



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Families,

I cannot believe another term is over, although I am glad to see some sunshine at last! The past few weeks have been a whirlwind in school with Science week, Maths day, a visit from chickens from a farm and lots of music concerts.

I was so impressed with the Year 3 performance on Friday last week. We recently decided that our children should have more opportunities to perform and it was wonderful to see this cohort leading the way. I was blown away by their confidence as well as their acting and singing skills.

Have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all on 15th April.

Best wishes,

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

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

Y5 Thompson Class Assembly - 9.10am

Nursery

The children have been making Easter head bands! We used purple strips for the headband, stuck on some feathers and decorated our egg with the different colours.



Ahlberg

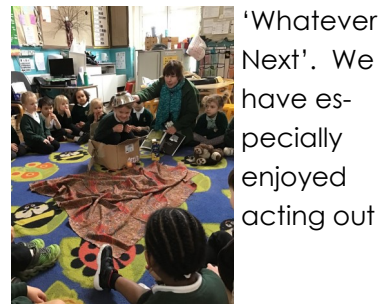
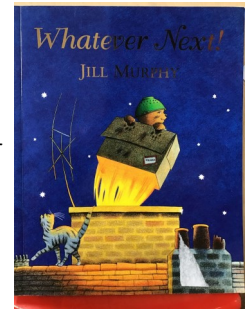
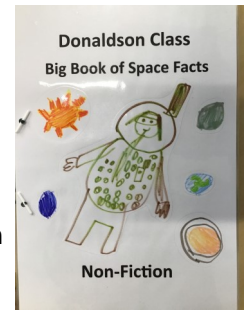
Reception have been celebrating the Hindu festival Holi. We linked Holi festival with our artist of the half term Jackson Pollock. We produced our first piece of automatism art work by closing our eyes and drawing on our white boards! Children enjoyed learning about how Jackson Pollock threw paint on his canvases on the floor. Also that he used a range of tools. We used spoons, paintbrushes and glue stick spreaders! We took inspiration from Jackson Pollock's approach to art: "I have no fears about making changes, destroying the image, etc., because the painting has a life of its own."



Children put their portraits on the floor then threw paint over their faces! It was a lot of fun!

Donaldson

In Reception we have been learning all about space. We have looked at a range of non-fiction books on space and learnt lots of new facts. We have looked at the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. We even made our own non-fiction book complete with a contents page and full of facts. This week we have moved onto fiction and have explored the story



'Whatever Next'. We have especially enjoyed acting out the story.

Mozart

In year 1 this week we have begun our project of creating houses out of suitable materials that are durable. We worked in groups and merged our ideas together to create our houses. At the of the week we will be conducting various tests to see which house can survive through different weathers.



Hadid

Seacole

This week, as part of our learning in RE about Islam, Seacole Class enjoyed creating Ramadan lanterns. We discussed why the month of Ramadan was important to Muslims and how it is observed by families in different countries.



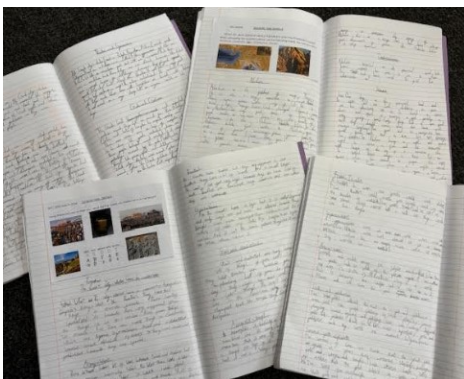
Rashford

Building upon last week's lesson on the five food groups, today's activity involved the children actively categorising real foods into their respective groups. After correctly arranging the food items, each child explained the significance of these groups, articulating the benefits they offer to our health.



