



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I really hope you had a restful Summer break.

It is really lovely to be able to welcome all our new Reception children to the school. They are all settling in well and it is fantastic to see their smiley faces around school.

It is great to be back at school even if it is a bit of a challenge with all the scaffolding surrounding our building! We are very glad that our structural problems are being repaired, however, this does come at a cost of some disruption around the school. Please bear with us as we work out how best to carry on around this.

We do currently have a few cases of Covid throughout the school. If there is a reported positive case of Covid in your child's class you will be sent an email informing you of the situation. This will be done on a class by class basis. With this in mind we do still ask visitors to the school to wear face coverings.

On a happier note we will soon be running After School Activity/Enrichment Clubs again so we will be sending information out about them early next week.

We are still living through challenging times but hopefully things will improve as we advance through the term.

Have a lovely weekend,

Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Wed 29th September 5pm

Secondary School Transfer meeting for Year 6 parents

Thursday October 21st

Flu Vaccinations Reception—Y6

Thursday November 4th

Individual School Photographs

PSA Meeting

Thursday 16th September 7.30pm at Chestnuts Primary School

Being part of the PSA is a great way of getting to know other families and staff whilst making a real contribution to the quality of school life for all.

Fund-raising is a major part of a PSA's activities and this directly contributes to the improvement of the school. The PSA also provides a great way to build the whole school community, including links with the wider society, all of which benefits the school and offers a positive influence within the local area.

Please come along to our first PSA meeting of the academic year and meet our new chairs. All are welcome.

Nursery

The children started in nursery this week and they have enjoyed exploring and playing with their friends!



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

We have enjoyed welcoming the new children into Ahlberg Class. We have been reading Janet & Allan Ahlberg's book 'Starting School' together.



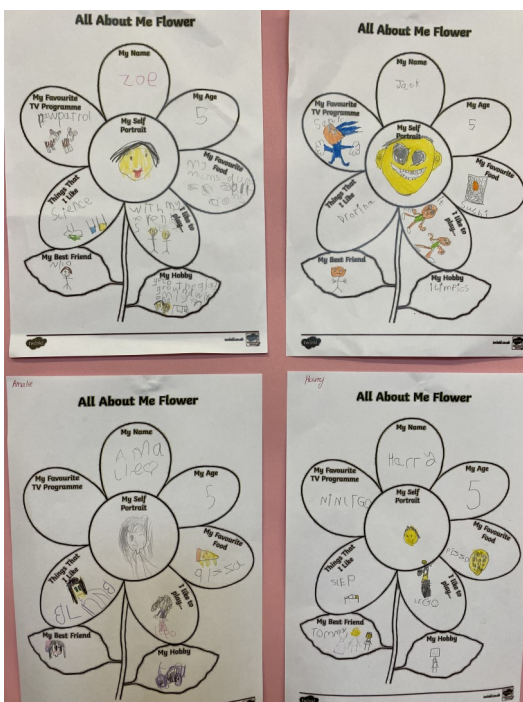
Donaldson

This week, all of the new children have been settling in very well. We enjoyed picking some chard from the garden to feed to Wiggles the African Land Snail. He loved it!



Mozart

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Mozart class! We completed "All about me flowers" to help us get to know each other and the things we like.



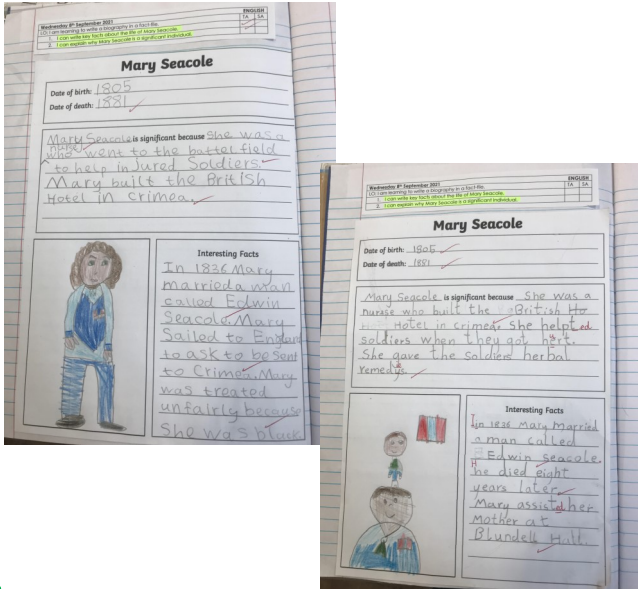
Hadid

We had our first art and craft lesson. We learnt about prime colours and how to make secondary colours by mixing them.



