



# Chestnuts Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fabulous couple of weeks here at school with the children going on lots of trips as well as the marvellous Early Years and Infant Shows. For those who attended I am sure you will agree that the children were spectacular and learnt their lines well and sang beautifully. A big thank you to everyone involved who have worked so hard to make these happen.

We still have carolling in the park for the KS2 children on Thursday 15th December so please come along and enjoy singing with us all.

Don't forget to come along to the Winter Fair on Sunday from 12—4pm as there are loads of fun activities planned as well as a marvellous raffle and some mouth watering cakes as well as plenty of other treats to eat!

Remember we break up on Friday 16th December at 2.00pm.

Have a wonderful Christmas Break and a great New Year celebration. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd January 2023!

Katie Horwood



**Be Safe**  
**Be Engaged**  
**Be Respectful**  
**Be Ready**

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# Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 11th December**

Winter Fair

**Monday 12th December**

Arts Week

**Wednesday 14th December**

Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 15th December**

KS2 Carols in the Park 4pm

**Thursday 15th December**

Last day of Nursery

**Thursday 15th December**

Flu vaccination Catch up Day (Including Year 2)

**Friday 16th December**

End of Term—Finish at 2pm

**Tuesday 3rd January**

Back to School

**Wednesday 4th January**

Back to Nursery

## Nursery

We have been reading Stickman by Julia Donaldson and we thought it would be fun to make our own stickman. We went to Reception and the school garden to gather twigs. Then we got some string and googly eyes and after we had selected the best sticks for the body, arms and legs, we had our very own stick family! Hopefully nothing strange will happen to them.



# What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson

Reception had a great time on their first school trip. We went to The Little Angel Theatre Studio to watch "The Pixie and the Pudding". A big thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped us on the day! A great success!

We then did our own performance of "Eddie the Penguin Saves the World!" We spread an important message about climate change and what we can do to help. We were all amazing!



Mozart

Hadid

We have been creating our own rangoli patterns as part of our RE Topic this half term, which is Diwali.



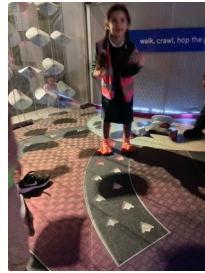
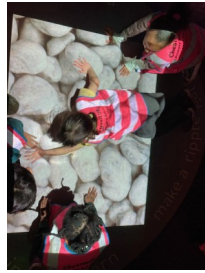
This week Year1 have been very busy practicing for the KS1 Nativity.



## Seacole

## Bolt

Last week, Seacole and Bolt Classes went on a fantastic school trip to the Science Museum! We explored the Pattern Pod, where we made patterns using shapes, technology and our own moving bodies. We also visited the Who Am I? exhibition. Thanks to all the children for their excellent behaviour and to everybody who helped make the trip a success!



## Dahl



These pictures might not look like it at first sight, but they are actually learning about grammar—really. The children were learning all about prepositions. It was a great way to secure their knowledge in a more unusual way. They certainly had fun.

We were lucky enough to have one of those rare bright sunny winter days on our visit to the British Museum this week. It was fabulous for the children to see, up close, the hieroglyphics and cuneiform they have studied in ancient Egypt and Sumer.



## Attenborough



This week we had a wonderful day at the British Museum, exploring the Ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian artefacts. We thoroughly enjoyed finding out new facts about both of these areas of our learning, and built upon our knowledge and understanding of these magnificent ancient civilisations.

## Fibonacci

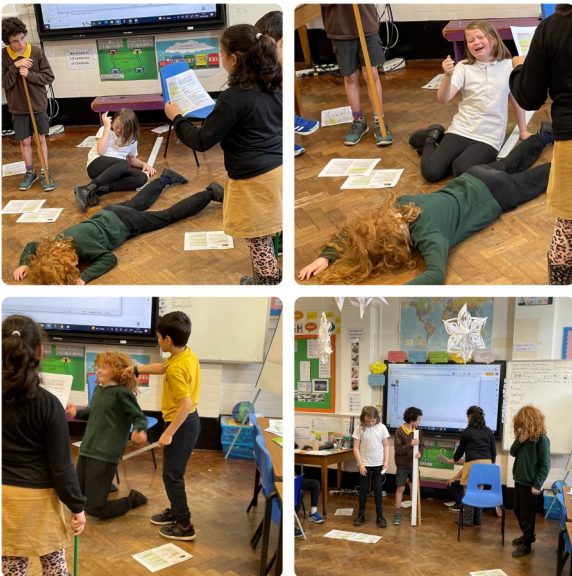


This week in Fibonacci class we took part in a science experiment. We were experimenting with the different effects different liquids would have on an egg if left over the weekend. We did this to investigate the effect sugary drinks may have on our teeth.