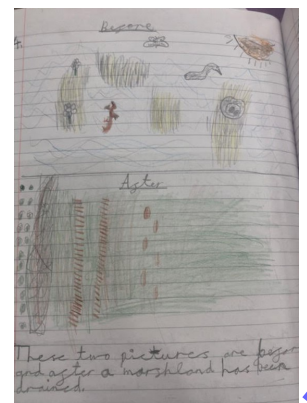
Attenborough

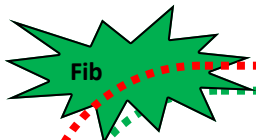
As part of our termly assessment, the children in Attenborough class had the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of our history and religious education topics. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece and Judaism and have produced amazing pieces of writing in the form of a Synoptic task. The quality and quantity of their writing are absolutely exceptional. These children are not only talented in performing arts but also very enthusiastic learners. I am extremely proud of them!



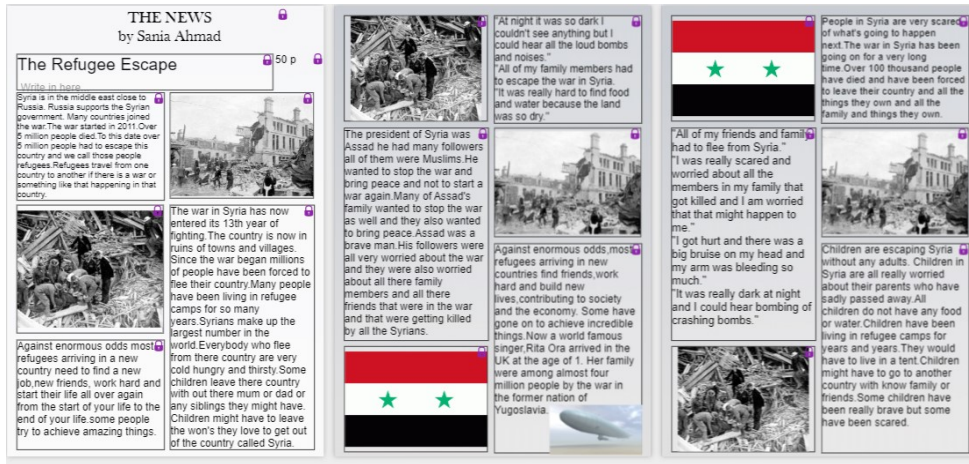
Benjamin

This week the class all worked incredibly hard producing drawings that demonstrated the impact humans have had on the farming landscape. You can see here how hedges have been used to create fields and been used as wind breakers and new habitats for some wildlife. There is also an illustration of a marshland before and after draining. The class had a good discussion about whether or not draining was a good idea. The children were very passionate in their opinions.





In English this week the children have been typing up their news report on the Syrian war and refugees. Their writing links to the book that we are reading in class called The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Rauf. In their news report the children focused on the impact war has on children and looking at life as a refugee.



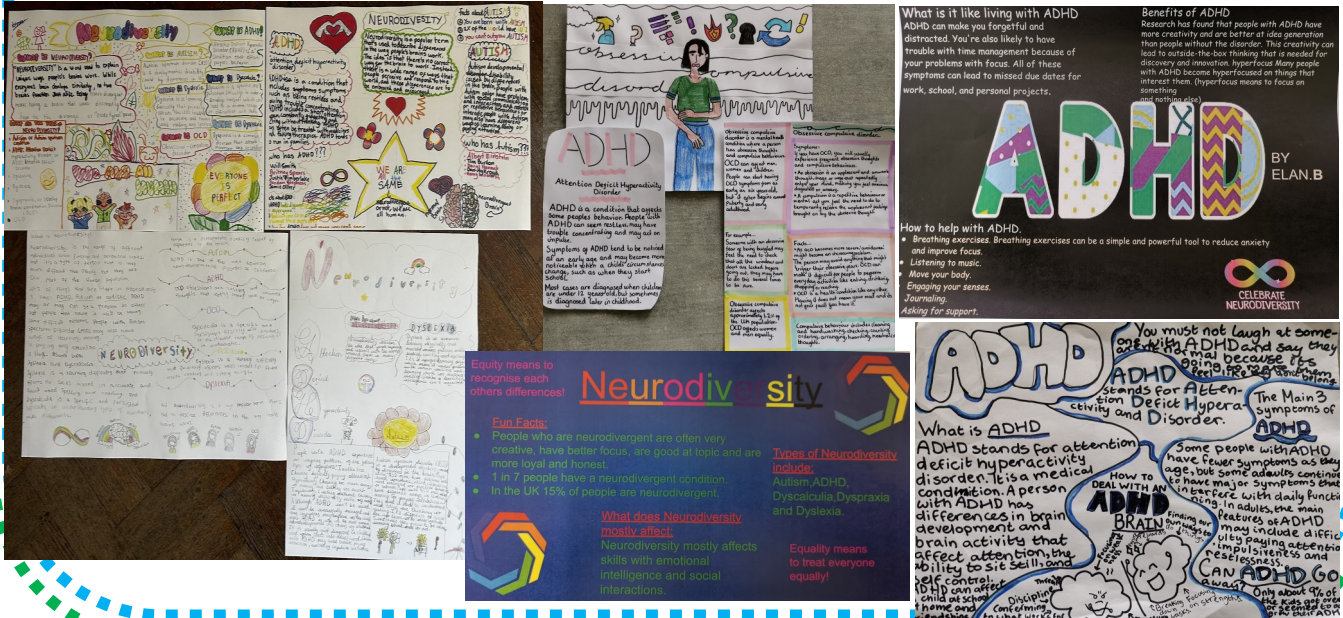
Y5 attended a fantastic Viking workshop. We learnt how to read and write Futhark Runes, re-enacted some Viking myths, lifted mighty axes and swords and made our own Viking amulets. We even battled the Y6 classes in Viking Quiz Valhalla!



