www.haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun)

For more information about activities available in Haringey this April half term holiday please go to:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/culture-and-entertainment/whats-haringey/holiday-fun>

North London Bookfest - A Message from the librarian at Highgate Wood School and co-founder of the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award.

I am organising a book festival at Alexandra Palace from 21-24 March. There are a lot of events for adults, but also workshops and talks for children, particularly in years 3 to 6. I would like to offer Chestnuts families and staff **discounted tickets**.

For children, we have some large events like **Lemony Snicket** and **Michael Rosen** in the Victorian theatre, but also some smaller workshops with some really good middle grade authors and a draw-along event with **Neill Cameron of The Phoenix Comic**.

It should all be really fun and engaging and a very enjoyable way to support and encourage literacy and reading for pleasure. The line-up is also very diverse, and I feel represents our borough well.

For adults, the festival includes fiction events with Costa-winner Stuart Turton, a night of Crime & Thrillers and stunning debuts from Leo Vardiashvili and Cecile Pin, whose books both explore the refugee experience and have already been critically acclaimed. Adult non-fiction includes Andy Stanton in conversation with Robin Ince as they explore AI, ChatGPT and creativity; Laura Bates of #Everydaysexism and authors on parenting, food and classics.

The discount codes are as follows:

For 50% off book fest events in the Theatre please use **NLBFCLOFF50**

For 20% off book fest events in the other spaces please use **NLBFCLOFF20**



The website for ticketing is <https://www.alexandrapalace.com/whatson/north-london-book-festival/> -

Best wishes,

Kate Ereira

