



Chestnuts Primary School



NewsleTTER

18th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had fantastic sports days over at the park this week (apart from Early Years who did it at school). We just about managed it with the hot weather and then the rain! The children had a fantastic time—take a look at the pictures at the end of this newsletter.

We are planning to celebrate Pride Acceptance Week in the first week of July. If you have any queries about the resources we will be using please contact Ms West, our Assistant Head Teacher on aht@chestnutsprimary.com.

On the morning of Wednesday 7th July the children will be able to meet their new teacher for next year. This will give the children a chance to be in their new classrooms and to get to know their teacher.

Please don't forget that we are organising the Chestnuts Career Carousel so if you are able to volunteer some of your time to come and talk to the children about your job we would love to have you here.

Finally, on a more personal note, we are also very excited to inform you that our lovely Ms Linares is expecting a baby around Christmas time. We wish her well with her pregnancy.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 24th June

Class Photographer

Mon 28th June—Thursday 1st July

Year 6 Residential Trip

W/C Monday 5th July

Pride Acceptance Week

Wed 7th July

Children meet their new teachers

Tues 13th July

Mandela Performance

Thursday 15th July

Malala Performance

Fri 9th July

End of Year reports go home

Wed 21st July 1.30pm

End of Term (No After School Club)

Thurs 2nd September

Back to school

Attendance Information

A brief reminder all our families that non-urgent medical/dental visits should be made outside of school hours. (Hospital appointments obviously, cannot often be changed).

If your child is too unwell to come to school, please let us know as early as possible – there is an absence line that you may leave a voicemail message on also.

Sudden exceptional absences should be notified to the school as soon as possible and may or may not be authorised depending on individual circumstances.

There is no other acceptable reason for your child not to attend school and therefore any absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

Thank you to the majority of our families who continue to ensure that their child is in school and on time every day, especially when everyone has been through such a hard year!

Nursery News

We are very pleased to inform you that from September 2021 we will be offering after school care to all full time nursery children until 5.45pm.

This is only open to children who get 30 hours of childcare or who pay for top ups to 30 hours. I am afraid we can not offer this to children who are under 3 or part time children. If you are interested in this service please contact James at ict@chestnutsprimary.com.

Due to these changes we have extended our deadline date for applications to Nursery until Tuesday 22nd June so if you would like a place please fill out a form and return it to Louise at office@chestnutsprimary.com

We continue to learn about plants and we are learning about different types of flowers. After reading the story "The tiny seed" by Eric Carle we made the big flower to honour Eric Carle. The children worked very hard as a team

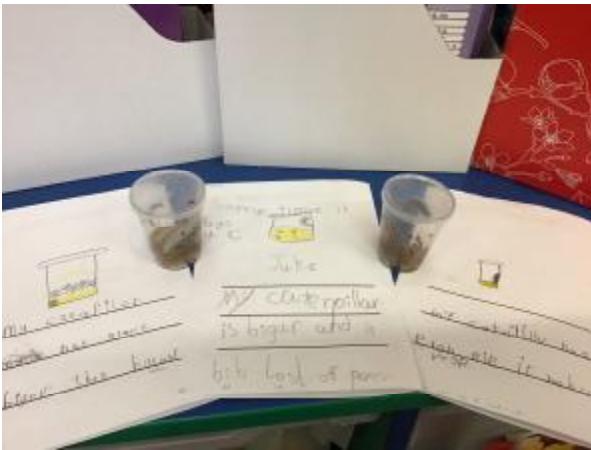


Nursery

What we have done this week

Ahlberg

We have been closely observing our caterpillars and updating our caterpillar diaries. The hot weather has helped them to grow big very quickly!



Donaldson

We have learnt more about our resident African Land snail, 'Wiggles', this week. We have learnt how to care for him and what his favourite foods are. What he likes best of all is cucumber!