Mandela

Malala

Last week, we celebrated Neurodiversity Week. We clarified what it means to be neurodiverse and neurotypical. We all strongly believe in equality for all. However, sometimes people require extra support - this is called equity. As part of our week, we explored different aspects of neurodiversity; discussed different traits; and we did our own independent research on a subject of our choosing. Our outcome was to create a piece of work to celebrating the week.



Art Classes



What would you put in a healthy sandwich?

Year 1 children used all their cutting, tearing, scrunching and glueing skills to build sandwiches. They loved choosing the recycled materials to represent a variety of fillings. Don't they look appetising!



STEM Hero Projects - Summer 1

It has been another exciting term for science here at Chestnuts. Below is next term's units for each year group. Over the Easter break, it would be wonderful if children could create a project in relation to next term's STEM Heroes. Will it be in the form of an informative poster of the Chipko Movement's exploits; a scientific model that represents E. O. Wilson's entomological observations; a detailed diagram of the flowering body of a plant; a piece of art; or a home-made bath bomb - fit for the Body Shop?

EYFS - THE NATURAL WORLD

Anita Roddick / The Chipko Movement



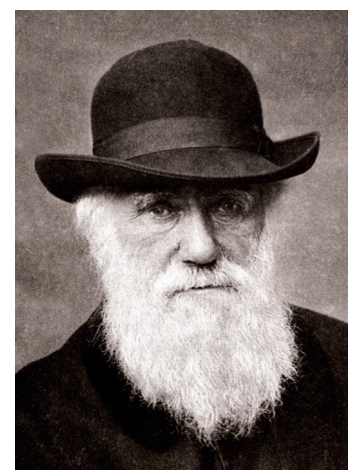
Year 1 - PLANTS

Rachel Carson



Year 2 - LIFECYCLES

Edward O. Wilson



Year 3 - FORCES/MAGNETS

Leonardo da Vinci



Year 4 - HABITATS

Rachel Carson

Year 5 - EARTH & SPACE

Mae Jemison / Prof. Brian Cox



Year 6 - EVOLUTION

Charles Darwin

Prizes and celebrations on offer for the finest creations. Get creative!

Mr. Bloom

Parents 8 v Teachers 9

**Teachers won by 1
point**

**Thanks to all the parents
who played a great
match.**

Miss Ellis

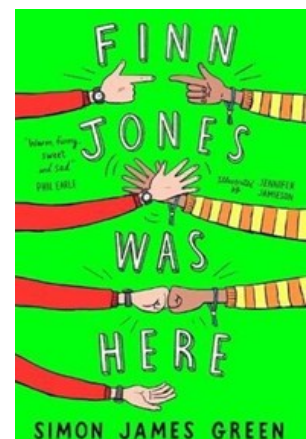


Ms Efthymiou's Reading Enrichment Club

Over the last few weeks, this club has concentrated on the 6 books shortlisted for the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award. This award was started nearly 10 years ago by 4 school librarians, including Ms Efthymiou.

