

Chestnuts Primary School

NEWSLETTER

3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely pleased to let you know that our fantastic Office Manager Mary has been with Chestnuts School for 30 Years! She has seen many changes over that time and worked with many different colleagues. We are so pleased to still have her with us and every day we benefit from all her years of experience. Thank you Mary for everything you do!

Thank you for everyone who brought in a cake for the Bake Off today! As usual there are some amazing creations! Please see the last page of this newsletter for the winners and some pictures of delicious cakes and biscuits! Well done!

Hopefully I will see lots of you at the Winter Fair on Sunday.
Happy Hanukkah to all that celebrate!

Have a lovely weekend
Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th December

Winter Fair 11am—2pm—Held outside

Friday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th December

KS1 Nativity 9:30am: Hadid Class

Wednesday 15th December

KS1 Nativity 2:15pm: Mozart Class

Thursday 16th December

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Wednesday 15th December at

5.30pm

Carols in the Park

Friday 17th December

End of Term—finish at 2pm (No After School Club on this Day)

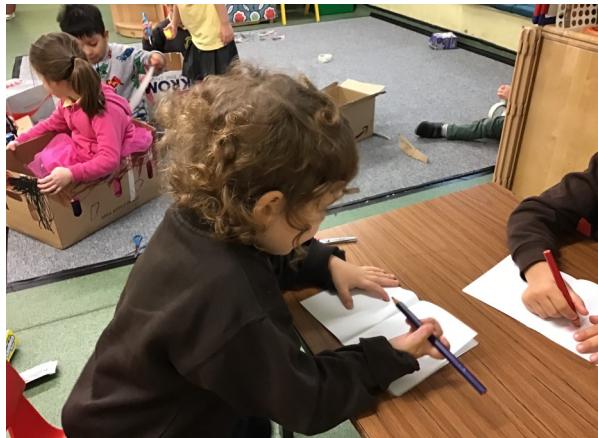
After School Club

As well as an email address (asc@chestnutsprimary.com) there is now a phone number you can call: 07714 247 299 if you need to change a pick up time or if you have a specific question for Ms Roberts. The phone will not be answered during the day. Please be aware that this number is NOT to book places at ASC as this is done by James (ict@chestnutsprimary.com) or the school office.

Nursery

This week we are reading our new story "Not a box" by Antoinette Portis.

We read the story and the children were using their imagination to play and create different things with "not a box". They were also making their own story about it. They had lot of fun playing in the nursery, they made cars, telephones, trains, buses... it was so much fun! And remember if you see something brown and it looks like a box...it isn't a box!



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

This week the Reception children have had lots of fun while working really hard during our Nativity show practice.



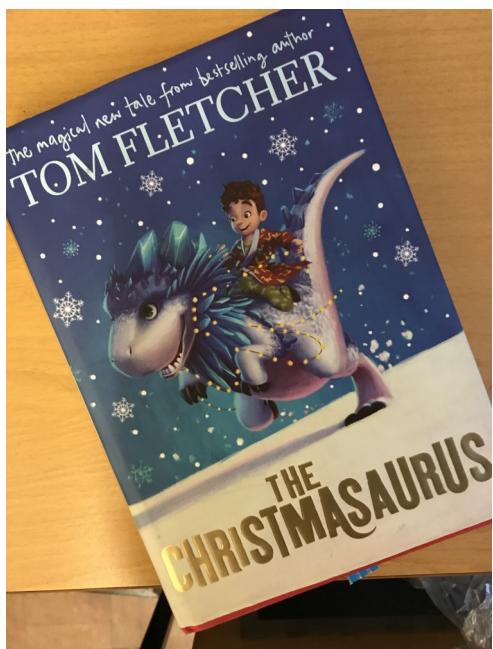
Mozart

This week we have been practising super hard for our nativity! We cannot wait to show you what we have produced!



