

# C Chestnuts Primary School C

## NEWSLETTER

23rd June 2023

Dear Families,

I hope that your children have shared with you the wonderful work we did this week to celebrate Windrush 75. Years 3,5 and 6 (and myself!) were lucky enough to attend workshops at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre. These included storytelling, singing, drama and dance. Years 1,2 and 4 had similar workshops in school today. Thank you so much to Artsbridge (a local charity) for giving our children these opportunities.

Please read carefully the upcoming dates for the final 4 weeks of this term. It's a busy one with a lot happening! I'm so pleased that the PSA will be holding our first ever Jumble Trail on Saturday (tomorrow). Please take a look at the map here: <http://bit.ly/Getmap> and donate generously on the day. I also can't wait to see you all on 8th July at Chestival.

As I am sure you are aware the NEU have announced **further strike days on 5th and 7th July**. I am currently speaking with union representatives in school and will write to you further on Monday next week but as most teachers are members of the NEU it is likely you will need to make alternative childcare arrangements. I'm sorry that you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child/ren at short notice, and that children will experience disruption to their education, however I respect the action that is being taken. We are also working to rearrange any events planned for those days.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine (again!)

Mrs Horwood



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

# Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 24th June** Chestnuts PSA Jumble Trail

**Wednesday 28th June 6pm** Family Latin Party Fundraiser

**Thurs 29th June** Year 4 trip to London Zoo

**Fri 30th June 9:15am** June Dahl Class Assembly

**Friday 30th June** Non-uniform Day (donations for Chestival tombola)

**Monday 3rd July 2:40pm Y4 & 5 Trumpet & Clarinet Concert.** *This is a change due to teachers' strike.*

**Tues 4th & Thurs 6th July 3:30-4:30pm** PSA Lino Printing Workshop - *Weds 5th will be changed due to the teachers' strike (date tbc)*

**Tuesday 4th July 9-10:30am EYFS Sports Day (in school - no parents).** *This is a change due to teachers' strike.*

**Thursday 6th July 9:15am Gandhi Class Assembly.** *This is a change due to teachers' strike.*

**Saturday 8th July Bake Off Competition for Chestival; drop cakes off by 1pm for judging.** *This is a change due to teachers' strike.*

Saturday 8th July 1-5pm Chestival

**Monday 10th July** Y4 trip to perform at Alexandra Palace

**Monday 10th & Tues 11th July 6pm** Y6 Production

**Tuesday 11th July 10am** Rocksteady Concert

**Weds 12th July AM only Sports Day** Y1-6 (in Chestnuts Park - parents welcome)

**Thur 13th July** Y6 prom

**Thursday 13th July 9:15am Pankhurst Assembly.** *This is a change due to a clash with an external visit.*

**Friday 14th July 9:15am Mozart Class Assembly.** *This is a change due to teachers' strike.*

**Friday 14th July 5pm** Barn Dance

**Monday 17th July** Y2 trip to Freightliners Farm

**Mon 17th July 9am** Reception Celebration Assembly & Picnic

**Mon 17th July 10am** Nursery Celebration Assembly & Picnic

**Tues 18th July** Transition Morning (children meet new teacher)

**Thurs 20th July** School ends at 2pm

**Weds 6th September** Y1-6 return to school

## FINAL CALL

We have a small number of spaces available for children to start in our nursery in September 2023. If your child is 3 years old, and you would like them to join our thriving nursery, please send your application to Ms Barrett as soon as possible at [eyfs@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:eyfs@chestnutsprimary.com). For more information about the nursery please see: <http://www.chestnutsprimary.com/page/nursery-provision/36487>.

# What we have done this week

## Nursery

Last week we planted some sunflower seeds and we have been taking good care of them. We know that they need plenty of sunlight and water to grow. We could see that some had grown more than others and put a few into height order from the shortest to the tallest. The children have now taken them home, we wonder how tall they will grow!



