



# Chestnuts Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

29th September 2023

Dear families,

It's been another busy week at school. I was so proud of our year 5/6 football teams (girls and boys) who represented the school with enthusiasm and good sporting behavior's at football tournaments this week.

Thank you to the families that attended my school improvement coffee morning today. It was great to discuss what next for Chestnuts and our priorities this year. These are:

<b>Priority 1:</b>	To ensure teaching and learning in English and Maths enables progress for all children.
<b>Priority 2:</b>	To develop all curriculum areas ensuring clear progression from EYFS to KS2
<b>Priority 3:</b>	To develop teaching and learning through the Chestnuts way
<b>Priority 4:</b>	To develop Leadership principles and opportunities for all members of the school community
<b>Priority 5:</b>	To ensure that enrichment opportunities are varied, support children's learning and go 'above the norm'.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood



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

# Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 3rd October** - Y6 Science Museum Trip (**All Day**)

**Thursday 5th October Y4/6 ( 15 PLACES AVAILABLE)** - PSA Cartoon Illustration Workshop

**Thursday 12th October 10am– 2.30pm-** Y5 Dodgeball at Hornsey School for Girls

**Thursday 12th October 3.30-4.30pm—** Skateboarding Workshop

**Friday 13th October 10am—2.30pm-** Y5/6 Cricket at Alexander Palace School

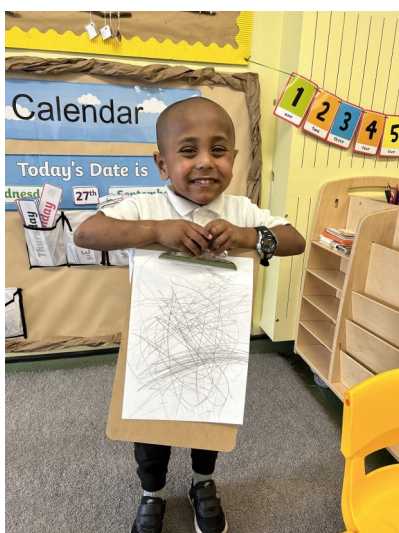
**Monday 16th October 9am– 10am -** Parent Coffee Morning

**Thursday 19th October (AVAILABLE TO ALL YEAR GROUPS, RECEPTION CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A ADULT )-** Folk Art Painting

**Friday 20th October** -End of Term

## Nursery

In Nursery we have been learning about the book Owl Babies. The children have been very creative. They have been drawing owls and making their own Owl Babies puppets using lollipop sticks!



## Breakfast Club Announcement

Breakfast club doors close at 8:30am. If your child arrives after this time, they will have to wait until the main gates open.

# What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson

In Reception, this week we had our first Art Day where we learnt about American artist Tyree Guyton. Children enjoyed making their own urban graffiti art! They painted the playground and made fantastic junk model creations. They also created colourful houses using a range of resources.



Mozart

Hadid

In Mozart Class this week, we have been learning about adjectives. We are developing our vocabulary by writing interesting adjectives.

In year 1, we also have been reading 'Amazing' by Steve Antony. Children celebrated their differences and similarities. As part of our 'Wow Lesson' children worked in pairs to experience what it was like to be partially sighted. We supported each other to be safe around the classroom.



This week Year 2 (Seacole and Rashford Class) have been reading Mr Wolf's Pancakes. We have enjoyed retelling the story from one character's point of view and will soon create our own recipe for pancakes. This week we learnt how to follow instructions to make our own pancakes!



We have been reading The Twits and we got to make Mr Twit's disgusting beard covered in tiny bits of food and sauce, before we wrote a character description of him. We had so much fun!



The children haven't enjoyed anything more, over the past couple of weeks, than creating their own Mr Twit beard. Filled with sea moss gel, maple syrup, tomato ketchup, baked beans, bread crumbs and cereal - they were truly repulsive. Be grateful we didn't include the tinned tuna!



## Fibonacci

The children are enjoying learning in Geography all about the river Rhine. We have been researching about it's source and mouth and looking at what countries it flows through.