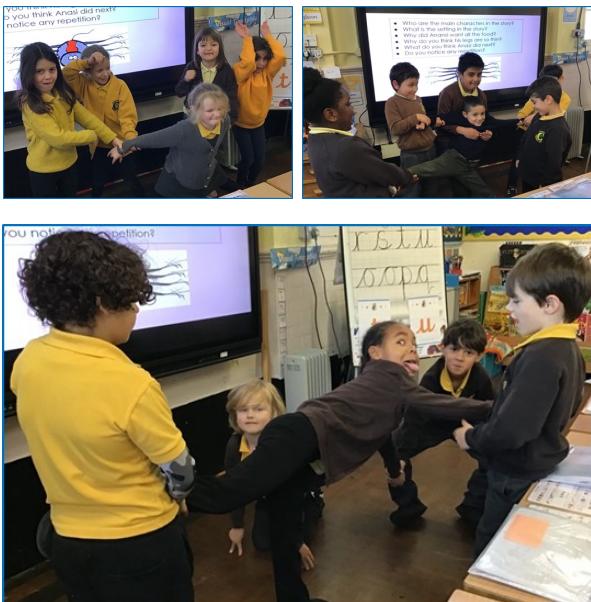
Hadid

We are really enjoying our new class book. It's called the Christmasaurus and it's a perfect read for the winter term!



Seacole

We have been reading the fable 'Why Anansi Has Eight Skinny Legs'. They have enjoyed performing and sharing their favourite parts and freeze-frames with the class.



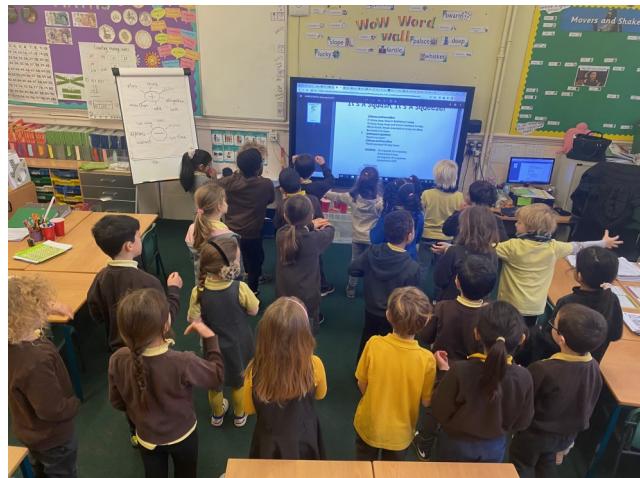
Dahl

In Science we have been learning all about rocks, the stages of a rock cycle and how they change under pressure. We investigated this using milk, dark and white chocolate!



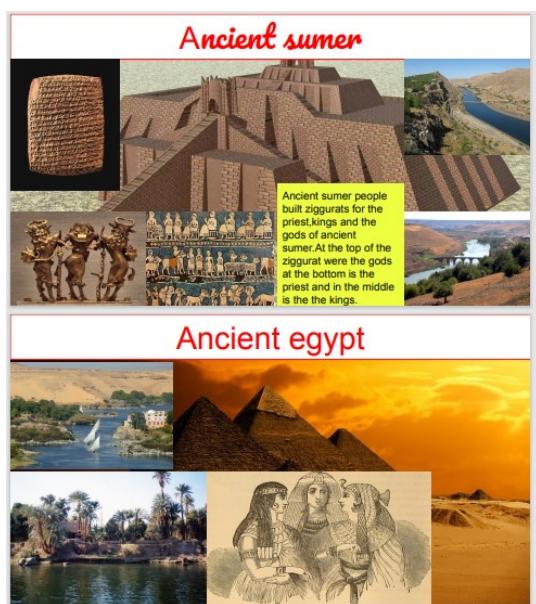
Bolt

This week in Bolt class we have been working very hard and preparing for our Nativity. We have been practicing our songs and learning actions to go with each one.



Attenborough

This week Attenborough class have been looking at the similarities and differences between the Cradles of Civilization. We have made slides to show these differences.



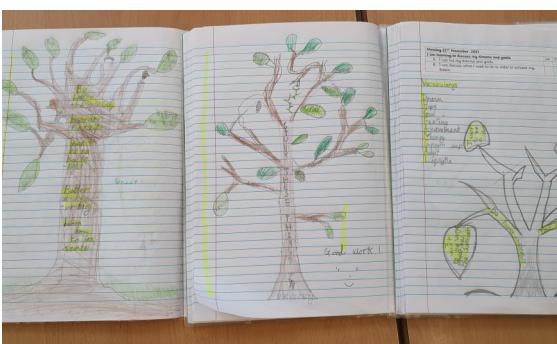
Fibonacci

This week we put on a fabulous musical performance, here is a picture from the performance, if you would like to see it all you can find it on our google classroom.



Thompson

This week in PSHE , we looked at Dreams and Goals. Children created a dream tree and wrote some of the goals and dreams they have. They also included the steps needed to achieve their goals.



