



# Chestnuts Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Families,

I can't believe we are nearing the half term break, this half term has flown by! Leading tours of the school this week for prospective parents has allowed me to see the wonderful work happening in all classes. I know that the children are working hard and enjoying our varied and in depth curriculum.

I was very proud of our cricket team who represented our school for the first time this week at the Haringey indoor cricket tournament. We are determined to send as many teams as possible to tournaments this year. Well done!

We are all looking forward to the PSA Halloween disco on 2nd November and look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood

As a community we were deeply saddened to hear about the death of Ms Loza who previously worked at the school. Marcia was a big part of our Early Years team and will forever be remembered for her kindness and ever present smile. Marcia passed away after a long period of illness. We send Adrian and Molly (her family) all of our love and support.



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

# Dates for your Diary

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

**Thursday 19th October (AVAILABLE TO ALL YEAR GROUPS, RECEPTION CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A ADULT )- 3.30pm- 4.30pm** - Folk Art Painting

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

**Monday 30th October-** ALL YEARS return back to school

**Tuesday 31st October** - Deadline for Nursery applications

**Friday 3rd November 9.00am - 10.00am** - Trailblazers Workshop

**Thursday 2nd November** - Individual School photos

**Thursday 2nd November** - PSA Halloween Disco

**Monday 13th November** -Y6 trip to Weston Anglo Saxon Village

**Tuesday 14th November & Wednesday 15th November** - Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm

**Tuesday 21st November 3.30pm - 4.30pm** - Children's Yoga Workshop

**Tuesday 28th November** - Winter Solstice Arts & Crafts workshop

## Nursery

Meet Mr Gourd!  
He is always happy and loves his stripy red scarf.

In school our nursery children have discovered a Bangladeshi Gourd which is called 'Lau Khodu Pani Kodu' in our school playground.

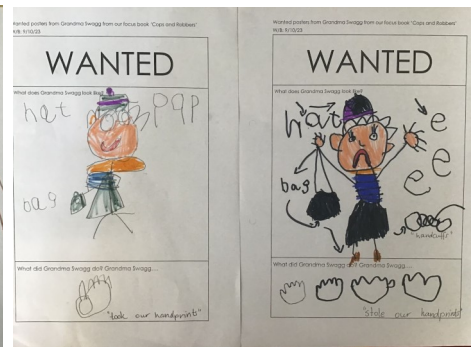
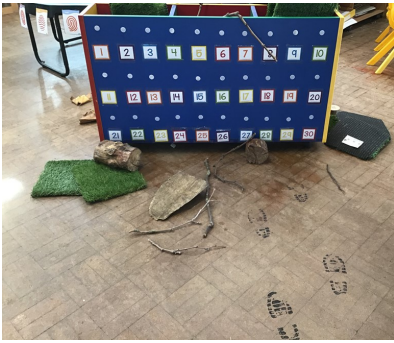


# What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson

Reception had a big surprise this week when they came in to find a mess and their registration handprints missing! After finding some hidden clues and having a great discussion, the class decided it was Grandma Swagg from our topic book Cops and Robbers! Children came up with fantastic plans to capture Grandma Swagg including turning the floor into lava! We also made WANTED posters to help with the capture of Grandma Swagg.



Mozart

This week in Mozart Class we have been learning about the human body in Science. As a class, the children drew around a child and the children then wrote down different body parts and stuck their labels around the outlined child.



Hadid

Over the last two weeks in Art class with Miss Hen, Hadid class have been learning about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork. Such as Piet Mondrian and Keith Haring.

Take a look at their work to see how these skills were used to produce mosaic art.



## Seacole

This week Seacole Class have been learning about the civil rights activist Rosa Parks. We have linked our learning about 'Being Me in My world' in PSHE, significant individuals in History in 'Great Change - Makers of the World' and Black History Month. We have discussed the importance of recognising and celebrating the history of black people from African and Caribbean communities, respecting each other and developing resilience and determination when facing challenging situations. We have worked collaboratively to create spider diagrams to show how Rosa Parks might have felt about the unfairness affecting black people and her bravery which led to changes in the segregation laws of her time.



## Rashford

In Rashford class, we celebrated our cultures by dressing up in something from our heritage. The children loved discussing where they are from and how they celebrate their ancestry. It was lovely to hear the children speaking so proudly and respecting one another's differences



## Attenborough



As a highlight of our learning about Ancient Egypt the children in Attenborough class designed pyramids and mummified oranges. They have shown incredible creativity in both projects.

## Benjamin

This week was one of the messiest weeks we will ever have in class because we mummified oranges. Yes, you did read that correctly. The children were learning to follow instructions (for their English class) and how to mummify (for their ancient Egyptian history class). They are now in a little tomb for a month so we can see if they preserve well. Despite the juice and pulp flowing everywhere, it did smell wonderful and the children had a blast!



## Fibonacci

The children in Fibonacci class have been learning to write play script and this week the children acted out parts of Varjak Paw, the book we are reading in class.