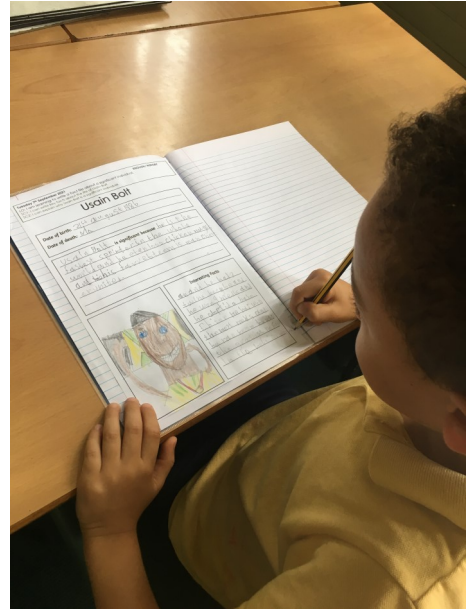
Seacole

We have been learning about Mary Seacole. We have been collecting many facts and have produced some amazing fact files. Well done Seacole Class!



Bolt

This week we have been learning about our significant person, Usain Bolt. We have found out so many interesting facts about him and we produced a very interesting fact file.



Attenborough

We have been inspired by our namesake David Attenborough to help us with our art work.



Dahl

This week we have been learning about Roald Dahl. We have plotted his key life events on a timeline.



Fibonacci

This week we used the Fibonacci Sequence to draw a Fibonacci Spiral, we then used this spiral to inspire us in our art lesson.



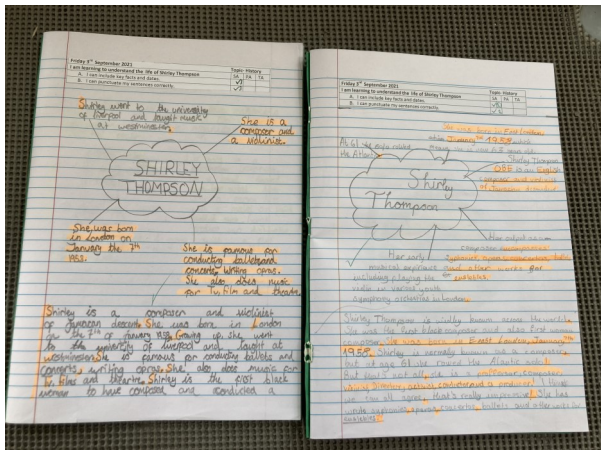
Gandhi

We have been getting into the Indian theme this week by producing Rangoli art work. They have been put up on the wall and are brightening up the class already. What a colourful way to start the year!



Thompson

We have been learning about Shirley Thompson (our class namesake). We have found out that she is an English composer, conductor, and violinist of Jamaican descent. Her output as a composer encompasses symphonies, ballets, operas as well as music for TV, film, and theatre.



Pankhurst

We used watercolours to paint the Houses of Parliament. This is part of our work around our class name. We have explored how and why people vote, the Suffragette movement and why and how women campaigned for the right to vote.



Malala

We have created Black-out Poetry. We used words chosen from a page of an old book to create a poem, blacking out the rest of the page with decoration.

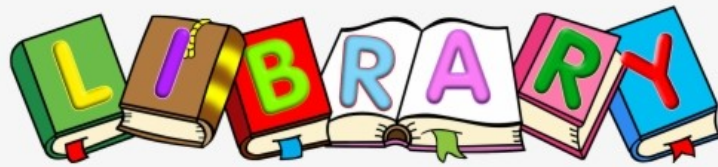


Mandela

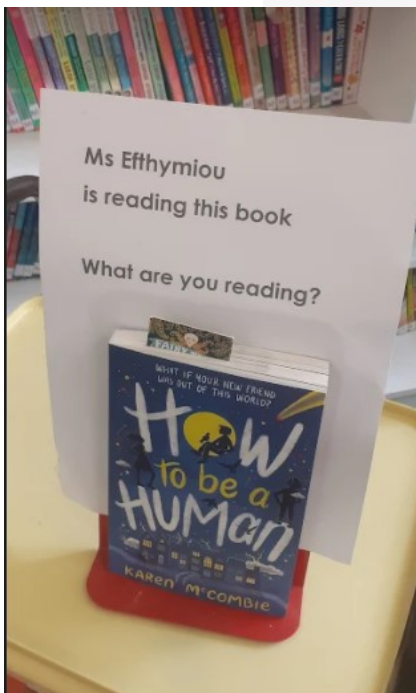
Mandela class has been learning about their inspirational person, Nelson Mandela, as well as the apartheid in South Africa and the freedom movements.



The



Zone



It has been lovely to see the children back using the library with such enthusiasm!

I realise children are still getting used to their new timetable, and may not all have had their books ready to return this week. Please help them to bring them to school in time for their session next week.