Gandhi

This week the class gave a magnificent cello concert. If you weren't lucky enough to see it you can watch it on google classroom.

Well done everyone, you did yourselves so proud.



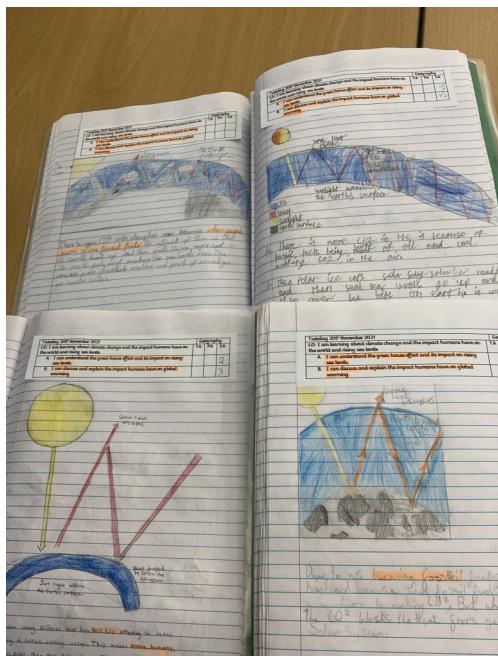
Pankhurst

We investigated the relative sizes of the planets and their relative distances from the sun. However, we could not show a model of the Sun as 1.3 billion Earths can fit into the Sun.



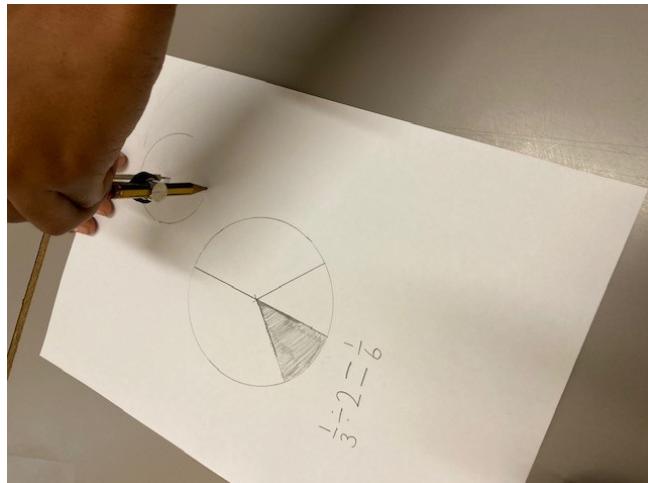
Malala

In Geography we looked at climate change and global warming and evaluated the impact on the polar ice caps and the World's oceans.

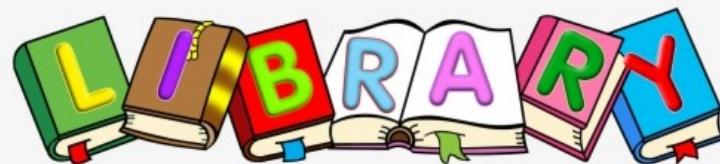


Mandela

We have been learning about multiplying and dividing fractions. We used pictorial representation to show what happens with the parts when dividing fractions. We also learnt how to use a compass to draw circles more precisely.



The



Zone

This week in the library it has been lovely to see children borrowing seasonal books – to celebrate Hanukkah and Advent. As fast as I can display them, they are being chosen!



I hope I get to meet many of you on Sunday at the Winter Fayre, where I will have the New Books stall - the trolley is prepared!

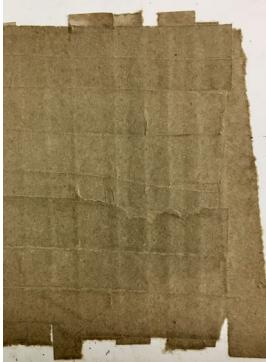
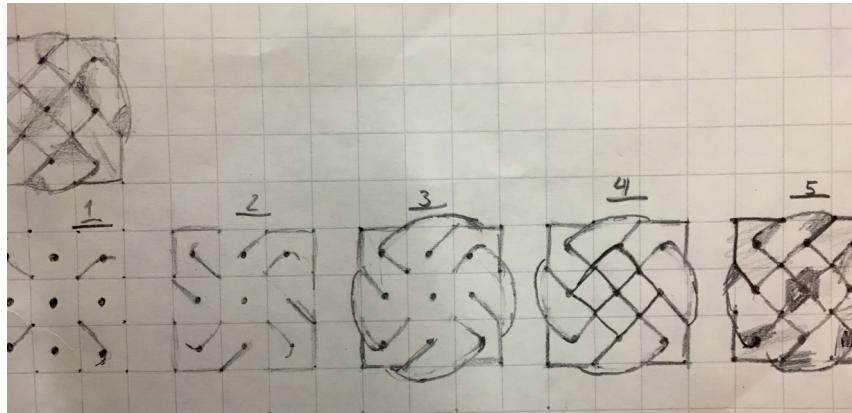


