



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another amazing half term with a marvellous Chinese dragon workshop, fantastic Cosmic Yoga and the fascinating Safari Pete and his exotic animals to name but a few!

Keep an eye on the newsletter as there will be more surprises in the next half term!

Please remember that Monday 20th is a TAD day so the school is closed to children. I look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 21st February.

Have a lovely half term break.

Katie Horwood



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Be Engaged
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Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February

Half Term

Monday 20th February

TAD Day—School Closed to children

Tuesday 21st February

Children return to school and Nursery

Friday 24th February

PSA Quiz Night

Monday 27th February - Tuesday 7th March

SEND review week

Friday 3rd March

Ahlberg Class Assembly

Friday 3rd March

Malala Class Assembly

Monday 6th March—Friday 10th March

Y6 in Pendarren

Tuesday 7th March

Nursery Block 1 Children - Visit to St Ann's Library

Thursday 9th March

Nursery Block 2 and Full Time Children - Visit to St Ann's Library

Friday 10th March

Visit from the Author & Illustrator Yuval Zommer

Tuesday 14th March

Violin & Guitar Concert time TBC

Tuesday 21st March

Rock Steady Concert at 10am

27th March - 31st March

Celebrating Inclusion Week

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March

Parents Evenings

Nursery



For the last 2 weeks we have been exploring and creating our own patterns. We have looked at making simple patterns with actions, sounds, construction toys,

paper shapes and stamps. We have also played a fun game on the interactive whiteboard where we had to continue a shape pattern.



What we have done this week

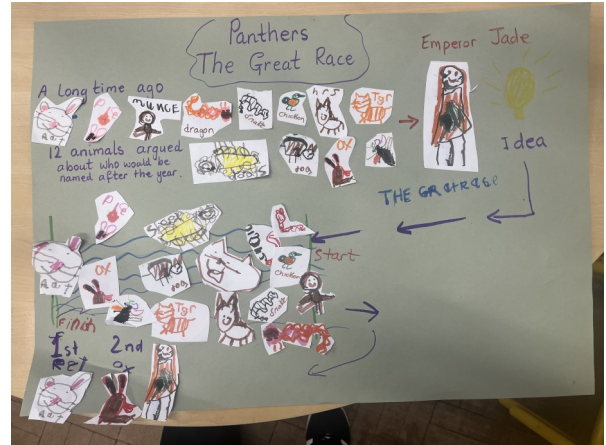
Ahlberg

Ahlberg Class has been focusing on recognising and ordering numbers. We have been making our own number lines using paper, numicon, numbers and on the interactive whiteboard!



Donaldson

As it has been Lunar New Year we have retold the story of "The Great Race". Here is an example of our own story map. The children have worked hard and are able to retell the story using actions and puppets. Good work Donaldson Class!



Mozart

On Monday this week, we went on a trip to the Muswell Hill Synagogue. It was a great morning and we learnt a lot about the Jewish religion, which we have also been learning about in school. Thanks again to all of the parents who came along!



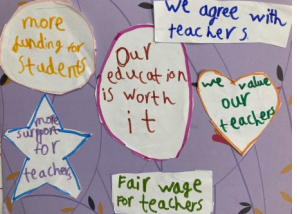
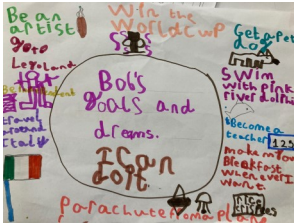
Hadid

We went on a trip to a synagogue to learn all about Judaism. The Rabbi spoke about Jewish beliefs and traditions and explained what these things mean to Jewish people. The children were then able to try on some traditional clothing such as the Kippah and the Tallit. We had a great time and looking forward to the next trip.



