



# Chestnuts Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had such a lovely day for World Book Day today! Have a look at the Afternoon Tea section of the newsletter.

We were sad to say goodbye to our school Business Manager, Elliott, who moved on to a new job last week. We wish him luck and will miss him.

I was really impressed to see the support out Teachers had on the NEU rally. Thank you, as ever, for being supportive to the school. I know that news has reached you about the impact rising costs and cuts are having on the school and I will write to tell you further when I am able to. Have a wonderful weekend.

Katie Horwood



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

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# Dates for your Diary

## 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 9.30–  
10.30am

## Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March

Possible school closure due to strikes

## Friday 17th March

Mandela Assembly 9am

## Saturday 18th March

Big Gardening Day 11am—2.30pm

## Tuesday 21st March

Rock Steady Concert 10—11am

## 27th March - 31st March

Celebrating Inclusion Week

## Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March

Parents Evenings

## Friday 31st March

Last Day of Term

## Monday 17th April

Start of Summer Term

### Nursery

This half term our focus artist is Ruth Asawa. We have looked at some of her artwork and have been using pipe cleaners with foam shapes to create sculptures of our own.





# What we have done this week

Ahlberg



Reception have been reading the book 'Supertato'. Evil Pea has been causing all sorts of problems in class! He has been freezing vegetables, making a mess and hiding peas all over the classroom! We decided we needed to make traps to catch him! We used large construction and smaller junk modelling to build our traps. Luckily we managed to get him!



Donaldson



We are searching for Evil Pea as it has captured all the vegetables! The vegetables were stuck in ice (problem) and Donaldson Class had to find a solution to solve the problem. They were very excited and can't wait to capture "Evil Pea" with their traps they have made as well this week. Activities all based on the book 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet.

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Mozart

In Year 1 we have been ordering the steps of a recipe to make bread. Then we made our own bread rolls. They were delicious!



Hadid

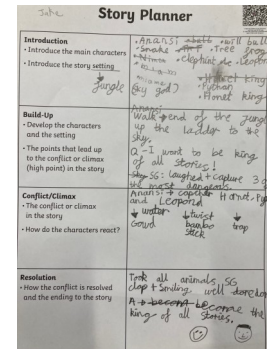
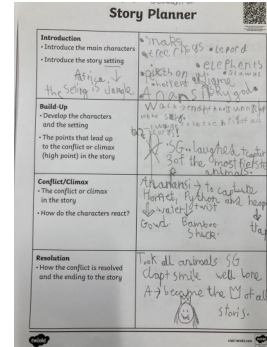




Seacole

Bolt

Year 2 have been learning about the traditional Caribbean folk tales of Anansi the Spider-Man who wanted to be king of all stories. We loved the story-telling Workshop and have started planning our own versions of Anansi



Dahl

Attenborough

This term we begin looking at Ancient Greece in History and Greek myths in English. To get the children into the mood, this week they had the chance to make a symbol of one of the Greek gods. There was the choice of the thunderbolt of Zeus, the trident of Poseidon and the shield or spear of Athena. They had a wonderful time decorating them - many with "blood", what a blood thirsty lot they turned out to be. Perfect Greek gods!

In Attenborough class we have been reading Greek mythological stories. We have enjoyed learning about the different gods and goddesses and the symbols that represent them. Here are some of our fantastic creations!



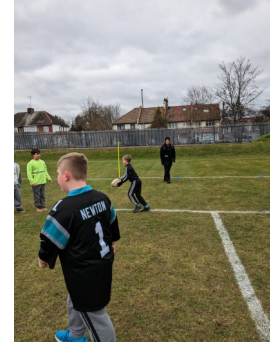


**Fibonacci**

**Gandhi**

Year 4 have had a really busy week. We visited St Ann's Library for an author visit. They saw the inspirational Skye McKenna, who has just released her new book "Woodwitch".

Some Year 4s also took part in a rugby day which was a bit cold but great fun!



**Thompson**

This week Thompson class has been learning Macbeth and we have been acting out a few of the scenes. Here Lady Macbeth and Macbeth are washing their bloody hands clean after the murder of King Duncan.



**Pankhurst**

**TOP TRUMPS**

In Science we learnt about the gestation periods (length of pregnancy) of different mammals. We made Top Trump style cards to compare the different mammals, and included facts on them such as how independent the offspring are when they are born, and how many babies are born at once!





