



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

24th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We still have a lot of things going on at school in the build up to Easter. We are very excited to welcome the author Steve Antony to school on Monday.

We are also really looking forward to celebrating inclusion week next week and we have many professionals coming and activities planned.

A couple of reminders; from the Summer term there will be a change to KS1 swimming lessons as Year 1 will swim on Tuesdays and Year 2 will swim on Wednesdays. Also, the last week of after school activity clubs will be next week. Finally a reminder that Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am and closes to arrivals at 8.30am.

Have a wonderful weekend.



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Be Engaged
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Be Ready

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th March

Year 1 Trip to St Paul's Cathedral

Monday 27th March

Author Visit: Steve Antony

27th March - 31st March

Celebrating Inclusion Week

Wednesday 29th March

Trumpet & Clarinet Concert 2.45pm

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March

Parents Evenings

Thursday 30th March

Meet the Professionals 9.30am

Friday 31st March

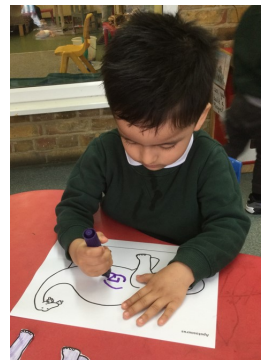
Last Day of Term

Monday 17th April

Start of Summer Term

Nursery

It's been all about dinosaurs in nursery! We have really enjoyed lots of different dinosaur themed craft activities which have also helped us to practise our fine motor skills. We have drawn 4 spikes on dinosaurs and practised writing 4 on the dinosaur (Our number of the weekend), practised cutting, made dinosaur footprints in paint and even made playdough fossils. It has been a lot of fun.



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Ahlberg class has been busy celebrating Holi festival and learning about our artist of the half term, Jackson Pollock! Children put their portraits on the floor then threw paint. Just like Jackson Pollock they used a range of tools including brushes, sticks, forks and marbles. They had lots of fun!



They also made giant paintings on large pieces of paper.



Donaldson



A nest was blown from a tree in the reception playground. Mark was very thoughtful and knew the children in Reception would enjoy having the nest, being able to observe and get lots of learning experiences from a real life birds nest.

We have learnt so much over the past week. Some of the activities have included observational drawing, research using books and building nests outside to help the birds have a safe place to live. The bird even used a cable tie in their weaving of the nest!! What a great learning experience for



Mozart



In Year 1 this week for our History lesson we had the pleasure of having an amazing WOW lesson, we used our houses that we designed in our Art lessons and recreated Pudding Lane in the playground. We recreated the fire in the bakery. The children really enjoyed this experience and were able to better understand how it must have felt like to lose their home and precious possessions.



Hadid

Seacole

Bolt

Y2 had a wonderful trip to the Tower of London. We took shelter from the rain in King Edward I's bedchamber in the Medieval Palace. Our guide, Lady Joan, taught us how to become pages and squires and knighted us in Henry III's room. We spotted several beasts from the royal menagerie and even saw the Crown Jewels!



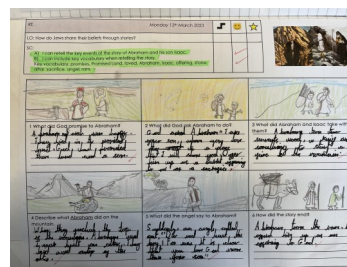
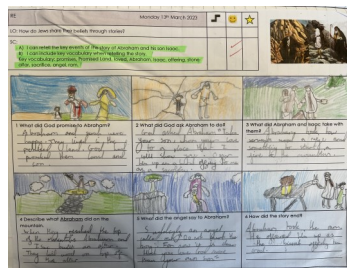
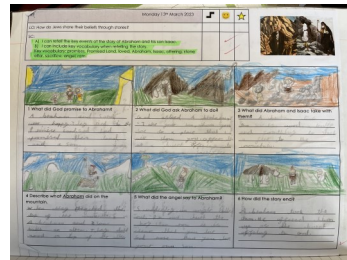
Dahl

Only a week ago we had visitors in during our Geography lesson to talk about growing microgreens and how good they are for us. It fitted in with our discussions about organic food and choices we might make when shopping for food. We all tried a variety of microgreens they brought, from peas to sunflowers, and then we planted these. Only a week later they have shot up brilliantly. One side is broccoli and the other side radish. The radish has split the class between those who love it and those who find it distinctly, "spicy."



Attenborough

This term Attenborough Class have been learning about Judaism in RE and why the story of Abraham and Isaac is important to the Jewish faith. Here are some of their wonderful storyboards.



Fibonacci



This week in Fibonacci class we took part in a variety of experiments looking at vibration. Here we have students looking at sound travelling through different mediums.