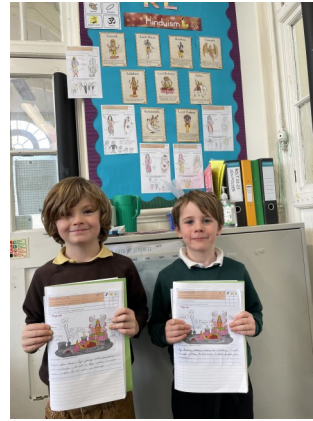
Seacole

This half term Seacole Class have been working hard at home as well as at school. We would love to share some of our fantastic home learning with you!



Bolt

During RE, we have been learning about the Hindu festival, Navaratri. We created our own Puja Thalīs (decorated plates) which are used during the festival.



Dahl



The children have been learning about light in science this half term. Here you can see them working with torches to check which materials are reflective and why that might be. They moved on from the materials they had been given and wandered around the class checking walls and chairs and pencils sharpeners - the curiosity was fantastic!

Attenborough

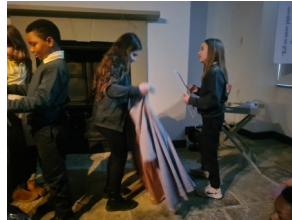
This term, in Science we have been learning all about light sources and how shadows are formed. We have enjoyed using torches to investigate how reflective different materials are and how shadows change when the light source is moved closer or further from the object.



Fibonacci

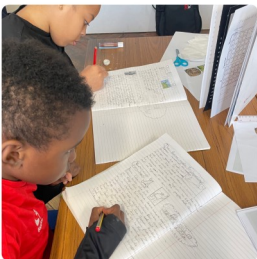
Gandhi

This week in Year 5 went to Benjamin Franklin's House/Museum. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the glass harmonica and meeting Polly (Franklin's maid) who taught us all about his life in the 1700's.



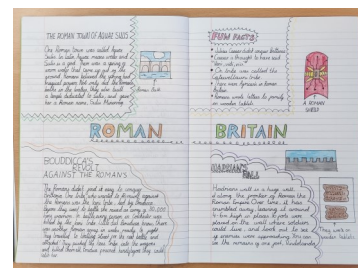
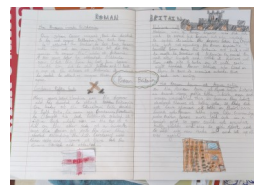
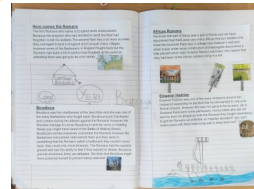
Thompson

This week is assessment week and the children have been showing us how much they have learnt in their topic lessons. In these photos the children were producing a double page spread recapping on all their knowledge on our topic, Roman Britain.



Pankhurst

This week we summarised everything we have learnt about Roman Britain so far in a big fact file/poster. Our favourite part so far has been learning about Hadrian's Wall and the history behind it.



Malala

Mandela

With Year 6's trip to Pendarren fast approaching, we have been using our Geography lessons to explore Welsh culture and y Gymraeg (the Welsh language). As we deem ourselves Global Citizens, we used this session to discuss the importance of having a cultural identity, and why it is wonderful to learn about other cultures, traditions and languages.

I consider myself South Korean - I, my brother, as my mother and many of my friends here. I am a South Korean. I like to break. It is important that we learn about other people's languages and cultures so we can understand them and if people are not educated about other people's cultures then they could show their xenophobia to them (showing a hatred towards them when they should be showing admiration towards you).

This is the Polish flag. My family come from Poland. I speak, read and write in Polish. Hello, how are you? (Zdravo, jak siemasz?) Jestem z Ciebie bardzo dumny - powiewajcie Pana Błoga.

I get along with my dad and my mum but I don't get along with my brother but I love my dog. I like to read other languages and I like to learn because you can better understand.

I identify with Hong Kong and England. I feel this because nearly all of my family live or are from Hong Kong. I also feel English because I was born in England and speak both English and Cantonese.

I identify myself Italian because my family is Italian and I was born there. Even though I live in London I do not identify myself as English. It is important that we learn about other languages and cultures because it will make us more educated of what.

I identify as Bulgaria and England/British because my family are from there and I have been to Bulgaria and I live in England. Also I really love them both.