## Ahlberg

Ahlberg class have been making fantastical bridge structures using planks and tyres! They have been developing their core strength, gross motor, balance and turn taking skills. Their designs have evolved throughout the week and adjusted to offer different levels of challenge!



## Donaldson

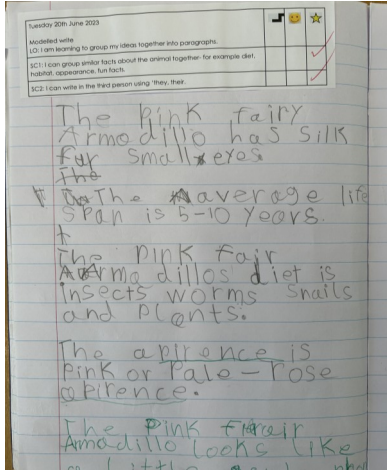
In Donaldson class we have been learning all about the artist Hokusai. We used a variety of materials to create "The Great Wave".

I think we have some budding artist on our



## Mozart

In English the children have been writing fact files about their chosen peculiar animals. This child has written about the 'Pink Fairy Armadillo'. She has included information about its appearance, diet and average life expectancy.



## Hadid

In Hadid class we have been learning to compare numbers up to 100, in Maths. We went to Chestnuts Park to collect leaves and to compare the amounts we collected to see who had collected the greatest amount and who collected the least amount. We managed to collect a whopping 113 leaves!!!



## Seacole

Year 2 have started a new text in English called Mr Majeika. We had a special visitor come and introduce us to the wonderful world of magic.

The magician had volunteers from year 2 who helped him make things disappear.

## Bolt



**Dahl**

This week we went to the Bernie Grants Arts Center to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Windrush day. The children had an incredible day, with a huge mixture of activities including: singing, storytelling, dance, drama. They were encouraged to create performances or scenes that made them empathise what it might have been like to move from the Caribbean to England in 1948. They also sang and danced to music that would have been popular in Caribbean communities. It was a wonderful, interesting experience for all.



**Attenborough**

In Science, Attenborough Class have been learning about 'Forces and Magnets'. They have carried out a fair test about friction to compare how things move on different surfaces. There was a lot of discussion about why some surfaces slow objects down. They enjoyed making predictions and used stopwatches to time how fast a boat moved down each surface.



**Fibonacci**

This week Fibonacci took part in a celebration of the windrush generation.



In Gandhi class we have been learning how to play the cello. We are practicing for our concert!



Year 5 went to Westcliff beach on a geography fieldtrip. We explored how the groyne prevents erosion of the sand on beach and look at what materials the groyne are made of. Then of course had a splash in the sea and dried off on the beach with an ice-cream.



To acknowledge Pride Month - June 2023 - Year 6 decided to focus on and celebrate the work of British artist: David Hockney. To start the day, we looked at the life and work of David; we sketched a pop-art inspired image of a photo that was personal to us; finally the day culminated in us painting our 'mundane' landscapes using acrylics. Colour and form were our foci for the day.



We are really looking forward to the Year 6 production of The Jungle Book. This week the Y6's are helping to make the props for their end of year performance.



## Art Classes



Year 5 have been inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy, producing beautiful compositions from materials found in nature.



Ori in Thompson class is Artist of the Week for his engagement during year 5's 'Nature Art' topic.



# Chestnuts PSA News

**Hello!** We have some exciting news from PSA headquarters!

We have launched a **JUSTGIVING PAGE** to raise **£50,000!**

We aim to raise **£50,000** to refurbish and develop Chestnuts Primary School's playgrounds so our children can have the best outdoor play and learning options!

Through this campaign, we're looking to build a MUGA (multi-use games area) and create a Sensory Garden.

We are also applying for grants to help achieve our ambitions to improve the three main playground areas - at the front of the school for KS2 children, at the side for Reception children and at the back for KS1.

We have already raised some money through our own PSA fundraising efforts and kickstarted the campaign by donating **£5000** of existing PSA funds to the page.

But we need more help!