Gandhi

Gandhi Class were collecting information from a range of sources such as twitter, emails, phone messages and news-wire. This was so that, in their ICT lessons they could write newspaper articles about a rare South-China tiger who had escaped from the zoo.



Gandhi Class said 'It may have the bird flu virus so beware'.



Thompson

This week in English, we are learning to write instruction texts. We are learning to write an instruction text on how to make a healthy pizza. Here we are making our healthy pizza.



Pankhurst

In Year 5 this week we made pizza! We will write out the instructions for how to make pizza as part of our English sub-topic this half term (instructions) so we had to test them first so we know exactly what to do!



Malala

Back from Pendarren and free from mock SATs, the Year 6's were back to writing their play scripts. Children chose to delve into the demise of Cinderella, being inspired by "The Tragedy of Hamlet". They took a classic tale and flipped it on it's head - creating a script based on revenge. Their acting was superb! Some great actors, if I do say so myself.

Mandela

*BEHOLD! Thou feeble minded persons,
A tale with not fair beginning,
For in a dark and silent grave we stand,
In which death will finally walk this earth,
That takes in trust our joys and all we have,
And does not take note of our tragedies,
Forsooth, Cinderella's cruel repay,
From one who did cruel things to her in life.
We give you Cinderella's tragedy...*

(CURTAIN OPEN TO DUSTY ATTIC ROOM, CINDERELLA CRYING IN CORNER.)

CINDERELLA: (Through choked sobs) Oh cruel one, hast thou ever loved in life."

(ENTER STEPMOTHER WITH ROLLING PIN)

STEMMOTHER: Get up thou wicked girl (BEATS CINDERELLA WITH ROLLING PIN UNTIL SHE SCRAMBLES TO HER FEET)!

As most of our families know by now we will be leaving Chestnuts at the end of this term. We have been part of many changes during the time we have been here and like to think that we contributed to the wonderful school community that is Chestnuts.

We shall miss our colleagues and all of our amazing families - but most importantly, THE CHILDREN, who are the reason we are all here. To watch them thrive and grow, from when they arrive in Reception to when they leave us in Year 6 has been such a privilege.

Individually we have been at Chestnuts for 31 years and 14 years and In some cases, seeing ex-pupils as adults now bringing their own children to Chestnuts!

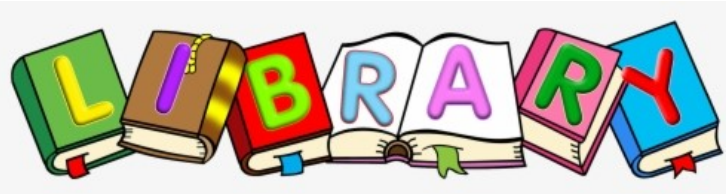
We wish Chestnuts every good thing for the future - and for our children, health, happiness and success in all they do in life. Remember to be kind to each other!

With the fondest of memories and warmest of regards,

Louise & Mary

To be honest, neither of us know how to deal with saying farewell to everyone so we will just end with*It's Goodbye from Her and it's Goodbye from Me!*

The



Zone

We have been celebrating World Book Day throughout March.

Last week we had the very welcome return of our former Patron of Reading, Karen McCombie.



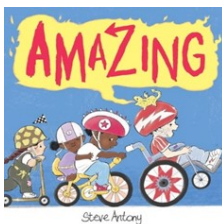
As Karen said on Twitter "Great day, explaining how books are made (hello Key Stage 1!), where ideas come from (looking at you, Yrs3-5!) and finishing with dramatic mini stories from Yr6, inspired by Alexandra Palace and local heroine Dolly Shepherd."



This week Years 2 and 3 had workshops with author and illustrator, Yuval Zommer. He explained the science behind some of his books and



encouraged the children to draw bugs, following the skills he uses in his Big Book of Bugs.



We end the month of visits next Monday with Steve Antony. He is a picture book specialist whose visit is especially focused on our youngest children, including nursery. Many of the children will know his Queen and Mr Panda series of books and are

welcome to bring in their own copies for signing.

A massive thank you to our PSA who support these visits, including funding copies of books for the library for all to share.

As you may have read in recent school communication, next week is my final week at the school, as the post of librarian is being made redundant.

I shall miss helping spread enthusiasm for reading for pleasure with children at the school, through encouraging access to our lovely library of fiction and non-fiction, running reading and illustration clubs and book review activities, organising author and illustrator visits and sharing my own enthusiasm and knowledge.

I hope that the children continue to cherish their library and, with the support of families and the school community, flourish in their reading and in their futures.

Ms Tanya Efthymiou

librarian@chestnutsprimary.com



Art Classes

Year 4 really got to grips with creating their Native American inspired journey sticks. They were learning how to retell stories without words or pictures!