## Gandhi

In Gandhi class this week, we celebrated our cultures by wearing clothes from our heritage-

Did you know in Gandhi class we have many different cultures such as: English, Welsh, Scottish, Irish, Nigerian, Iranian, Albanian, Australian, Lithuanian, Turkish, Jamaican, Chinese, French, Pakistani, Egyptian, Greek, Japanese, Czech Republic, Romanian, Polish, Brazilian and Austrian?



## Pankhurst

In Pankhurst class we were investigating the force of friction in science. We used Newtons to measure the friction between our shoes and different surfaces around the school. Some surfaces provided much more resistance than others!



## Thompson

Year 5 discovered a clue in the printing room this week, with a confusing riddle on it, leading them to the art room. In the art room they found another riddle, and they went on a course around the entire school eventually leading them out the front door and across the road and around Chestnuts Park. The riddles culminated with a desperate search to find a hidden object from this term's book Aladdin - the Golden Scarab. Only 6 groups managed to find the Golden Scarab, Well Done!



As we all know, Mr. Bloom is passionate about his science; yet again Year 6 is posting a science-related article. This week, we visited The Science Museum. Science is all about inquiry and wonder - so it only seemed fitting that we spend an hour in the The Wonder Lab, where we had hands-on experiences with a variety of objects and devices, and some enjoyed a live chemistry demonstration, where things went Zap! Pop! And Ping! To end our visit, we split off into our mini-groups to explore parts of the museum that sparked our curiosity.

In terms of Writing, we will soon be ending our unit with a Narrative inspired by JK Rowling's 'The Tales of Beedle the Bard'. The children have worked tirelessly to incorporate figurative language and features for suspense into their works. We cannot wait to read these, and hopefully share some shining examples in the next Newsletter.



## After School Club

Late pick up's from After School club will now be charged at  
£10




# Art Classes

Year 3 have really enjoyed studying colour theory this half term and are producing the most amazing abstract compositions using their new found knowledge.



Artist of the week is Casper (Benjamin Class) who created this absolutely fabulous abstract painting using primary and secondary colours.





## Miss West's Scary Story Writing Competition

Lots of you already know that I love scary stories- I've written scary stories with some of you! So, as it is nearly Halloween, I thought it would be spooky fun to have a scary story writing competition over half term.

Rules:

- The story can be as long or short as you like
- It should include spooky adjectives
- It must be your own work but you can work with a partner
- Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> November (Entries handed in after the 1<sup>st</sup> November won't be included)



There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in both KS1 and KS2 and prizes for all places.

I have included some inspiration below for you- remember to make it sound scary- don't TELL me scary, use imaginative vocabulary to show me scary.

If you are really stuck, you can use some of these openers:



The air turned black all around me.

Icy fingers gripped my arm in the darkness.

Wandering through the graveyard it felt like something was watching me.

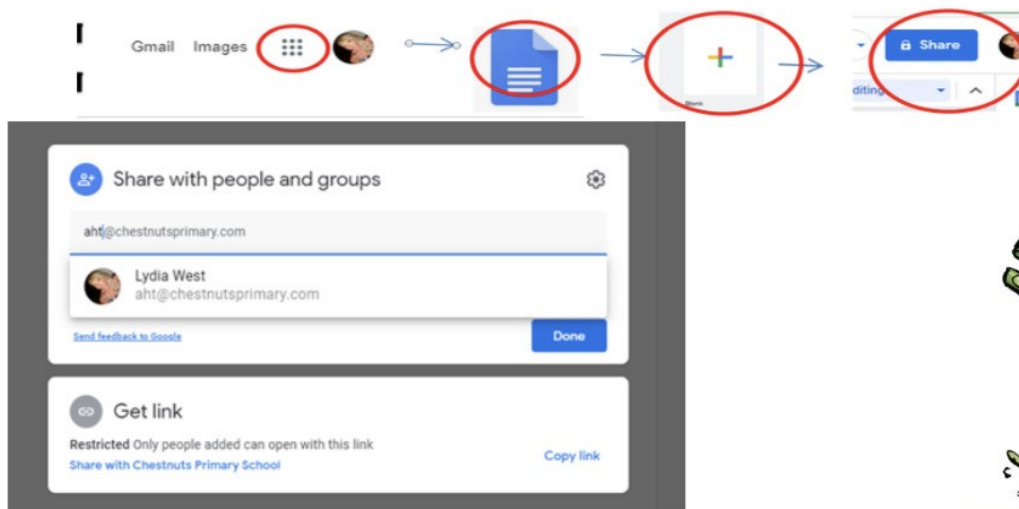
The eyes in the painting follow him down the corridor.

A shrill cry echoed in the mist.

You can find more inspiration on the Literacy Shed

To submit your entries:

Either type it into a google doc on your google classroom and SHARE with [AHT@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:AHT@chestnutsprimary.com) You will have to name it before you can share it.



Or Pop your paper entry into the office

I look forward to reading them all! Happy writing and have a great Halloween



# 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.**

# BUILDING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILD



**A 6-week parent workshop  
hosted by Trailblazers!**



The Trailblazers are a Mental Health Support Team working with Haringey Schools to support the emotional wellbeing of children. Zena and Imogen are the practitioners supporting this school. They trained in evidence-based approaches for a range of wellbeing concerns including anxiety, low mood and behavioural difficulties.