## The Rhine and the Mediterranean

## Gandhi

This week in Gandhi class our weekly instrument lessons are now up and running. We have had so much fun learning about various breathing techniques and playing different notes!



## Pankhurst

Pankhurst class conducted an experiment this week to investigate water resistance. We made different shapes out of plasticine to test which shapes were more streamlined. The slowest fall was 17 seconds!

## Thompson

This week in Thompson Class we have been learning about air resistance in Science. In this lesson we did an investigation to look at which materials create the most air resistance: cloth, tissue paper or paper.

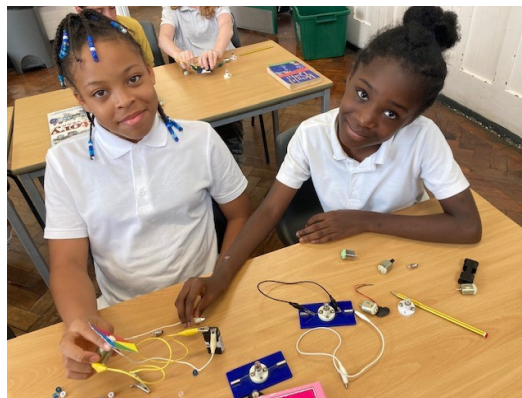
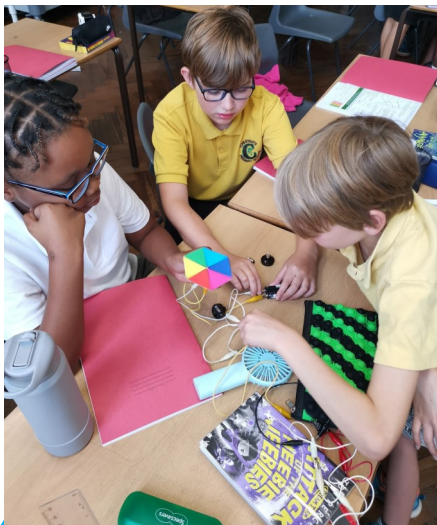
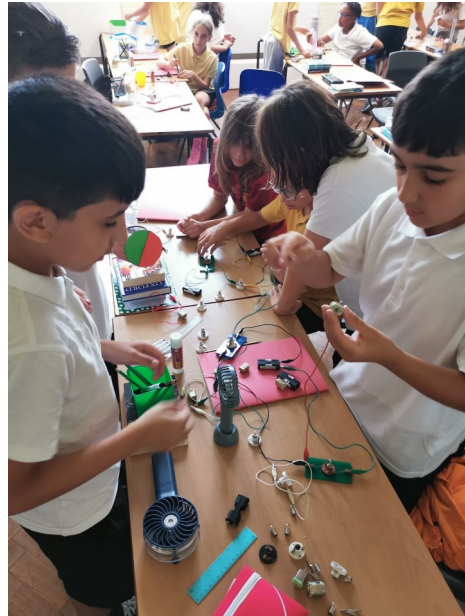
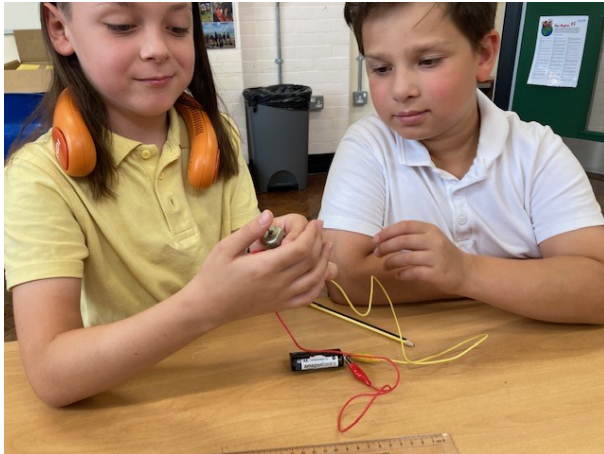


Mandela

Malala

For the past two weeks, Year 6 have been exploring and experimenting with electricity and circuits. We have an action packed day next week; off to the Science Museum and an afternoon immersing ourselves inside the Wonderlab.

Don't forget you can create your own online circuits using the website on Google Classroom.



