



# Chestnuts Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear families,

This half term brings with it the return to lighter days and (hopefully) better weather! The children have returned with enthusiasm and determination!

I know you all will have seen the equipment in the front playground being taken down this week. Unfortunately it was condemned just before half term and we were told to immediately restrict access. Any changes to our playground are unfunded by Haringey so we are very grateful to the project at St Ann's for dismantling the current structure for free. I am meeting with some playground companies this week to get an idea of cost to develop our playgrounds and from there we will see how we can fundraise/plan accordingly.

It was a pleasure to have a middlesex cricket coach in school this week working with years 2-6 and we look forward to developing our cricket skills over the half term.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood



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

# Dates for your Diary

**Friday 8th March** - International Women's Day & World Book Day dress up in school

**Friday 8th March** - Pankhurst Class Assembly

**Monday 11th March**—Science Day

**Tuesday 12th March** - EYFS Physical Development Workshop 9am

**Tuesday 19th March**— Children's Yoga Workshop  
3.30pm –4.30pm

**Friday 15th March**—Donaldson Class Assembly  
9am

**Friday 15th March**—Skateboarding Workshop  
3.30pm—4.30pm

**Tuesday 19th March**— Rocksteady Concert  
2.30pm

**Friday 22nd March** - Year 3 School Musical: Pirates Vs Mermaids Performance :

- Morning Performance: **9:30 am**
- Afternoon Performance: **4:00 pm**

**Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March** – Parents Evening (**Reception Included**)

**Tuesday 26th March** - PSA Adult spring swag workshop

**Thursday 28th March** - Last day of term

**Monday 15th April** - All years back to school

**Wednesday 17th April - 19th April**—Y4 Tolmers trip

**Saturday 20th April**—London mini marathon

## Nursery

In nursery the children have been learning about the gingerbread man. We made our own gingerbread men. It was delicious!



# What we have done this week

## Ahlberg

This week Ahlberg Class moved onto the second 'innovation' stage as part of our Talk for Writing sequence. We have been innovating the traditional tale The Little Red Hen. Children worked in their key groups to change the story. We changed the characters, setting and seeds. We made story maps in our key groups, learnt new makaton actions then retold our stories using helicopter storytelling.



## Donaldson

We have been learning our number bonds to 10 in exciting ways in the classroom. We used 10 green bottles to help us to find all of the number bonds to 10. We took turns to put different numbers of bottles on the floor and counted those remaining on the 'wall'. We also really enjoyed being the 'counters' in a giant classroom 10 frame!



## Hadid

Hadid and Mozart Class started the half term by making Jam sandwiches and learning how to write a set of instructions. The children absolutely loved making sandwiches and thinking about each step. Slowly everything became clear and they unpicked what our new unit was going to be. We had lots of fun!

## Mozart





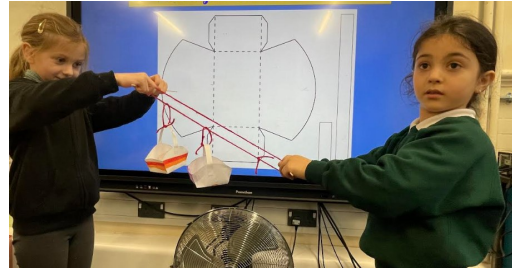
## Seacole

This term, in English lessons, Seacole Class is learning about 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage. This week they have enjoyed making 'revolting' sandwiches using ingredients that will prevent the seagulls eating Mr Grinling's lunch. In the story Mr Grinling transports his lunch from the cottage on the rocks to his lighthouse using a pulley system. Seacole Class have created their own baskets and used their knowledge of forces to transport a sandwich along their own pulley system.



## Rashford

As an introduction to the story of 'A Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', Year 2 made revolting sandwiches to help Mr and Ms Grinling with their ingenious plan. The class then created their own baskets and worked in partners to create a pulley to attach their baskets to



## Benjamin

This week the children made symbols of some of the Greek gods to tie in with books they are reading in English and with their history topic. They had the choice of the thunderbolt of Zeus, the trident of Poseidon or the spear of Athena. It was a task they adored. They covered the tips in foil for metal and then added oodles of extra touches; cotton wool for clouds, sequins on handles and red tips as blood for blades. There was no doubting the enthusiasm for this task.