Ms Efthymiou, librarian@chestnutsprimary.com @ChestnutsLib



Art Classes

In Year 6 Anglo Saxon knotting is the latest obsession! It looks super complicated and tricky but the children are getting the hang of it!



Year 4 have been looking at how the Egyptians made papyrus , we made ours from strips of brown paper and glue, then using hieroglyphs the children created a cartouche of their own!



Chestnuts First Netball

Match

Review by Charlie in Mandela Class

Chestnuts Primary netball team went to Seven Sisters. Unfortunately we lost 14:4. They were very good with their passing and Chestnuts has a lot to improve and in my opinion I think we should have two lessons a week.

THE GREAT CHESTNUTS BAKE OFF



What a fabulous turn out for the Chestnuts Bake Off! Thank you to all the people who sent in cakes and biscuits—the standard was very high again this year.

We are very pleased to be able to let you know that the winners are:

KS1

Best Biscuit Alex (Mozart)

Best Cupcake Sophie (Donaldson)

Best Winter Theme Jesse (Hadid)

Best Cake Evie (Bolt)

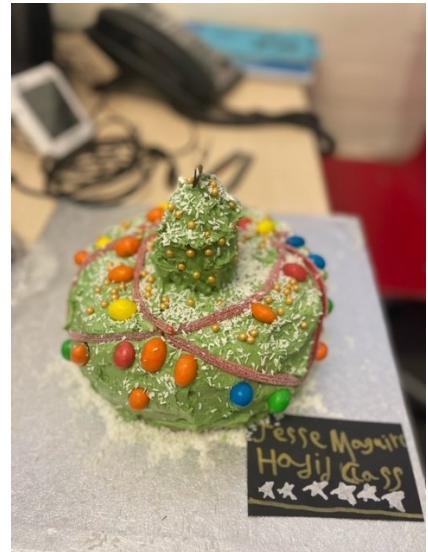
KS2

Dulcie (Malala)

Hannah (Malala)

Jack & Frank (Thompson & Malala)

Noah (Fibonacci)



Building Update from Diamond Build

December 2021

What we are building

Haringey Council has appointed Diamond Build Plc complete the regeneration of the building fabric and upgrade of internal services to Chestnuts Primary School. We will also be creating an additional two new classrooms in the 1st floor main hall.

Works to the exterior aim to preserve the school's positive contribution to St Ann's Conservation Area. The works will involve the removal of the roof finishes enabling the installation of new insulation, vapour barrier and battens. The existing roof tiles will then be refixed. We will also be replacing the sashes / casements with new double-glazed units to match the existing whilst retaining the existing frames.

Internally, the creation of two new classroom spaces will enable the works to be carried out.

The installation of new heating system, power and LED lighting and upgrading the insulation on the underside of the roof will all serve to reduce carbon emissions, make the school more thermally efficient, and therefore economical to run. Completion of these upgrade works is anticipated in September 2022.

Issues/queries and 24-hour emergency contact details

During the upgrade works, Diamond Build Group want to ensure that there is minimum impact to school and also the residents of the area. Stuart, Diamond Build's Site Manager, is available to assist with any issues or queries concerning the works. We will keep a log of queries/concerns raised by residents and will resolve any issues accordingly. The contact details are on the back of this newsletter in the 'How to Get in Touch' section.



Completed works to date

95% of junior school heating installation

Construction of new classrooms now available for occupation

10% of roof replaced

Cabling for 2 existing classrooms installed

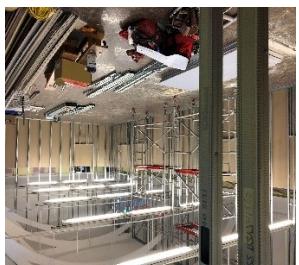
New plant room installation



Almost ready for testing



New classroom installation



Health and safety

To keep all students, staff and residents safe, while the building works are progressing, heras fencing and timber hoardings have been put in place to prevent access to the site with clear site signage now in place at both the front and rear entrances to the site as well as on the fencing itself.