## Thompson

In class the children acted out a chapter from Floodlands by Marcus Sedgwick. The children wonderfully acted out their parts which helped them in their writing task this week.



## Gandhi



We have had a day of science this Thursday. In the morning, we looked at how different liquids affected teeth. We used eggs to represent the teeth. We were really surprised by the impact of Red Bull, which



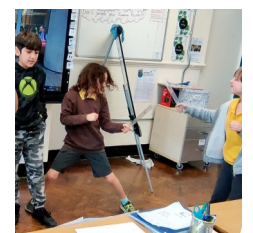
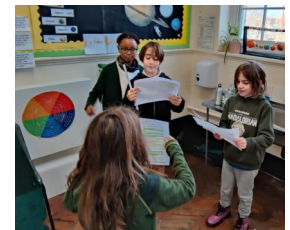
took off all the outer layer of the egg. Afterwards, we had a talk from a charity called Born Free about conservation and how to help preserve our animals for the



future. In the afternoon, we had students from UCL that have investigated air pollution in the local area. They came back to share their results with us.

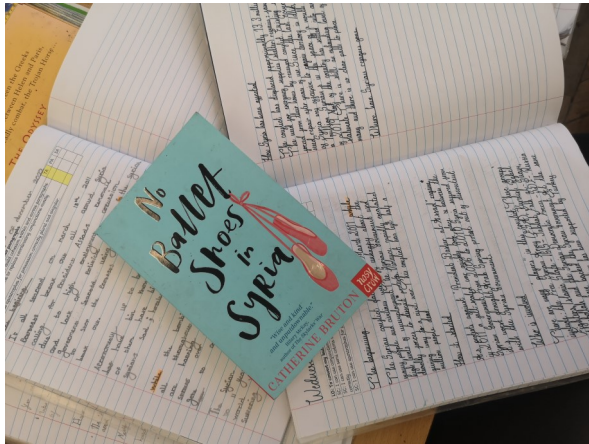
## Pankhurst

In Pankhurst class we have been doing some drama! We acted out a chapter from the book Floodlands by Marcus Sedgwick in small groups and retold the story of Pompeii from a news-reporter's perspective.



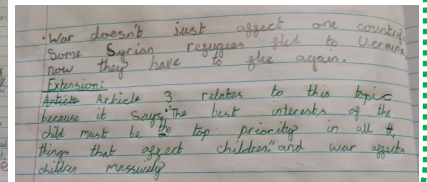
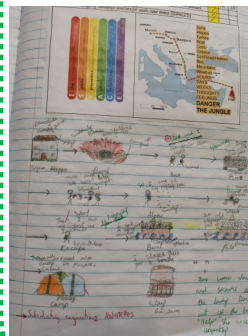
## Malala

Malala have done extensive research on The Syrian War, to help them create a fact file on Refugees and the war itself! We also finished reading the wonderful book, "No Ballet Shoes in Syria." The year 6's loved learning about the this topic! It was wonderful watching them realise how lucky they all are to be able to live their childhood how they should! Great work this term Malala!

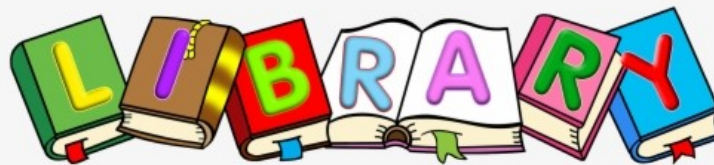


## Mandela

Mr Bloom has been seamlessly introducing Year 6 children to UNICEF's Rights of the Child framework. This is something he is extremely passionate about, and the children have really embraced it. To complement our current Writing unit - "No Ballet Shoes in Syria" - children have been discussing specific articles that relate to the effects of war. We have really enjoyed our journey and learnt a great deal about empathy and how not all have the same **rights** and **privileges** that we do. These articles also allow greater depth conversations into other areas of the curriculum inc. PSHE, History, and RE - where we will begin discussing *historicity* within religious contexts. Well done, Year 6!