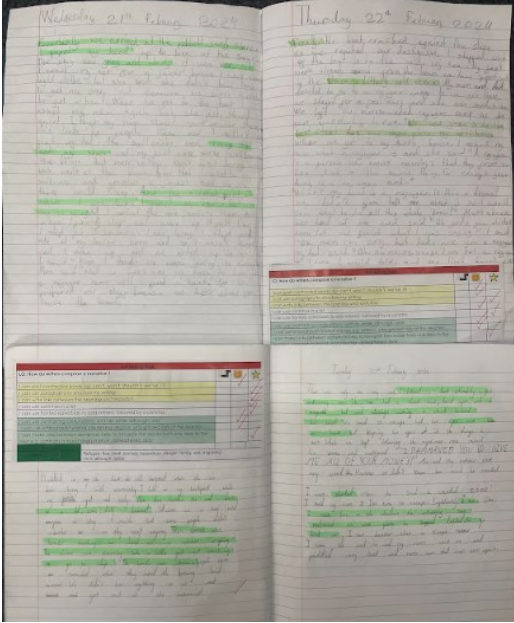
## Attenborough

In an exciting project, Attenborough Class delved into the realm of Greek mythology by crafting weapons wielded by gods and goddesses. Using cardboard, they designed tridents, spears, and thunderbolts, covering them with shiny kitchen foil and decorations. The children passionately explained their weapon choices, exploring the powers bestowed upon mythological figures. From Poseidon's mighty trident to Zeus's thunderbolt, each weapon symbolized the immense strength and authority of its wielder. The class thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on exploration of ancient myths, gaining insight into the significance of these legendary weapons and the mythical beings who wielded them.



## Fibonacci

In English last week, the children wrote a narrative about being refugees fleeing from a war-torn country. The class produced beautiful writing and heartfelt stories which I have loved reading.



## Gandhi

During computing, we have been learning how to become journalists and to take notes from a range of different sources. Once we have gathered all of the information we need, we will be able to compose our own newspaper article online!



## Pankhurst

Pankhurst class celebrated the 29th of February by writing leap year letters! We talked about how the earth's rotation is 375.25 days and that extra day keeps our seasons and daylight hours in check. We wrote letters to our future selves and sealed them shut, which will be kept safe for 4 years until the next leap year when the children can read them and see how much they've changed in 4 years.



## Thompson

Thompson class took part in their first cricket session of this term by a professional cricket coach. The children were practicing fielding which involved catching a ball from various angles and heights after it was struck by the striking batter. The children enjoyed their first session and are looking to their next session about bowling.







# Art Classes



Year 3 worked so hard learning how to make thumb pots and coils, making slip and combining their newfound knowledge to produce some very convincing examples of Neolithic Bellbeaker pots!



# February Holiday Play Scheme



The Children had great fun at Holiday Play Scheme ! The children baked Valentines Day biscuits and made some totally incredible Valentines decorations too !



## Staff vs Parents Netball Match

Back by popular demand Staff vs Parents netball match !

**Date :** Wednesday 20th March

**Time :** 4.00pm

**Where:** Main Hall



**To sign up please contact Ms Ellis :** [gellis@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:gellis@chestnutsprimary.com)



# ECO SCHOOLS



## **EARTH DAY/POWER OFF DAY- Friday 24th May**

We are very excited to announce that on this day we will be in school all day with no power! We are looking forward to doing things a bit differently in class and learning more about how we use energy in day to day life. We understand that the school office will still need to operate but we will all be trying our best not to use any power and the kitchen will be serving a cold lunch on this day.

Eco-School Committee

## **ECO-SCHOOL ECO FLAG DESIGN COMPETITION**

**DESIGN AN ECO-SCHOOL FLAG FOR OUR SCHOOL!**



**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MONDAY 25th MARCH**

**ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY THE ECO-SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

**THE ECO-SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL THEN MAKE IT!**

**PLEASE GIVE ALL ENTRIES TO MS MOWER**

**THINK GREEN, THINK ECO, THINK BOLD, THINK BRIGHT!**

**GET DRAWING!**



# The Natural Craft



## Adult Spring Swag Workshop

Tue 26th March  
7 - 9pm

£25 minimum pay as feel donation for the children  
and school

(includes all materials & a drink on arrival)

Book via Parentpay

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