Temporary signs displayed on hoarding

A Traffic Marshall is monitoring all site traffic entering the site and there is clear signage in place. Deliveries are being timed so as not to impact on the start or finish of the school day.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, please contact:

Senior Site Manager

Diamond Build's site manager, Stuart Darwin and his team are located in the site compound on Etherley Road. To speak to Stuart please feel free to email him.
stuardarwin@diamondbuildgroup.com

For council related queries:

Contact: Darrall Bishop

Project Manager LB Haringey Council

Email: darrall.bishop@haringey.gov.uk

Design Team:

Contract Administrator: Adrian Green

Ingleton Wood

For any illegal or prohibited incidents that occur outside of site operational hours, for example, someone attempting to steal machinery or gain access to the site compound, please contact the police directly on 999 or 101, prior to informing the above, depending on the emergency.

Up and coming schedule of works within the month

Externally

Continue with the roof strip, installation of thermal natural wool insulation, replacement of felt and batten and refixing of existing tiles

Installation of new sash windows and decoration of existing frames

Internally

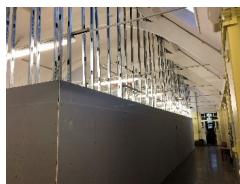
Complete junior school heating system

Continue infant school heating

Install insulation to loft spaces and underside of slopes

Localised decorations

Site photos



Roof replacement using existing tiles





Launch of OWL, Crime Alerting System

Crime alerts directly from your local police officers

What? OWL launches in Haringey to send residents local crime alerts from the police & council

Why? Instant notification with alerts & advice to help prevent crime and increase safety

Where? www.owl.co.uk/met or search your app store for *owl crime alerts*

Residents of Haringey can now be alerted to nearby crime and other issues directly by their local policing team. Alerts can be received either through email by signing up at www.owl.co.uk/met or as push notifications by downloading the OWL app without registering.

OWL has successfully been used in other boroughs to expand Neighbourhood Watch, help avoid crime, and provide a dedicated platform for the police and council to keep residents updated about issues such as burglary, vehicle and bike crime, scams and anti-social behaviour. Officers can use OWL to target a message to residents in their own ward, or to specific streets. Meanwhile occasional borough-wide alerts can be sent to everyone who's signed up or downloaded the app.

Owners of video doorbells and CCTV can join CCTV Watch at the same time as joining Neighbourhood Watch online. Doing so lets the police know you have a camera in case there's an incident nearby that your private camera might have recorded. Knowledge of cameras is kept secure and private and never made public.

Dog owners and Businesses are also welcomed in joining the new Dog Watch or Business Watch. It's hoped these schemes will grow over time to provide valuable alerts and information to help avoid harm, crime, or scams.

To join Neighbourhood, CCTV, Dog or Business Watch, go to www.owl.co.uk/met and type your postcode to begin. It's free and only takes a minute. Registering online adds you to a local watch in Haringey and alerts and updates will be sent directly by email. Personal data is held securely within the UK in accordance to Data Protection laws and is never used for sales or marketing. OWL is accredited by Secured by Design and meets police recognised standards. It has won national Government awards for innovation, empowering communities and helping to reduce crime which is why it's being introduced in Haringey.

If you don't want to join a watch scheme or would prefer to receive notification via the OWL mobile app without having to register, search the App Store or Google Play for "owl crime alerts". The app doesn't ask for personally identifiable information so you can be sure the police and council won't know who you are, unless you choose to get in touch. The app will need to know your location so it can notify you of nearby issues, but no tracking history is recorded and no person can find your location or associate you with it, not even the police or the app developers. It's been designed on the basis that it's more important for the police to give information to the public than for the police to know who's receiving the information.

Alerts via OWL will only come from the police, the Council, or occasionally from a local Neighbourhood Watch coordinator if there's one in your ward. Unlike social media, the public can't post their own messages on OWL so there's no chance of coming across misinformation or unwelcomed comments. However, the public can reply directly to senders of alerts if they have any information to give that may be of help.

OWL is also available across half of London including neighbouring boroughs of Enfield, Barnet, Waltham Forest and Haringey.