Mozart

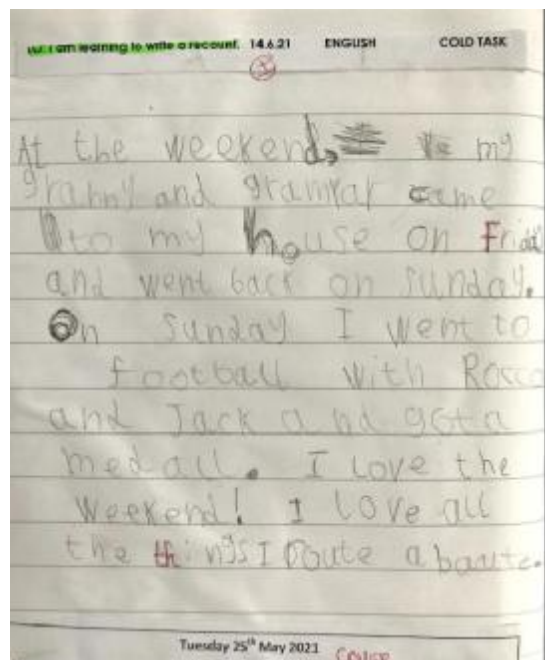
This week we were fortunate enough to have Ms Mary and Ms Rock come and tell us all about how Chestnuts school has changed over the years as part of our topic "School Days".

We learnt a lot and enjoyed finding out about the history of the school, especially the purpose of the cellar and that there were fire places in each class.



Hadid

We have been learning how to write recounts. Here is one about our weekends.



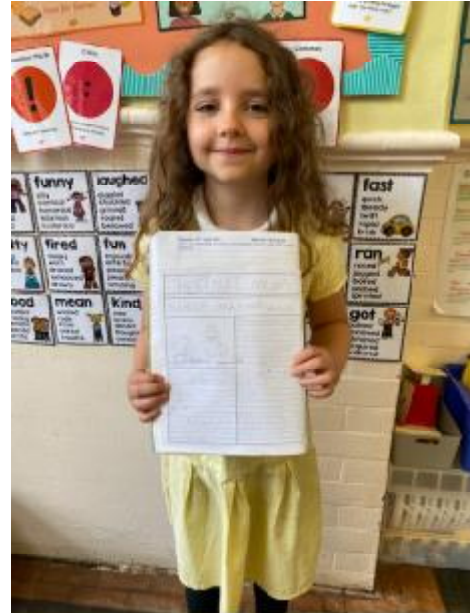
Seacole

We have been learning about habitats in Science. We visited Chestnuts Park to classify objects as those that are living, dead and those that have never been alive. We enjoyed finding the objects and discussed where they had come from.



Bolt

We have been learning to write a newspaper report using all the correct features. We wrote our very own newspaper report about a missing cat. We were inspired by the book *The lighthouse keeper's cat*.



Attenborough

We have been writing poems

The Enchanted River
by Maud
You'll cast your spell,
I side the sun's wake,
You'll flow freely through your watery ways,
Making the ground quake.
The moonlit stream,
Moving secretly through the ever throbbing river,
As night and day drones by,
The trees around all quiver.
Silvery water flowing down your path,
Spiritual life below,
The world around you rings with the hammers of the dwarves,
Your heart is all aglow.

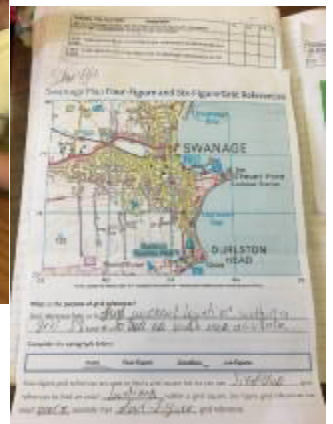
The River
by Claudia
*Rivers are Dazzling
They sing and they dance
Flowing and gliding and speeding along
Trickling is the rivers thing but he most loves to prance
But not all are wonderful oh no no no
Some are monsters so hungry and vexed
They're so vicious and vile
Be careful or they will swallow you next
The fast flowing river thunders along
Rushing and speeding to a waterfalls edge
Howling all the while to its ear splitting song
Till it crashes down deep into the water foliage*

The Rushing River
by Sevim
The rushing river
Traveling side to side
Dancing happily
With fish swimming aside
The splashy river exploring
With droplets falling from the tree
Waving every direction
Having fun being free
The gliding river floats
With toads hiding
And the river swaying
All pebbles sliding
The humming river
Gallops up and down
Sweeping leaves left and right
Heading down to town

A river is a scholar
by Joe
A river is a scholar,
Calm and wise,
Sees everything,
Even with no eyes.
A river is a nomad,
No home, no camp,
Hiking down mountains,
As well as a tramp.

Dahl

During our Geography lesson, we looked closely at maps and learnt how to use grid references to locate and label key areas/features on a map.



Fibonacci

We have been designing Journey Sticks & Totem Poles which have been inspired by Native Americans & their culture.