Year 5 have looked at how chocolates are made.... Pankhurst class made these models in clay then decorated them with beads. They look good enough to eat!



Artist of the week is Tahiya , Year 3 Dahl Class, her fruit prints looked so juicy!

Rocking out with Rock Steady



Young Artists Summer Show



Please remember that your children have an opportunity to submit some of their artworks for the the 'Young Artists' Summer Show (Royal Academy of Arts).

It is a free, open exhibition for students aged 4–19 studying in the UK.

Submissions close on 29 March 2023 at 5pm.

Just follow the link and the instructions.

If you have any questions you can ask Miss Ruocco, but it is really easy to apply online. The school is already registered so you have just to upload pictures, sizes and descriptions of artworks.

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2023>

Good Luck!



Recently we began our journey to becoming an Eco-School. The Eco-Schools programme provides a framework to help schools to make positive changes to reduce their impact on the environment. We are forming an eco-committee with children from every year group, and will coming together to think about what we can do at Chestnuts. The children are very enthusiastic and have lots of ideas already! Watch this space for more news on what we get up to, and how you can be involved.

Ms Mower

ECO-SCHOOL DESIGN COMPETITION

Design a label for our new classroom paper recycling containers. The deadline for entries is Monday 17th April. The winner will be announced on Friday 22nd April



THINK PAPER, THINK GREEN, THINK RECYCLING, THINK ECO, THINK BOLD, THINK BRIGHT!





SPRING EASTER POETRY COMPETITION

The term has flown by and it feels like so long ago that we did the Scary Story competition. I really enjoy reading all of your work and thought, as Spring has sprung, it would be lovely to do another competition.

Below is a poem by one of my favourite poets, William Blake. The poem is called 'Spring'.

**Sound the flute!
Now it's mute!
Bird's delight,
Day and night,
Nightingale,
In the dale,
Lark in sky,—
Merrily,
Merrily merrily, to welcome in the year...**

First published in Blake's *Songs of Innocence* in 1789, 'Spring' has the ring of a medieval song about it. The poem celebrates the joy of spring through focusing on some of Blake's favourite aspects of the season.

The competition is to write a poem about Spring. Think of all the lovely things that happen, mine are: Delicious Chocolate Easter eggs, a roasted leg of lamb shared with family and friends on a Sunday and the fresh dewy smell in the morning.

If you are looking for something to do over the Easter holidays, William Blake is buried in London in Bunhill cemetery- you can get the 141 bus there! Can you find any other famous writers in the cemetery?

Enter by sending your poem to AHT@chestnutsprimary.com with the email titled POETRY COMPETITION please include your name and class

Closing Date: 17th April



Meet the Professionals



Tuesday 30th March From 9.00am—11.00am

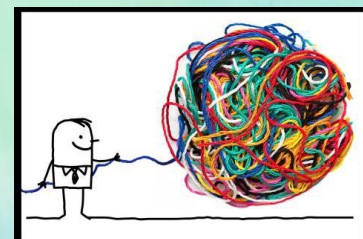
All our students are individuals with different needs, talents, abilities and skills. At Chestnuts we aim to educate our students in a way that accommodates these individual differences and in order to achieve this we need the help of external professions who come into our school and assist us in this 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.



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"I love feeling more confident about my gymnastics skills!"
Sophie - Age 8

GYMNASTICS CLASSES

PRE SCHOOL - YEAR 6
DAY: SATURDAYS

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Easter HAF Programme
(Holiday Activities & Food)

Hot meal available for children entitled to Free School Meals:
contact sereena@haringey-play.org.uk
or book online



Tues 4th & Tues 11th April 2023, 11-3

Free-play activities for ages 6-12

Suffolk Road Estate
(next to the playground)
South Tottenham, N15 5RN



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Forest Garden After School Club

£60 for the term for 7-11-year-olds

Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm

At Edible Landscapes London- inside Finsbury Park

Tuesday 18th April-11th July (break for half term 30th May)



Each week children will learn about a species, make a habitat and plant a pollinator garden. They will learn through play, games, and exploration. We will build wildlife habitats, get planting, learn about wildlife, soil, trees and plants, design a Forest Garden, get creative with nature art, woodwork and storytelling. Children will help restore nature, understand the needs of other species and how to care for a Forest Garden.

For more information or to book a space email info@ediblelandscapeslondon.org.uk

Dress for the weather, wear closed toe shoes, bring water and fruit snacks.

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Free consultations with an Educational Psychologist

Are you worried about your child's development, learning, emotional well-being or behaviour?

Then book a **free 40 minute session** with an educational psychologist from Haringey Educational Psychology Service. We can talk through your concerns with you, help you make a plan of action and signpost you to sources of help and support.