The school is looking for a sponsorship for the new sports kits and equipment.  
If anyone would like to sponsor the school, please email Mr Burke (Year 5 Class Teacher) - [thompson@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:thompson@chestnutsprimary.com).



# Art Classes

Year 6 students have discovered the magic of mixing colours with white, black and grey to create a vast array of tints, shades and tones as part of their colour theory module.



# flower Making Workshop



Thank you to the PSA for organising the Flower making workshop that the children really enjoyed !



# PARENT COFFEE MORNING



**Speech, language  
and communication  
development in the  
early years**

MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER

9-10AM

**Who's it for?** This workshop is open to all parents who have children in nursery and reception. It will be run by Amy, our speech and language therapist.

**Come and learn about speech, language and communication development from a specialist.**

Amy will share **strategies and advice** that you can implement at home to support your child's communication development.



## **Learn about:**

- attention and listening
- social communication
- understanding spoken language
  - using words and sentences
    - speaking clearly
  - living with 2 languages

**You will also have the chance to ask questions and seek advice.**





# TRUE COVERS

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# Black History Month At Chestnuts Primary School

October is Black History Month and at Chestnuts Primary, while we have a diverse rich curriculum, we enjoy the opportunity to further celebrate and spotlight Black History. This year, we have designed a fun and enriching scheme of lessons that cover the theme for this year's BHM (Soul Sisters- celebrating Black Women) and looking at some of the past years debates, for example the importance of representation in the media. Key Stage 1 will hear lots of stories and take part in dance and discussions about inspirational people and what they want to be when they grow up.

On the last day of term, the children are invited to bring in food from their culture to share with the class- please no nuts.

## Black History Month KS1

2nd Oct Why do we celebrate Black History Month?  
3rd Oct BHM theme - Our soul sisters - Mary Seacole Newsround  
4th Oct Stories from the Caribbean  
5th Oct Read We Sang Across The Sea (A windrush Story)  
6th Oct African Dance from West Africa  
9th Black British History: Olaudah Equiano  
10th Oct Black British History- Malorie Blackman  
11th Oct Hair appreciation and clothes from our culture day - Read Don't Touch My Hair  
12th Oct Read Zia The Orchestra  
13th Oct Read 'When We Say Black Lives matter' By Maxine Clarke  
16th Oct Anansi Stories  
17th Oct Representation in the workplace- What do you want to be when you grow up?  
18th Oct African dance- A lion has a tail  
19th Oct My Inspiration  
20th Oct Shared food day



## Black History Month KS2

2nd Oct Why do we celebrate Black History Month?  
3rd Oct BHM theme - Our soul sisters  
4th Oct Saluting Our soul sisters- poetry competition  
5th Oct Musician focus- Dave "Black"  
6th Oct Local focus - Should Black Boy Lane changed its name? Why was it important?  
6th Oct Inspirational Black women- The importance of Black women and their voices being heard  
9th & 10th Oct How have black Sports figures influenced civil rights? (John Carlos, Peter Norman, Tommie Smith and Jesse Owens)  
11th Oct Hair appreciation and clothes from our culture day  
12th Oct Maya Angelou- I know why the caged bird sings  
13th Oct Little People, BIG voices!  
16th Oct Read 'When We Say Black Lives matter' By Maxine Clarke  
17th Oct Who was Walter Tull  
18th Oct What could Chestnuts Primary do more of to elevate Black History and celebration of our diverse community?  
19th Oct How important is Representation - A closer look at diversity and representation in media (Little Mermaid)  
20th Oct Shared food- bring a dish day!





# Chestnuts PSA News

**Hello!** The PSA has already kicked off the year with new parent welcome drinks at the Salisbury pub, and it was great to see so many new (and old!) faces getting together.

We have mapped out our annual events and have some exciting plans for the year ahead (see the events calendar below).

This calendar of events is not exclusive, and we always welcome new and fresh ideas, so please let us know if you have any at our next PSA meeting on October 11th, 7:30 pm (meeting link below).

The meeting is also a chance to catch up on what's been happening with the PSA, current fundraising initiatives, fundraising requests, current finances and where the funds have been spent.