Year 6 Wednesdays
Year 5 Mondays
Year 4 Tuesdays
Year 3 Thursdays
Year 2 Thursdays
Hadid Class Mondays
Mozart Class Tuesdays

Reception Classes will start sessions in the library on Thursdays from 23rd September.

Ms Efthymiou, librarian@chestnutsprimary.com

New Sustainable Garden



We are super excited to announce that our school has won a grant from School Food Matters (on behalf of Whole Kids Foundation) to build a Sustainable garden in the corner between the nursery and Ks2 playground.

The grant will allow us to build raised beds to grow organic food, install a rain water collection system and composting facilities. If you are interested to join the project please contact nadja.strittmatter@gmail.com for more details.

We'll be organising a weekend gardening session to build the garden in October, so keep an eye for our next event - we are also looking for someone who could help put a fence up ... get in touch if you can help!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



In Key Stage 1 After school club we had a great time planting strawberries—we can't wait until we can eat them!!

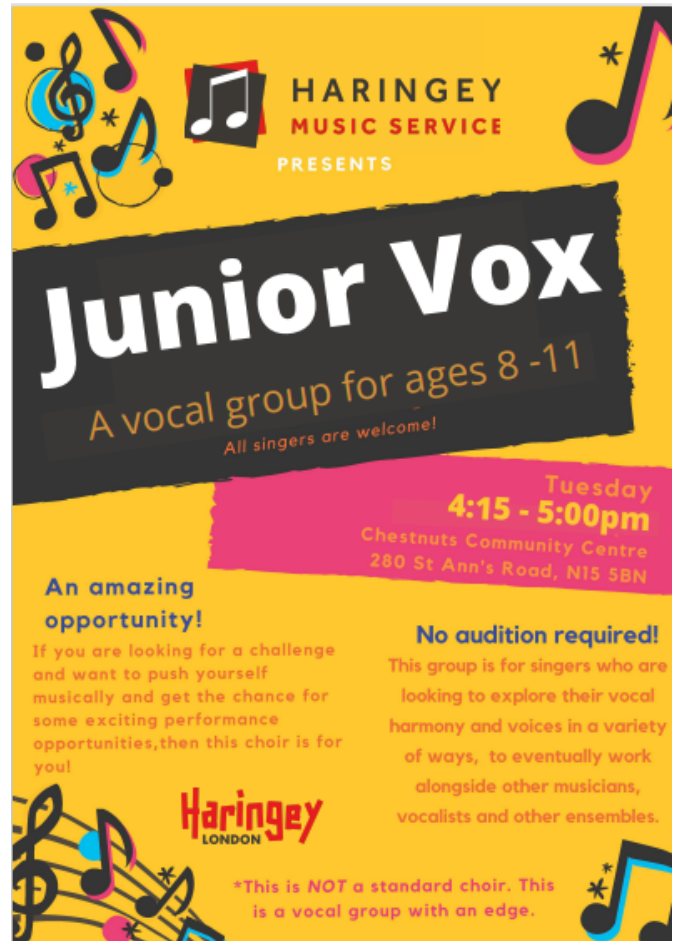
After School Activity/Enrichment Clubs

We are very pleased to let you know that we will be running after school activity/enrichment clubs again this term.

We will be offering all kinds of activities from arts and crafts to archery.

Some of the clubs will be run by school staff members and the rest of the clubs will be run by an outside agency—please see the flier below.

You will be able to sign up for these clubs via parent pay. We will send out more information early next week.



HARINGEY MUSIC SERVICE
PRESENTS

Junior Vox

A vocal group for ages 8-11
All singers are welcome!

Tuesday
4:15 - 5:00pm
Chestnuts Community Centre
280 St Ann's Road, N15 5BN

An amazing opportunity!
If you are looking for a challenge and want to push yourself musically and get the chance for some exciting performance opportunities, then this choir is for you!

No audition required!
This group is for singers who are looking to explore their vocal harmony and voices in a variety of ways, to eventually work alongside other musicians, vocalists and other ensembles.

Haringey LONDON

*This is NOT a standard choir. This is a vocal group with an edge.



Chesnuds Primary School

Hello Grown Up

We are delighted to offer our clubs this term, led by our kind DBS certified expert instructors at your school.

No materials are required, your child simply needs to turn up!

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

www.kidsclub.org.uk/school/chesnuds-primary-school/

- qualified instructor
- all materials provided
- take home projects
- covid safe

Please visit the link to book your child's place.

If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us at parents@kidsclub.org.uk or call free on 0800 949 6472

CLUBS

KS1:

Spy Kids - Weds
Crazy Science - Thurs
Young Engineers - Fri

KS2:

Robotics - Thurs
Coding - Fri
Archery - Fri

£7.99 per session