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我叫容雪莹。我喜欢和我朋友和我的老师。 I'm called 容雪莹。 I like to be with my friends and I like my teacher.

Can I have a: A alleg goel a. Your welcome! Croeso. I am going to bed now: Rydych i'n mynd i'r gwely now. My name is Chloie: fy enw i yw Chloie. I identify myself with these flags because my dad is from Ireland and my mum is from Germany and they are both British as well and I was born here in the UK and it makes me feel at home.

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The world is big and there are many different countries and languages. I like to learn other languages and I like to learn because you can better understand.

The LIBRARY Zone



St Ann's Library in Cissbury Road reopened on 6 February 2023, following building work.

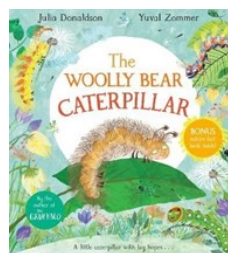
Opening times:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 9am to 7pm
Wed - 10am to 7pm
Sat - 9am to 5pm
Sun - closed

Tel: 020 8489 4560



As part of the World Book Day celebrations, our Year 4 children will be going to St Ann's Library on Tuesday 28th February to meet author Skye McKenna who will be talking about her book Hedgewitch, which will be available to buy for £7 on the day.



Within school, as well as the dress-up day on Friday 3rd March, we will have a number of author events within school during March, including Yuval Zommer (10th March) who is an author and illustrator who has been here before. Here are some of his beautiful books!

Look out, too, for book sales and more information about the specially published World Book Day books, for which children are getting tokens!

Ms Efthymiou, 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	BOLT	95.7%
Silver	SEACOLE	95.5%
Bronze	MOZART	93.8%

KS2

Place	Class	Percentage
Gold	MALALA	96.6%
Silver	ATTENBOROUGH	96.5%
Bronze	DAHL	94.9%

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work!

This week, our overall school attendance was

94.7%





Art Classes

Year 4 have been concentrating very hard while painting their journey sticks. We have been looking at how indigenous tribes like the Native American people record stories without written words or pictures.



ENVIRONMENTAL Artist of the Week is Maggie in Mandela Class for recycling plastic into a jelly fish art-work with jelly babies.

Nice work Maggie!

Dragon Dance Workshop



The SEND Space

Celebrating Inclusion Week
27th March - 31st March

In this week we will be celebrating all things SEND. Come along to school on **Thursday 30th March from 9—11am** and meet some of the professionals that work in the school including:

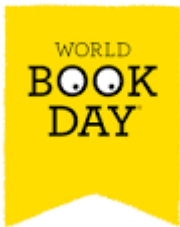
Educational Psychologist - Alex Mummery/Emily Brees

CAMHS - Trailblazers Team

SALT - Corinne Moutou

Team from Markfields

School Mentor - Valorie Watson



WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 3rd March



This year, for world book day, we want to see you all dress up as your favourite book character.

Maybe you can dress up as a character from the books you've read in class, your favourite fairy tale character or villain (they're the best ones!)



We will also have the golden ticket winners tea party! There will be cakes and tea and of course Jarvis the school dog in attendance with Mrs Horwood.

There's still time to win a golden ticket- just read every day and fill in your reading diary.



CHESTNUTS PSA

2023

calendar of

EVENTS

Friday 24th February

7:30 pm

Buy tickets on Parent Pay

Chestnuts Quiz night!



True Covers Fundraising Gig

Pop, Soul, and disco from the local band, True Covers!

22th April, Venue TBC
Get your Earlybird tickets on Parent Pay soon to avoid disappointment at the door on the night.

Friday 28th April, 9am,
school library

Coffee Morning

Barn Dance

9th June, Chestnuts

Tickets will be available for on Parent Pay soon

Non Uniform Day

Friday 30th June

Bring sweets to school to participate - proceeds go towards the tombola at Chestival



Saturday 8th July
1pm-5pm

CHESTIVAL!

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