Playgrounds and outdoor spaces allow children free-play, structured play and fun! Experts in various fields, including psychology, biology, health, and education, have conducted many studies on the concept of childhood play, all proving the same critical fact - play is an essential aspect of learning.





# Chestnuts PSA News cont...

When children are on the playground, different structures and spaces allow them to choose how they want to play. They can explore their natural tendencies, interact with a broader range of age groups and awaken their creative instincts.

Chestnuts Headteacher Katie Horwood says:

"Play is vital for children's learning and development. For years, we've made the best of our increasingly tired outdoor areas, but Chestnuts' outdoor areas haven't been updated for 20 years, and it's obvious when you look at other schools in the area that ours need a massive revamp. Working together to raise money will give us the best chance of making outdoor spaces a better place for our children".

The PSA will donate a percentage of the profit from our events to the JustGiving page. Alongside some outside Grants and your generosity, we hope to have a great new outdoor space for our kids!

**PLEASE SHARE THE LINK AND QR CODE WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, WORK COLLEAGUES, AND ANY BUSINESSES OR EMPLOYEES WHO DONATE TO CHARITIES!**



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# WE NEED YOUR HELP



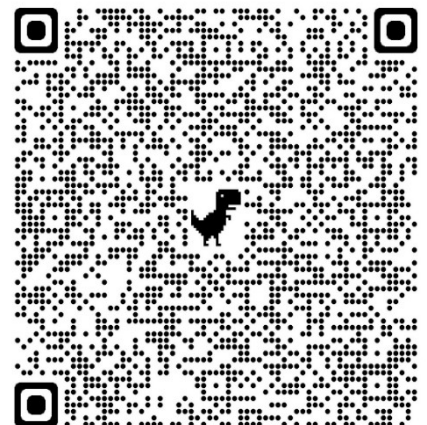
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Scan the QR code to donate or go to [justgiving.com/chestnutprimaryschool-psa](https://www.justgiving.com/chestnutprimaryschool-psa)





# CHESTNUTS PSA 2023 calendar of EVENTS

## ARTISTS RESIDENCY WORKSHOPS!

- Lino Printing t-shirt & Tote bags - Kids - 4th, 5th & 6th July

Tickets on Parent Pay

Follow the map to find  
bargains galore!

## Chestnuts JUMBLE TRAIL!

Saturday 24th June

## Non Uniform Day

Friday 30th June

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

14th July,  
5 pm-8 pm



## Barn Dance

Tickets on Parent Pay

## CHESTIVAL BAKE OFF COMPETITION

Saturday 8th July - all  
cakes must be dropped  
off by 1 pm. The school will  
be open from 9am.



Saturday 8th July  
1pm-5pm

## CHESTIVAL!

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# CHESTIVAL NEWS

## NEW TO CHESTIVAL!

We have planned some incredible things planned for this year's Chestival for the kids to get involved in.

Local artist, Ewa, is going to paint a huge, **nature-inspired mural** in the front playground during Chestival, and the children will be able to pre-book slots to help paint it! A true team effort!

**Skateboarding** is back! There will be a skateboarding instructor running 30 min workshops throughout the festival.

All slots for both can be pre-booked via Parent pay.

## Chestival Chestnuts School Summer Fayre

Artist Residency

Sat July 8th

Mural Painting Workshop  
1pm - 4pm

Book a time slot to help create a piece of Community Art for everyone with our July Artist Resident Ewa!





# Chestnuts PSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE **Chestnuts PSA AGM** will be held on Wednesday, 12th July, at 7 pm.

The meeting will be online and hosted by Co-Chairs Carly Sandland and Elizabeth Rae, alongside Sarah Mcphee, Treasurer.

It is a chance to catch up on what's been happening with the PSA, current fundraising initiatives, what we have raised this year and where the funds have been spent.

We will also welcome new fundraising ideas for the 2023/2024 academic year.

If you want to discover more or get involved with the PSA, please join us.

<https://meet.google.com/mpw-zhmm-mrx>