Educational psychologists (EPs) are qualified specialists who offer support and advice to schools, early years settings, voluntary groups, parents, carers, children and young people on a range of issues. This includes supporting children with disabilities, learning difficulties or social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

For more information on EPs: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/5-15-year-olds/educational-psychology-service>



Where: Markfield community Centre, in Markfield Park, Markfield Road, London, N15 4RB (consultations are also available by telephone)

When: Appointment slots are available once a month

If you want to book a consultation with an EP or you want more information, please send an email with your **name** and **telephone number** to familyadmin@markfield.org.uk stating if you prefer an in-person meeting or a telephone consultation.

Share your views

Haringey Childhood Immunisations Survey



We want to hear from parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-19

- understand your motivations and barriers to vaccination
- help improve our services
- promote protection against serious childhood diseases



The survey is anonymous and will take around 10 minutes to complete.

To view the survey, please scan QR code. The survey is also available in:

- Polish
- Spanish
- Romanian
- Bulgarian

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CHESTNUTS PSA 2023 calendar of EVENTS

True Covers Fundraising Gig

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

Friday 21st April,
The Langham Club,
Green Lanes, N8
£10 per ticket
Tickets on Parent Pay or the door.

- Still Life Drawing
- Skate Boarding workshop!
- Rap Therapy
- Jewellery Making
- Cartoon Illustration
- Lino Printing
- Floristry

ARTISTS RESIDENCY!

April - July
Tickets on Parent Pay

Coffee Morning

Friday 28th April, 9am,
school library

9th June, Chestnuts

Tickets will be available for
on Parent Pay soon

Barn Dance

Non Uniform Day

Friday 30th June

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



CHESTIVAL!

Saturday 8th July
1pm-5pm

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PSA Announcements!

Starting in April, the PSA is running a monthly **ARTISTS RESIDENCY** at Chestnuts, run by local artists for pupils and adults.

Workshops include:

- **Adult Still Life drawing** with Frances Costello & The Natural Craft
- **Skate Boarding Workshop**, where students learn to stand on a board, how to push along and some tricks!
- **Rap Therapy** - spoken word, rhyme & movement!
- **Jewellery making** with Morena for adults and kids!
- **Cartoon Illustration** with Hannah Robinson 8+
- **Lino Printing** - Customising Tote Bags & t-shirts

All the artists are local to Haringey and very keen to support the school in any way possible. A big thanks to Allison Beeston, Chestnut's parent, for arranging their visits.

I've included for you further details and dates below. Tickets are available on parent pay.

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PSA Announcements!

Starting in September 2023, the PSA is funding a **SCHOOL CHOIR!** Led by musician, piano, voice and music theory teacher, Laurie O'Brien. The choir will run as an afterschool club from 3.30 pm-4.30 pm. Day TBC.

It will be open to every child in the school and we will be running some workshops in the summer term to gauge interest and to give the kids an idea of what's involved.

As you know, the PSA is focusing its funding efforts on the **school's outdoor space**. It's a HUGE undertaking and will cost more than **£300,000**. We aim to apply for grant funding and use some of the profits from our brilliant fundraising events.

To help, we have launched a **JustGiving page!** The link will be sent to you all, so please circulate it amongst family, friends and work colleagues who might want to donate.

Thank you!

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PSA Announcements!

We are very excited to announce our new PSA logo! Local artist and Chestnuts Parent Frances Costello came up with this excellent design! Massive thanks to Frances for her efforts.



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TRUE COVERS


21st April
Langham
Working
Men's Club
N8 0RY
8pm £10

Raising money for
Chestnuts Primary
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EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PARENT PAY

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CHESTNUTS ARTISTS RESIDENCY | 2023

APRIL 20TH
7-9 PM
£15

MINDEFUL STILL LIFE PASTEL DRAWING WITH FRANCES COSTELLO & THE NATURAL CRAFT - ADULT ONLY

25TH, 26TH, 27TH APR.
3.30-4.30PM
£10

KIDS SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOP WITH RAE

16TH, 17TH, 18TH, MAY
3.30-4.30PM
£12

MORENA JEWELLERY MAKING - HAND PAINTED SILICON AND BEADED BRACELETS - KIDS.


ADULTS ONLY JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP - HAND PAINTED SILICON & BEADED NECKLACE MAKING

25TH MAY
7-8.30PM
£20

7TH, & 8TH JUNE
3.30-4.30PM
£10

RAP THERAPY - SPOKEN WORD, RHYME & MOVEMENT

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CHESTNUTS ARTISTS RESIDENCY | 2023

CARTOON ILLUSTRATION WITH HANNAH ROBINSON 8+

14TH & 15TH JUNE
3.30-4.30 PM
£10

4TH, 5TH, & 6TH JULY
3.30-4.30PM
£11




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FLORISTRY WORKSHOP

DATE TBC

KODES

Frances Costelloe

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