

C Chestnuts Primary School C

NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Families,

I have been truly overwhelmed with the response to our crowd funder this week. I cannot thank the community around the school for the donations so far and the PSA for facilitating, setting up and organising this fundraiser. Please do continue to share the link and support all the sponsored events. Further down the newsletter you will find a drawing of how the play-ground may look when the MUGA and play equipment are fitted.

Last week saw 2 big firsts for some children at Chestnuts. The Year 4 children went on their first residential trip to Tolmers activity camp. I was so impressed with how they behaved and took part in activities. The children were resilient, hard working and polite and I know they had a great time. I hope to make this a regular residential for our Year 4 children.

A group of our children also ran the London mini marathon. I was amazed at how quickly they sprinted off and I know they had a great time. I'm already planning how to take more children next year!

Thank you so much for the support you give us as a school, the Chestnuts community is something special.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd May - **NURSERY closed** for polling station

Monday 6th May 2024—Bank Holiday (**School Closed**)

Monday 6th May—Friday 11th May 2024—Mini Marathon Chestnuts Park

W/C Monday 13th May 2024—SATS week for Y6

Friday 17th May 2024 —Skateboarding Workshop 3.30pm—4.30pm

Monday 20th May 2024 —Y2 Trip to Alexandra Park

Friday 24th May 2024—Last Day of Term

Nursery will be closed on Thursday 2nd May as it will be used as a polling station.

Nursery

The children have been creating their own art work inspired by our artist Alma Thomas!



Ahlberg

Reception had an amazing time at Railway Fields. We had a walk around the reserve spotting different creatures and plants and had a hunt for minibeasts and pond creatures. We found lots of different insects and bugs including a spider, beetles and woodlouse. When we returned to school we wrote about our favourite part of the trip.



Mozart

This week in Mozart Class we have been learning about Arrays. We created our own arrays and wrote a number sentence to match our arrays. We had so much fun!



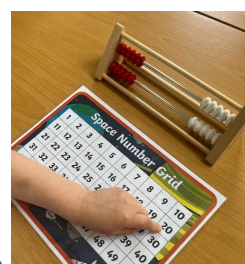
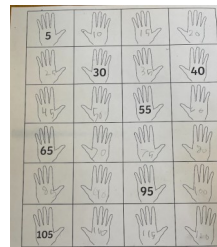
Donaldson

This week we have started a new story - Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been telling the story and adding our own actions. We have especially enjoyed using a giant voice for 'FEE FI FO FUM!' This week we all got started on our very own beanstalks. We talked about what plants need to grow and how we can look after them. We also planted an 'observation bean' in a clear jar so we can see what the bean is doing underground. We will leave them in the classroom and we are looking forward to seeing their progress after the weekend. Will there be a beanstalk?



Hadid

Hadid Class have really enjoyed our new unit so far- counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children have worked hard using a variety of concrete resources to show their working. Here you can see children counting in 5s using different resources. Keep up the great work!!



Seacole

As part of our learning in English, based upon African folktales, Seacole Class have enjoyed creating animal masks using an African dot painting technique. We have also enjoyed using our masks to perform parts of one African folktale called 'Monkey Liver Soup' by



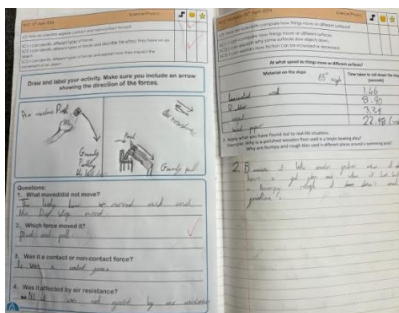
Rashford

Rashford class have started a new class story called 'African & Caribbean Folktales, Myths and Legends' written by Wendy Shearer. As part of our WOW lesson, the children made African animal masks using dot painting.



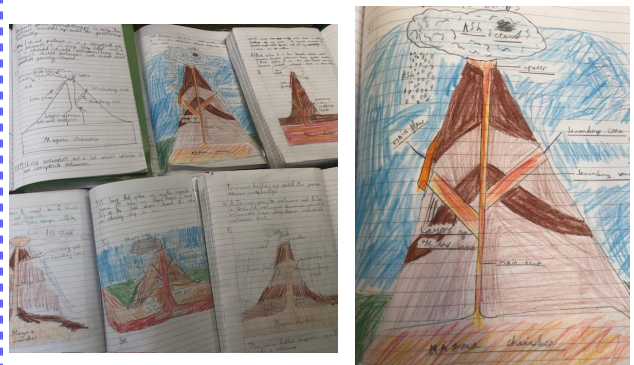
Attenborough

In an engaging science experiment, children in Attenborough class explored the impact of different surfaces on the movement of objects on them at a certain angle. From carpet to sandpaper, rubber, and laminate wood, they investigated friction and resistance firsthand. They observed how each surface affected the movement of objects, drawing conclusions about the role of texture in altering speed. Based on their observation the young scientists created diagrams and explained their reasoning using scientific terminologies.



Benjamin

The children have waited a long time for this volcanoes unit to start and they are throwing themselves into it with gusto. This week they had the chance to draw the inside of a volcano, to discover exactly what is going on beneath us. They drew these incredible diagrams in their books and learnt all about the difference between magma and lava while doing it.