Malala

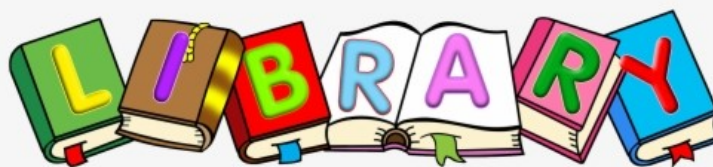
Mandela



Another mock SATs week down for Mandela and Malala classes - you have really made your Year 6 teachers proud. You have all made exceptional progress, and we are overjoyed. Time for a little respite, and a well-earned break, at Pendarren next week. I hope you're all as excited as we are! To end our hectic assessment week - we're celebrating the amazing costumes you have worn for World Book Day. What a variety of fine literature (and costumes, of course)!



The



Zone

### Author/Illustrator Visits

We have two author/illustrator visits in the next 2 weeks as part of our extended World Book Day celebrations.

**Yuval Zommer** will be here on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. His assembly and workshops will be for Years 2 and 3 children, but anyone can meet him for a book signing in the library. If you are interested in buying any of his books please complete this Google Form (Zommer) on the library page of our website and pay on ParentPay.

**Karen McCombie**, formerly our Patron of Reading, will be here on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Her assemblies and workshops will be for Years 2 to 6 children, but anyone can meet her for a book signing in the library or after school at our playground sale. If you are interested in buying any of her books please complete this Google Form (McCombie) on the library page of our website and pay on ParentPay.



Our planned author visitor for nursery, reception and Year 1 has sadly had to withdraw. Watch this space as I will have someone visit very soon for our younger children!

A big thank you to All Good Bookshop for supplying the books for these events!

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





# Art Classes

Year 3 have finished making their impressive clay 'Bell Beaker' pots.



Artist of the week is Locke for his focus and enthusiasm while working on his Native American inspired journey



# COSMIC YOGA

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were treated to a bit of a celebrity appearance before the half term with Cosmic Kids coming to do a yoga workshop with us all! We had a lot of fun!





# NETBALL COMPETITION

On Wednesday March 1st Y6 Chestnuts Team played a friendly netball match against Belmont School. We attacked and defended but Belmont managed to win 4:0.

**By Tomas**



**Year 4 and 5 netball match- a success!**

On Wednesday 1st March Ms Ellis, our wonderful netball teacher, took us (Minnie, Kornel, Dionne, Delilah, Cattleya, Polly, Maria and Ayoub) to a match against Belmont Primary School. We were great at passing the ball, and we defended very well, and because of this we won 5-0!! We had a lot of fun and hope to play them again sometime soon.

**By Delilah**



# FLOWER CRAFT

The children in Flower Craft After School Club have made some fantastic arrangements—They made their own clay pots, picked their own flowers and then arranged them—what a great job they did!



# Marathon Man!

On Sunday 2nd April, Mr. Bloom will be running his second marathon to raise funds for his chosen charity: **LBT Global** (formally *Lucy Blackman Trust*). **LBT Global** is dedicated to supporting families who have lost loved ones abroad due to murder and manslaughter; offering legal support and repatriation of loved ones. Any financial amount raised will provide funds to continue supporting families at this difficult time. Give him a huge Chestnuts Cheer on the day, and feel free to **donate** anything you can, or **share** this link.



What will he be doing next time?  
His first Ultra-marathon?  
7 marathons in 7 days???  
What would you suggest...?  
No, the beard stays! (Maybe)

<https://gregs-second-brighton-marathon-for-alex.raisely.com>





# TEA PARTY

Well done to all the children that completed excellent reading diaries! Their treat was to take part in a tea party with Mrs Horwood—as you can see they had a fantastic array of goodies to enjoy! We will do it all again in the Summer Term so keep your reading diaries updated!



## BiG Gardening Day

**Saturday 18th Mar.**

Join anytime between  
**11 am and 2.30pm**

**Everyone is WELCOME!** kids, parents, grand parents,  
neighbours, friends - no gardening experience needed  
(Entrance by the St Ann's rd garden gate)

**SPRING is here!** Join us in the school garden  
to get the garden ready & growing with these  
activities:

- **SEED SWAP** (bring along seeds to share)
- Seed **sowing** - start growing flowers and veg'
- Transplant **fruit trees** into bigger beds
- Make **lavender** sachet bags
- Hunt for **Herbs**