Gandhi

We have been designing totem poles, taking inspiration from our family which we have represented using different animals.



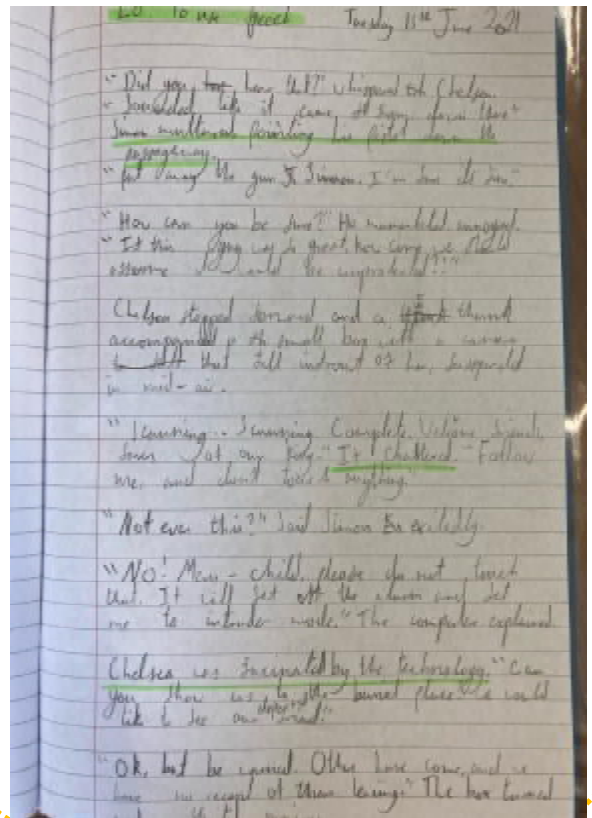
Thompson

This week the children created a timeline based on Egyptian civilization. They worked together as a group and had lots of fun! Here are Lashay, Sylvie, Ivan and Abdulrahim



Pankhurst

This is some fantastic writing from Elodie using speech and description to create a fantastic action scene. Well done Elodie



Malala

A montage of Malala class photos! We are spending time preparing for secondary school and getting ready to say goodbye to Chestnuts.



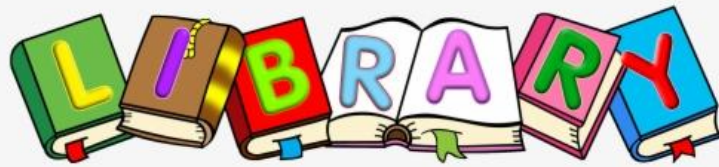
Mandela

We have been combining learning about shapes, angles and nets with preparations for our end of year performance. We needed some bricks for props so we drew out the net of the cuboid shape, measuring the sides precisely, cut them out and glued them.

One less set of props to source!



The



Zone

Our Year 6 book group have been thoroughly enjoying the 6 books chosen for the Bibliobuzz Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award.

This week we discussed book covers and made our final choices ready to vote! The winning book will be announced in early July.



Many children will be following the Euro 2020/2021 football tournament.

These are just a few of the football themed books we have available – non-fiction and fiction – to keep our sports fans reading...



VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE CHESTNUTS CAREER CAROUSEL 2021

Friday 9th July : 9-11.30am

What did you want to do for a living when you were 11? What job do you do now? Career-related learning has become an important part of the primary school curriculum. For the last couple of years Chestnuts PSA have arranged Career Carousels which have been beneficial to the children's career learning since:

- it gives them an idea of the less obvious jobs around
- it gets them to start asking career-related questions
- it makes them realise that it's fine to change their minds and
- boosts their confidence in relation to speaking to adults that they have not met before.

As a volunteer, you would get to relax behind a desk and be approached by several small groups of year 6, who would be prepped to ask you some questions about your work. It's a relaxed, informal morning. Can you help us to enthuse our year 6 about possible future careers? If so, please contact joannerampling@hotmail.com or helenwaters@yahoo.co.uk

After School Club News

As you know, during the last year we have been running separate after school clubs for the children in different years. The children have really enjoyed being in smaller groups and it has also allowed us to organise activities for the different needs of each group.

Due to this we have decided to continue with this system into next year. Thus, Early Years / Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will remain as two separate clubs. We are also opening up the after school club to full time children in the nursery.

If you would like your child to attend our after school club please either download the form from our website, drop into the office to pick up a form or contact James on ict@chestnutsprimary.com.

Sports Days