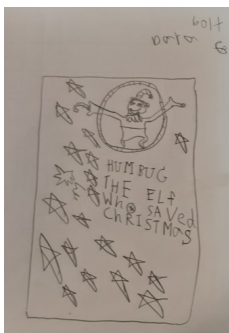
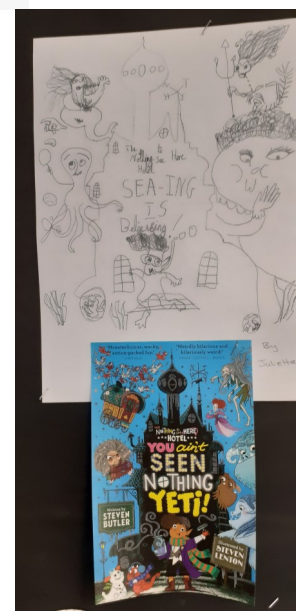
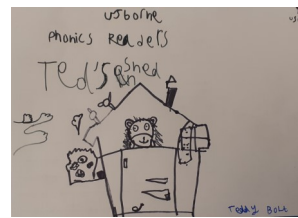
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## Zone

Our weekly lunchtime Illustration Club in the library has been amazing! So many children, especially from years 2 and 4, have been showing their creativity and artistic flair.

It has been lovely to see how many have been inspired by books from our recent visiting authors, Katie and Kevin Tsang and Steven Butler.



I look forward to seeing families at the book stall at Sunday's Winter Fayre. I have a few remaining copies of books from our recent visitors.

Ms Efthymiou, [librarian@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:librarian@chestnutsprimary.com) @ChestnutsLib



At Chestnuts we recognise the importance of attendance and its impact on attainment. Every week we will announce the top 3 classes for attendance in KS1 And KS2 with the overall winner winning the attendance trophy for that week. The Class with the best attendance at the end of the year will be enjoying a fun activity day at the end of the year.

#### KS1-

Place	Class	Percentage
Gold	SEACOLE	96.5%
Silver	BOLT	96.0%
Bronze	HADID	93.2%

#### KS2

Place	Class	Percentage
Gold	ATTENBOROUGH	96.98%
Silver	MALALA	96.9%
Bronze	DAHL	96.0%

**Well done everyone! Keep up the good work!**

This week, our overall school attendance was

**94.9%**



# WINTER FAIR

## Great Chestnuts Bake Off

Once again we have had some amazing entries for the Great Chestnuts Bake Off—take a look at just some of the mouth-watering cakes that will all be available to buy at the Winter Fair on Sunday.



**The Winners are:**

**Best EYFS/KS1**

Marta in Mozart

**Best KS2:**

Tailynn in  
Attenborough

**Most Innovative:**

Mina in Malala  
and Noah in  
Thompson

**Best Biscuit:**

Phoebe in Bolt

**Best Cake:**

Louis in  
Mandela

If you think you can do better or would just like to have a go at winning our prestigious Bake Off award, we will be doing another one before the Summer Fair in July so get planning now!





# Art Classes

Exploring our topic of Mixed Media the children had a go at paper marbling! It was messy but SO MUCH FUN!



We then used our marbled paper to create some woven masterpieces. Well done year 5, you used all your skills to produce some stunning work!



The Artist of this week is Amine in Year 6—look at his fantastic still life painting.

# ROCK STEADY CONCERT



## After School Club, Breakfast Club & Late Collections and Charges

**Reminders:** Breakfast Club closes its doors at 8.30am.  
After School Club finishes at 5.45pm

### After School Club Charges:

From Monday 12th December any late pick ups will be charged an additional £10 (for collections after 5.45pm)

Last minute booking or booking made on the same day as ASC is required will cost £16 (instead of £13).

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# GYMNASTICS CLASSES



at **CHESTNUTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, N15**  
**SATURDAY CLASSES**

11 WEEK TERM (7.1.23 - 25.3.23)

PRE-SCHOOL / RECEPTION: 09.30 - 10.20

RECEPTION: 10.30 - 11.20

YEAR 1-2: 11.30 - 12.20, 14.20 - 15.10

YEAR 3-6: 15.20 - 16.10

MINI SQUAD : 13.00 - 14.15 (INVITE ONLY)

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## FREE FUN THIS WINTER AT OUR FOOTBALL CAMPS

Come and improve your skills, make friends and have fun!

Our kids' football sessions are back at Duke's Aldridge Academy this December. Hot lunch is included, everything is free and everyone is welcome!

Parents and carers should use the QR code to register child's details then email [thf.activities@tottenhamhotspur.com](mailto:thf.activities@tottenhamhotspur.com) to book your chosen session.

Spaces are limited so please book in advance to avoid disappointment. Please let us know of any disabilities or additional needs your child has.



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## FOOTBALL CAMP ON TUESDAY 20TH & WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER

**Address:**

Rear entrance of Duke's Aldridge Academy  
Worcester Avenue, London, N17 0TU

**5-7 year olds 10.30am-12.30pm**

**8-14 year olds 11am-3pm**

Hot lunch will be provided for each player

*NB: If it rains on the day, sessions will held in the Sports Hall so please bring appropriate footwear.*



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