There are many ways to get involved with the PSA, from being a class rep to volunteering at events to sharing skills that enrich our children's school experience. If you think you can help, email us at [chestnutsprimarypsa@gmail.com](mailto:chestnutsprimarypsa@gmail.com)

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/kkq-ohuc-npv>

# PSA

# WE NEED YOUR HELP



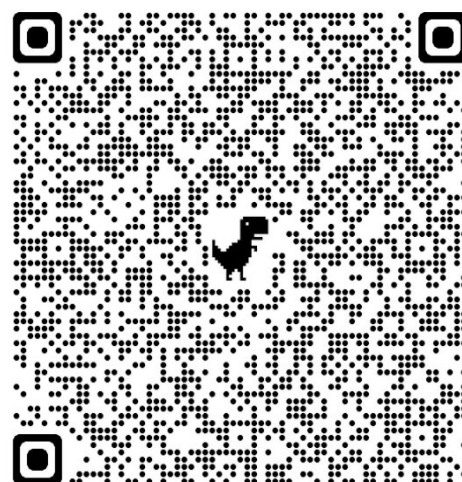
Please help us refurbish and develop Chestnut's playgrounds so our children can have the best outdoor play and learning options!

We hope to raise £50,000 to build a MUGA (multi-use games area) and a Sensory Garden.

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





# CHESTNUTS PSA

## 2023/24

### calendar of **EVENTS**

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## ARTISTS RESIDENCY WORKSHOPS!

### Coming Up:

- **Cartoon Illustration**, Thurs 5th Oct, 3.30 pm-4.30 pm
- **Folk Art Painting** Thurs 19th Oct, 3.30 pm-4.30 pm
- **Skate Boarding Workshop** Friday's 13th Oct, 17th Nov & 15th Dec, 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

### Coming Soon: **Children's Yoga!**

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## Halloween Disco!



Thurs 2nd Nov  
4.45 pm-6 pm - KS1  
6.30 pm - 8 pm - KS2

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Friday 24th  
NOVEMBER  
7.30-11pm

## CHESTNUTS FAMOUS

# QUIZ

## NIGHT!!

All tickets on ParentPay



CHESTNUTS PSA

2023/24

calendar of **EVENTS** cont...

**WINTER FEST WEEK**  
(Loads of exciting Xmas-themed events!)

W/C - Mon 4th DEC



Sunday 10th Dec,  
11-4pm



**WINTER FEST FAIR!**

**\*BRAND NEW\***



**NIGHT!**

Friday 1st March  
7.30-11pm

Friday 17th MAY  
6pm Onwrds

**ONE WORLD EVENING**  
(International Night)



**CHESTIVAL!**



Saturday 13th July  
1 pm-5pm

**PLUS, LOADS MORE!**  
All tickets on ParentPay

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# Halloween Disco

**£5 PER CHILD**

TICKETS ON  
PARENTPAY

**CHESTNUTS PRIMARY**

THURSDAY 2ND NOV

KS1 4.45 - 6 PM

KS2 6.30 - 8 PM

LIVE DJ / PARTY  
GAMES / PRIZES FOR  
BEST COSTUMES

FRIGHTENING FOOD  
& DASTARDLY DRINKS  
FOR SALE  
ADULT BAR



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School for Girls

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# Open Events for Prospective Families

## Open Evening

Thurs 5th October 2023 17:30 – 19:30

## Open Morning

Fri 6th, Tue 10th, Thurs 12th and Tue 17th October

Inderwick Road, Crouch End, London N8 9JF

Tel: 02083486191 Email: admin@hornseyschool.com



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# SEND

## Choosing Positive Futures Event

Wednesday 18 October 2023

**9.45am to 11.45am**

### **Triangle Children's Centre**

91-93 St Ann's Rd, London N15  
6NU

If your child with special educational needs was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, join our event to:

- Plan a smooth transition for your child starting school in September 2024
- Meet SEND professionals from special and mainstream schools
- Learn from the experiences of young people currently navigating the school system



To register, use the QR code below or visit:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gHxDEbtBzD>



If you have any questions, please email [eit@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:eit@haringey.gov.uk)

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