Fibonacci

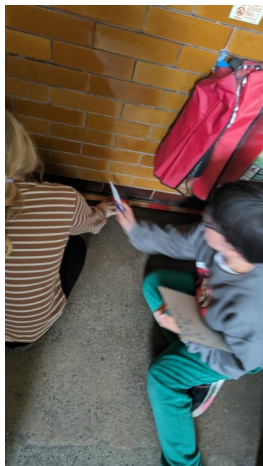
Last week, year 4 went on our first residential trip to Tolmers. It was a massive success! The children got to scale a climbing wall, practise their hand at archery, build shelters and much, much more. We even got to toast marshmallows around the campfire. We had a lot of fun and I was so impressed with the children's energy and behaviour.



Gandhi

Pankhurst

To consolidate our learning in perimeter and area this week we took metre sticks and explored the area and perimeter of different rooms and objects around the school. Naturally, we found that the area of the KS2 hall was the biggest, coming in at 240m²!



Thompson

This week, Thompson Class were proud to present their Assembly. Written, designed and directed by the children themselves, the theme was Thompson TV - a channel showcasing their fantastic learning, incredible talents and amazing acting. Victorious Vikings in Valhalla, bullying Bradley Chalkers in the bathroom and squabbling siblings on the sofa all featured in our awesome assembly. Well done Thompson Class!



As we are coming up to the Year 6 SATs, we have been doing lots of revision in maths, reading and SPAG (Spellings, punctuation and grammar). This has helped us to consolidate all of our learning as well as helping us to make sure we are reading questions properly and not making silly mistakes.

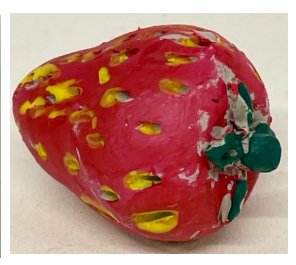
The kids have been doing an amazing job. We are going to SMASH IT!!!



Art Classes



Not marzipan 'petit four' but tiny air dry clay models of healthy fruit and veg made by year 2 children. They concentrated so hard while putting the finishing touches to their small sculptures. Good enough to eat!





The School Garden



Calling all seeds! Have you begun planting this year and have some leftover seeds? If so, then we would love to have them to sow with the children. Please bring to the office or Donaldson Class, for the attention of Ms Mower.



PRE-LOVED BOOK SALE

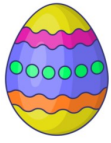


The next sale of pre-loved books will be this **Friday on 26th April** alongside the usual Friday Treats. Following this, **the next sale will be on the last day of term on Friday 24th**

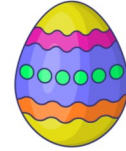
Social Skills Trip

Miss Ashleigh's social skills group went to the British Transport Museum to learn about different buses and travel safety.





Easter Holiday Play Scheme



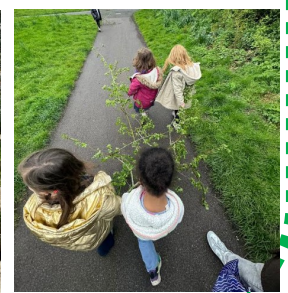
The Children had great fun at Holiday Play Scheme ! The children baked biscuits and had a Easter egg hunt and made some totally incredible Easter decorations!



Forest School



Thank you to the PSA for organising the Forest School that took place during the Easter half term !





Mini Marathon



As part of our fundraising for the school playground- we will be celebrating the London Marathon by taking part in the TCS Mini Marathon which will be held in Chestnuts park. Please support your children on the day, join in and donate to help us meet our target of £10,000

The London Schools Sponsored Mini Marathon

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were inspired by the London Marathon this week and are excited to announce our upcoming involvement in The London Schools Mini Marathon. All of the children in the school will be taking part the week of 6th May. The London Schools Mini Marathon is a city wide event in which our children will run, jog, walk or wheel 2.6 miles around Chestnuts Park (or a shorter distance around the school playground for Reception). Our children will be joining over a million children who have taken part since 2020!

The children are taking part to fundraise for the first phase of vital updates needed for their playground, as it has recently been decommissioned. They are raising money to go towards a new multi-use games area (MUGA).

Please encourage your child to seek sponsors (family, friends, neighbours). Sponsors can pledge any amount as a donation. All proceeds will directly benefit the school playground update, through the Crowdfunder campaign and will go towards our fundraising target of £10,000. If we meet this, Sport England will match this with £10,000 to give us the funds needed to develop the playground.

There is a sponsorship form with this letter with guidance on how sponsors should donate via the Crowdfunder. The website link and we code are below:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/sponsor-the-chestnuts-kids-for-their-mini-marathon>

Please see next page for more information



All Marathons will take place the week of 6th May 2024, there is a summary of when each year group is running below. Parents will receive further information and they will be welcomed along to watch and support!

Schedule:

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------------|--|------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Friday 10th May | Tues 7th - Fri 10th May | Tuesday 7th May | Thursday 9th May | Thursday 9th May | Tuesday 7th May | Thursday 9th May |
| 9.45-10.15 | 9am after registration | 1pm after registration | 2.30-3.20pm | 1.30pm | 2-3pm | 1.30-2pm |
| KS2 Playground | Chestnuts park (they are splitting the distance over the week) | Chestnuts park | Chestnuts park | Chestnuts park | Chestnuts park | Chestnuts park |

We look forward to seeing our students in their very own Marathon to raise vital money for their own playground.

Please give generously to support their incredible efforts!

Sincerely,

Mrs Horwood

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Creative Wellness Class for Women*

Saturday 27th April ~ 10.30am - 11.30am

Ditch anxiety, dance & draw with peace,
enjoy a guided hour of creative release!

All to support mental & physical
wellbeing.

- *Accompanying Children aged 3+ welcome
- Art materials included
- Price per session:
£10 per adult
£5 per child
- No creche facilities available
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