



# Chestnuts Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Dear Families,

I can't believe that the end of term is here. The past 2 weeks have flown by with a flurry of concerts. I have been so impressed with our children's talents, confidence and sense of fun. We've had multiple music concerts (cello, trumpet/clarinet and rock steady), a EYFS winter show, a KS1 version of the nativity and some amazing carolling from KS2. Thank you to everyone who has attended and supported the children and to all the staff for their hard work.

I'd also like to say a HUGE thank you to our PSA. The winter fair was fantastic, So much fun was had and it raised a huge amount for the school. Those of you that saw the choir perform will know how vital this money is to secure the 'extras' we provide. Thank you to everyone that came and helped out.

I wish you all a lovely winter break and look forward to seeing your refreshed faces on **8th January**

Best festive wishes,

Mrs Horwood



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

# Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 20th December** -School finishes at **1:30pm**

**Monday 8th January** - Reception—Year 6 Back to school

**Tuesday 9th January** - Nursery back to school

## Nursery

The children have been drawing what they want for Christmas. We put it in a letter, then we put a first class stamp and finally we posted it in Santa's post box.



# What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Reception celebrated their second RE Day: Hanukkah. Children learnt about the story of Hanukkah and how the Festival of Lights is celebrated. We light a new candle on the menorah every day of Hanukkah, made our own menorahs and made latkes. A big thank you to Mia's mum who also came in to speak about Hanukkah. Children really enjoyed learning how to play the dreidel game!



Donaldson

Reception have put on two Christmas Show's. The children have worked so hard and have done so well learning all of the songs and their lines. Well done Reception, we are very proud of you all!



Mozart

Mozart Class and Hadid Class constructed joint paper chains using our knowledge of geometry and shape. It was an engaging challenge that involved all children. It was a blast.



Hadid

Hadid Class made Purim Graggers in RE last week. The children enjoyed learning when and why Graggers are used in the Jewish faith.



Seacole

Rashford

KS1 have worked incredibly hard this term during rehearsals and what an incredible performance it was! Well done to you all!!



Attenborough

Benjamin

Attenborough class delved into the rich history of ancient civilizations during their visit to the British Museum last week. The children immersed themselves in the study of artefacts from both Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, exploring the intricate details of ancient cultures. It was a fascinating journey through time as they examined artefacts like clay tablets and pottery, gaining a deeper understanding of the daily lives and customs of these civilizations. The trip provided valuable insights into the cultural and technological advancements that shaped human history.

While the kids were deciphering hieroglyphics like pros they were wondering if Mesopotamians also had their own version of ancient emoji's. #TimeTravelersInTraining



Last week Benjamin class visited the British Museum. It was a perfect end to the term in which they had studied ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. No longer were the Rosetta Stone, mummies and 3000 year old musical instruments just something they read about or saw pictures of; finally they had the artefacts in front of them. Some of the children, as you can see, imagined what it would be like to be an exhibit themselves posing in the position of the ancient Egyptian god Osiris .



Fibonacci

Gandhi

Year 4 went on a trip this week to the National Gallery. We were taken on a tour of the gallery where the children learned about the materials, techniques and processes used when painting. We studied a couple of amazing paintings and tried to work out what the painter was conveying through their work. We even got to see the Sunflower Painting by Vincent van Gogh.



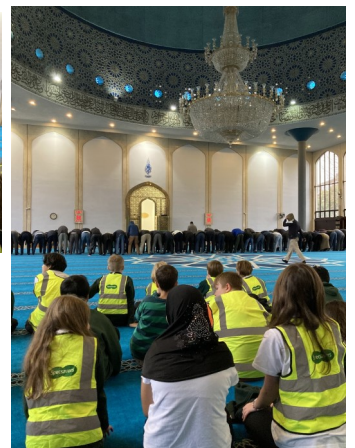
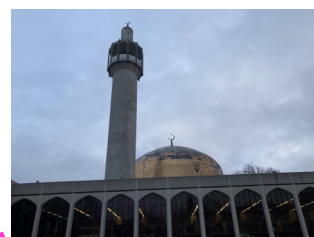
Pankhurst

Year 5 were experimenting with inks and air! They used straws to direct air into the wet inks and move it around the page. The shapes they made were so interesting, we said they looked like fireworks, trees, and even one frog!