We went on Friday to Alexandra Palace to see the authors on stage in the amazing Victorian Theatre. Year 5 Chestnuts children came along as did a total of 800 children from across the borough! The winning book was Finn Jones Was Here, written by Simon James Green who entertained the audience with a fun story creating session.

Next term, the club will be open to children from Years 3 to 5. It will again run on Wednesdays from 3.20 to 4.30. Registration will be through ParentPay in the usual way for Enrichment Clubs.





ECO SCHOOLS



The Eco-Committee got together to judge all of the entries. There were so many brilliant designs and it was very hard to choose one BUT....

The Winners of our Eco Flag competition are Wilson and Molly in Year 4 and Alys in Year 3 for their brilliant collaborative effort. We loved their simple yet-powerful design and we could imagine it as a flag for our school. We will start making it next term. Well done Wilson, Molly and Alys!



Holiday Play Scheme

If your child is attending our holiday play scheme and your child will be late or you have any other enquiries.

Please contact this number—07535463725



CHESTNUTS PSA

2024

calendar of **EVENTS**

ARTISTS RESIDENCY WORKSHOPS!

Tickets on Parent Pay

- Lampshade Painting - 2nd May 3.30pm & 5pm
- Skateboarding Workshops - 19th April & 17th May
- Easter Hols Forest School - 2nd -5th April
- Children's Yoga - Dates TBC
- Plus many more planned for summer term!

One World Evening



Friday 10th May, 5 pm-8pm

Jumble Sale

Saturday 18th May, 1 pm-4 pm
Chestnuts School

QUIZ NIGHT

DATE TBC

Treat Friday

Every Friday after school!

Non Uniform Day

Friday 5th July

BAKE OFF COMP

Friday 12th July



CHESTIVAL!

Saturday 13th July
1pm-5pm

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PSA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the PSA meeting this month. We had valuable discussions about future fundraising events and recruits for the PSA.

The **big headline** from the meeting is that we have raised a whopping **£19,000** for the kids so far this year! **AMAZING** efforts to all involved.

Much talk was centred around the **playground** and what we, as a school community, can do to help with the much-needed improvements. With that in mind, some brilliant PSA volunteers have been working extra hard behind the scenes to start a crowdfunding campaign alongside a grant application with Sport England to build a MUGA in the playground. All event proceeds in the first half of next term will go towards this incredible initiative.

Watch this space for further details!

We continue to fund various activities and learning and enrichment opportunities for your children.

These include:

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PSA NEWS CONT

Year 6: Coach to Pendareen, which means a cost reduction for every child.

Activities for children not going to Pendarren

Year 6 Leavers Disco

Leavers Hoodies

Reception & Nursery: Trips to Railway Fields

New carpet | Bikes & a slide | Visit from Little

Red Hen Spitalfields Farm | New Bag for every child

Yr 5 & 6: Viking Workshops

Yr 1: Big Cat Little Wandle books

Yr 2: Trip to Freightliners Farm

Yr 3: Lion King theatre trip and London Aquarium

Whole School:

Woodwork Room, Tools & Teacher Training

Art Equipment

Art Gallery materials

African Workshops

Sports Equipment

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PLUS, MANY MORE!

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CHESTNUTS PRIMARY PSA

ONE WORLD NIGHT

FRIDAY 10TH MAY - 5 PM - 8 PM

Coming together to celebrate the many cultures and nationalities of the Chestnuts Community.
Join us for an evening of food, music, dancing and fun!



Be Part of One World One Night!

Can you cook and donate a delicious dish from your country?

Can you provide any traditional entertainment, music or dancing?

Let your Class Rep know. We need as much help as possible to make it a successful night!

We welcome every student, parent, carer and member of staff.
Donation Entry. All proceeds will go towards the playground.