**Hot drinks & biscuits will be available**

For info contact Nadja on  
**07787 311 430**

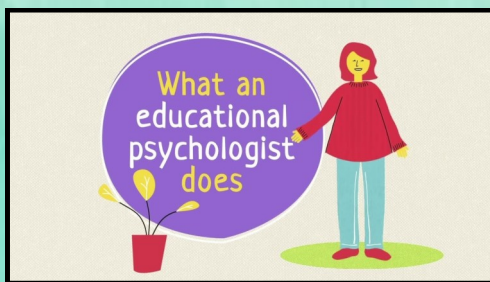


# Meet the Professionals



Tuesday 30th March From 9.00am—11.00am

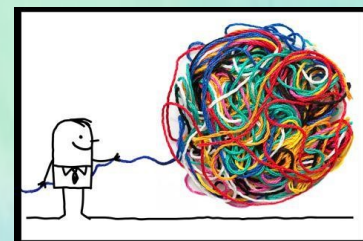
All our students are individuals with different needs, talents, abilities and skills. At Chestnuts we aim to educate our students in a way that accommodates these individual differences and in order to achieve this we need the help of external professions who come into our school and assist us in this process. Some children need more help than others, some only need help for a short time but, whatever the situation, there are people who can help.



Come along to our Meet the Professionals event on Thursday 30th March from 9-11am. This event is for all our parents, not just those who have SEND children. You will have the opportunity to find out all the different services we have at school or just have an informal chat.

## We will have representatives in the following areas:

- **Speech & Language Therapists**
- **Education Psychologists**
- **The School Nurse**
- **Markfield—SENDIASS service**



An information, advice and support service where parents and carers can access our range of support services to get the information and support they need so that their children can be happy and successful in school. They also work directly with children, young people and adults that have a SEND.

- **Trailblazers**

A team of wellbeing workers, mental health professionals and other partners who support the emotional wellbeing of children, young people and parents. Trailblazers also work with Tottenham Hotspur who run physical education and intervention classes in school.



## Mental health support for children, young people and their families

We are working with our local authority partners and other NHS organisations to ensure children, young people and their families in North Central London – Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington – get the advice and support they need.

### Where to get urgent help



#### 24/7 mental health crisis support line

If you are a child or young person aged under 18 in crisis and living in Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey or Islington, or if you are the parent or carer of a child or young person in crisis, you can call the mental health crisis support line available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **0800 151 0023**.



#### Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (or CAMHS)

If your child is currently being supported by mental health services for children and young people (CAMHS), you can contact your care coordinator or the duty number for the team during office hours. Out of hours and on weekends, please contact the mental health crisis support line on **0800 151 0023**.



#### Accident and Emergency Department (A&E)

If a child or young person needs emergency medical help, is seriously ill or their life is at risk, then call **999** or take them to the nearest Accident & Emergency (A&E).



#### NHS 111

If you are not sure what to do, you can check **NHS 111 online** or call **111** for advice.

### Other support including websites for children and young people

If a child or young person would like further information or advice on their mental health or difficulties they are experiencing, they could try one of the following websites or organisations:

**Kooth** – provides free, safe, anonymous online emotional and mental health support for young people aged 11-25 years across London.

As an online service, it is available seven days per week, 365 days a year for 24 hours. The Kooth team is available every day from noon until 10pm weekdays and from 6pm until 10pm on Saturday and Sundays (reduced cover during holidays).

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

**Shout 85258** – provides free, confidential, 24/7 text message support in the UK for anyone who is struggling to cope. They can help with issues including suicidal thoughts, depression, anxiety, panic attacks, abuse, self-harm, relationship problems and bullying. Text 'Shout' to 85258 to speak to a trained volunteer who will listen and work with you to solve problems.

[www.giveusashout.org](http://www.giveusashout.org)

**Papyrus** – provides confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person:

- call **0800 068 41 41** for free – every day, 9am to 12am (midnight)
- you can also text **07860 039967** (charges may apply)
- you can email [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org)

[www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)

**Childline** – is a free, private and confidential service for children where you can talk about anything. Available online, on the phone, anytime. You can:

- call Freephone **0800 11 11**
- have an online chat with a counsellor

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/>

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**The Mix** – provides a free confidential helpline and online service that aims to find young people the best help, whatever the problem. You can:

- call **0808 808 4994** for free – every day, 3pm to 11pm
- access the discussion boards

[www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)

**Every Mind Matters** – includes advice for young people on how to look after their mental health and wellbeing and deal with the issues that matter to them.

[www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/youth-mental-health](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/youth-mental-health)

**Good Thinking** – provides free,

anonymous NHS-approved advice, support and resources for people experiencing stress, anxiety, low mood, sleep, trauma, bereavement and eating disorders. Available 24/7.

[www.good-thinking.uk](http://www.good-thinking.uk)

# Haringey Parenting Programmes and workshops

Haringey are offering fantastic advice for Parents and Carers through their *Parenting programmes and workshops* for mothers, fathers and carers of children and young people living in Haringey or attending a Haringey school. Don't miss out on the opportunity to check out the website for help and advice in all areas of parenting.

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help-service/parenting-programmes>