Thompson

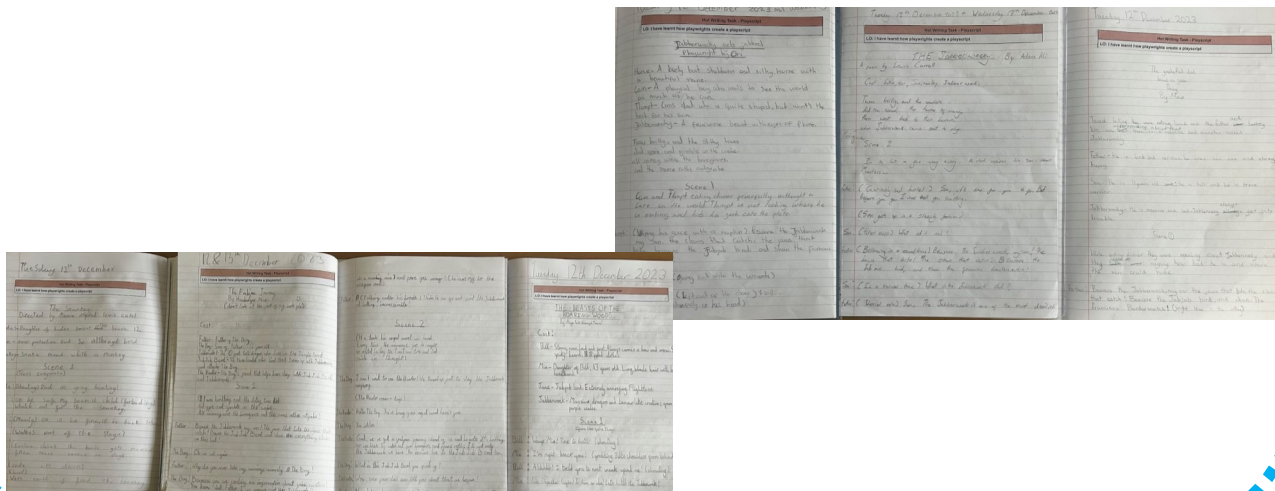
Year 5 went on a very exciting trip to London Central Mosque! We went on a tour of the mosque and learnt about Muslim prayer called 'salah' and learnt about respect. We had to take our shoes off in the mosque and wear respectful clothing.



Mandela

Malala

In Year 6 , we have become playwrights. We have been focusing on various poems this term, so we decided to turn some of these poems into playscripts. We learnt about all the different features that can be found within playscripts, and explored such theatrical devices, such as **mise-en-scene** and **motifs**. If we have time before the end of term, we will be sharing our playscripts and performing some of these fantastic scenes



# ECO SCHOOLS



Our Toy and Book Swap was a hit at the Winter Fair. Old toys and books were given a second life with exciting new homes. We are planning to hold the stall after school again one day after school in the Spring Term so the children can get another opportunity to swap.



Please could all parents that are running late to collect there child/children from After School Club call the Afterschool Club Phone on - **07535463725**

**The School Office closes at 4.30pm**



# CHESTNUTS PSA WINTER WEEK NEWS!

What a week!

Phew! What an amazing (and busy) week it's been at Chestnuts School!

Kicking off with a **non-uniform day** on the 1st of December, which saw MORE sweet donations wfor the tombola than ever before !

The festivities continued throughout the week with the **Parent Present Room, Festive Yoga, Cartoon Illustration workshops,** and the hugely popular **Adult Wreath-Making Workshop.**

The **Chestnuts Elf** has also been busy delivering all your festive cards to your friends! ❄️

On Friday the 8th, we had our famous **Bake Off competition**, and the students, parents, and carers did not disappoint with their incredible creations.

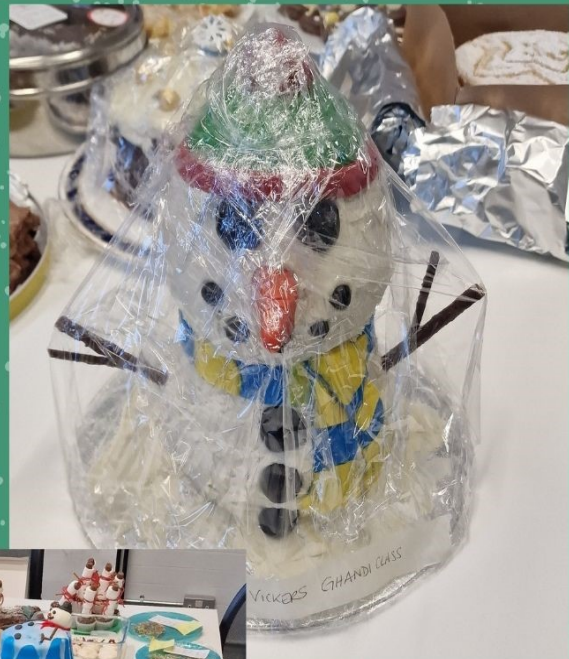
A massive well done to our winners - Louis Zabbar-Smith (Nursery), Freya (Hadid), Bob (Benjamin), Maud (Mandela), Barney (Ghandi) and Tony Ellis (parent)- your cakes and biscuits were fabulous!

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Winter FEST culminated in our Winter Fair, which I'm sure you'll agree was tremendous fun and a MASSIVE success.

Organising the event is a mammoth task and it wouldn't be possible without the brilliant volunteers who give up their time to help.

A big thank you to them and everyone who came and supported the school.

All our efforts over Winter Week have raised a **WHOPPING £9000** with over **£6500** profit for the children and the school.

The festivities don't end here! Join us on Friday the 15th, after the Carol Concert, for an extra special Treat Friday!

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Coming  
up!

The PSA wish everyone a wonderful festive break, and we look forward to an exciting and events-packed 2024!

**\*BRAND NEW\* BINGO NIGHT! -  
Friday 1st March, 7.30-11pm**

**ONE WORLD EVENING (International  
Night) - Friday 17th, MAY 5 pm Onwards**

**CHESTIVAL!  
Saturday 13th July, 1 pm-5 pm**



**PLUS, LOADS MORE!**

To get involved in the PSA or to share  
your fundraising ideas, email:  
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