## What will be covered:

- The importance of play.
- Learning through praise and rewards.
- Supporting your child to understand and regulate feelings.
- Empathetic boundary setting.
- Space for questions and troubleshooting.
- Parent peer support - sharing and understanding.

*"Felt like a really safe space - really appreciated all the help and guidance."*

*"Just delighted with it so lucky to have this"*

*(Parent workshop feedback, May 2023)*

**BOOK A PLACE BY  
EMAILING:**

[eyfs@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:eyfs@chestnutsprimary.com)



## WHEN & WHERE?

9:00am - 10:00am @ Chestnuts Primary School  
Friday 3rd November - 8th December 2023



**Haringey**  
LONDON

**NHS**  
Barnet, Enfield and  
Haringey Mental Health  
NHS Trust

# Martha's Children's Yoga Workshop

Come and join in and have some fun learning gentle yoga poses, breath work and creative mindfulness techniques, yoga games, music and ending in relaxation.



Tuesday, 21st November

3.30-4.30pm

Price £7- Book via Parentpay

All ages welcome

Instagram

@marthaschildrensyoga

# The Natural Craft

## Winter Solstice Lantern Making Workshop



Tue 28th November  
3:30-4:30pm

Price £7 (per child & adult)

A workshop for children and  
parent/carers to enjoy together

Book via Parentpay



# Chestnuts PSA News

**Hello!** We held our half-termly PSA meeting this week, where we discussed future events, enrichment clubs, including ASC options, and various funding requests to support the children's learning and the school.

Thanks to everyone's continued fundraising efforts, we have been able to fund the following:

**Reception:** An Xmas Theatre Trip to Little Angle Theatre. Plus brand new 'Carpet time' carpets to replace the very tatty ones the children use!

**Year 1:** An Artist and materials for a mural outside the year one playground.

**Year 2:** Little Angel Theatre trip to support the English curriculum

**Year 3:** A trip to the West End to see The Lion King and a visit to the London Aquarium

**Design Technology:** Furniture and equipment to create a brand-new Woodwork room

**Art:** An Artist to support the weekly Grafitti workshops. Plus 30 x Watercolour sets and display frames to showcase the children's work across the school!

# FOCUS ON SPORT

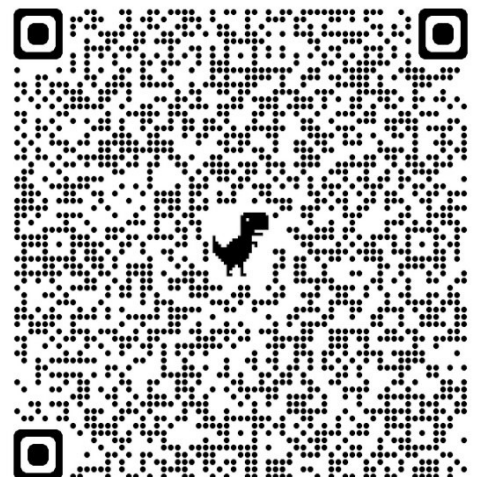


Sport is a big focus for the PSA this year, and it starts with the playground! We want our kids to have the best outdoor play and learning options, and we aim to have a MUGA (multi-use game area) by the end of the academic year!

To do this, we need to raise £38,000! We truly believe we can do it with a combination of fundraising and Grant applications. Almost all primary schools in Haringey have one, so our children should too!

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If you're able to donate or know anyone who can, scan the QR code or go to [justgiving.com/chestnutprimaryschool-psa](https://www.justgiving.com/chestnutprimaryschool-psa)





# CHESTNUTS PSA 2023/24

## calendar of EVENTS

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### ARTISTS RESIDENCY WORKSHOPS!

- **Folk Art Painting** Thurs 19th Oct, 3.30 pm-4.30 pm
  - **Skate Boarding Workshop** Friday's, 17th Nov & 15th Dec, 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
  - **Children's Yoga**, Tues 21st Nov, 3.30 pm-4.30pm
  - **Lantern Making Workshop**, Tues 28th Nov, 3.30pm-4.30pm
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## Halloween Disco!



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



Tickets and Preorder  
food now available on  
Parent Pay



Friday 24th  
NOVEMBER  
7.30-11pm

## CHESTNUTS FAMOUS

# QUIZ

## NIGHT!!

All tickets on ParentPay

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**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**

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THURSDAY 2ND NOV

NURSERY, RECEPTION & KS1 4.45 - 6 PM

KS2 6.30 - 8 PM



LIVE DJ / PARTY  
GAMES / PRIZES FOR  
BEST COSTUMES  
AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY  
NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHILDREN

FRIGHTENING FOOD  
& DASTARDLY DRINKS  
FOR SALE  
ADULT BAR

**CHESTNUTS PRIMARY  
PRESENTS**



**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

**£10 PER PERSON**

**DOOR OPEN AT 7:00PM  
FRIDAY, 24TH NOV, 2023**

Book a babysitter and have a fun night of challenges on our

**Quiz Night!**

Food and drink served.

Maximum teams of 6.

Prebuying a ticket is essential.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY**

