

Chestnuts Primary School





11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to half term! It has been quite a challenging one but hopefully things will get better next term. Thank you for your patience and all the support you have given the school.

Well done to everyone who took part in the parent vs teacher netball match this week. We all had a fantastic time and it was a very close match! I think we all felt the effects the next day with some serious aching muscles! Take a look inside the newsletter for some pictures of the event.

If you have any children or friends with SEN they might like to take advantage of the marvellous facilities at the Markfield which is open this half term. Check out their website at: https://markfield.org.uk.

Have a lovely half term and I will see you back at school on Monday 21st February. Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th—Friday 18th February

Half Term

Monday 21st February

Back to school

Pick ups from School

If you need to contact your class teacher or someone else is picking up your child from school please email your class teacher directly. On the following addresses:

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Y6: malala@chestnutsprimary.com

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This week we have been making Valentine's Day cards for our friends and family and talking about the people we love.







whole we have done this week

Ahlberg

We received a letter from Rosie Revere saying that she is considering what to make for her next invention & asking for the children's ideas. In our groups each child designed their own model and labelled their work. We had some great inventions such as Flying houses, flying glasses and flying cars.







We followed step by step instructions to make paper aeroplanes and then enjoyed seeing if we could fly them through a hoop in the playground. It was a lot of fun!



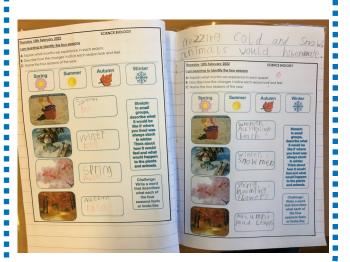


Mozart

In music we have been learning about different genres of music. During this lesson we were focusing on a "Bhangra" theme. A couple of us took it in turns to create different rhythms which the class then had to repeat back.



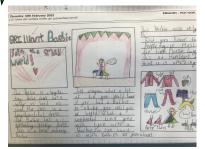
This week in Hadid we have been learning about the four seasons and how they are different to each other. Mr Gilbert introduced us to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons too!



Hadid

Donaldson









This week we have been creating persuasive advertisements for their favourite toy. They have enjoyed using descriptive vocabulary to describe their product and persuasive language to convince their audience. Well done Seacole Class! We have been studying paintings of marvellous majestic monarchs. We have created our own Royal Portrait gallery.











Attenborough

We are so pleased that the Year 3 children were able to go on the first big trip for a long time! They went to a schools concert at Wigmore Hall called Beaten Track which was all about reflections. Musicians played percussion instruments including the vibraphone, hand pan and glockenspiel and the children sang along. It was a really greate day!









Gandhi

This week in Fibonacci class the children created some fabulous pieces in Mrs Hen's art lesson.







Thompson

This week as a part of Children Mental health week, we had a detailed discussion about what is Mental health - what can help and who can help.

They then performed different scenarios where they had to put into practise what they all learnt. They had lots of fun!







Because it was Internet Safety Day this week we have spent a lot of time talking about how we should behave online. To help them with this, not only have the children had the chance to play games that reinforce some of those ideas, but they were able to create a list of rules they thought should be followed when gaming online.





Pankhurst

Pankhurst Class composed their own soundscapes for a short video called Snack Attack. They took it in turns to play their part and picked what instrument represented each sound.

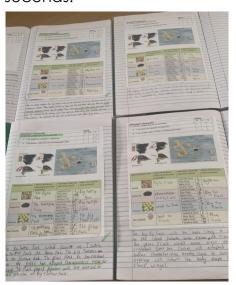




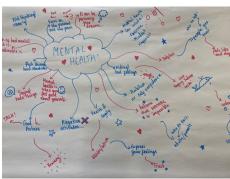


Mandela

In science we have been studying Evolution. This week we carried out an experiment about Darwin's finches, looking at why their beaks had developed differently on different parts of the Galapagos. We simulated their beaks using tweezers and toothpicks to see how much food we could grab in 30 seconds.



We had some amazing visitors from a mental health charity who helped us to learn and understand more about mental health. We really enjoyed this workshop.





The



Zone

My current read is The Bird Singers.



Last weekend I went to a book signing at The Children's Bookshop in Muswell Hill. The author, Eve Wersocki Morris, is a young Haringey resident who went to school in the Muswell Hill area and I went with her school librarian. I truly hope we might one day be celebrating one of our children as a published author!

We are so fortunate to have 3 marvellous independent bookshops not far from Chestnuts, stocking a wide range of up-to-date books. Two of them, <u>Pickled Pepper Books</u> in Crouch End and <u>The Children's Bookshop</u> in Muswell Hill, specialise in children's books and host a range of signing and other events.

Our nearest, <u>All Good Bookshop</u> at 35 Turnpike Lane, has a great range of adult and children's books.

All of these local bookshops take orders and all will be accepting World Book Day tokens between 17^{th} February and 22^{nd} March. Check the links in this article for half-term events!





Ms Efthymiou, <u>librarian@chestnutsprimary.com</u> @ChestnutsLib

Parent vs Teacher Netball Match



A big WELL DONE to all the fabulous parents and teachers who took part in the netball match on Wednesday. It was a tight and hard fought match but the end result was 10:10. Great fun was had by all and we are all looking forward to a rematch!







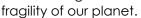








Year 6 have been looking at environmental art... reusing plastic bottle tops they've collected to create new works of art, raising awareness of the issues surrounding the























Year 4 have been putting the final touches to their mixed media animals which were created using paper that they have made themselves with wax relief ink washes and acrylic paint they are amazing!









The Young Artists'
Summer Show
online and at the
Royal Academy of Arts.

Calling all budding artists!

The Royal Academy of Arts have been championing young artists since 1768 and firmly believe in nurturing young talent and celebrating the next generation of artists.

Now in its fourth year, the <u>Young Artists' Summer Show</u> is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of passionate artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Submissions at the Royal Academy are now open.

How to enter

Submitting artwork is completely free and is done online. First, a teacher needs to register your school (which Ms Ruocco has already done). Once the school is registered, your artwork can be submitted. If you're 12 or under, a teacher or parent/guardian will need to enter for you.

Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, you will be asked for an image of your artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it. Your artwork will be seen by the Royal Academy's panel of judges and the selected pieces will be shown in an online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts.

To Find out more please visit: https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/ or talk to Ms Ruoco.