



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th May 2024

Dear families,

I can't believe it's half term already! This one has flown by even quicker than ever.

I cannot thank the whole school community for the amazing crowd funder campaign. The events were amazing fun and the children were determined and resilient with their run! I'm pleased to say that I have ordered the MUGA and climbing frame for the front playground and they will be installed next half term!

We were exceptionally proud of our Year 6's who took their SATs last week with enthusiasm and persistence.

Finally, If your child attends an after school enrichment club (3.30pm-4.30pm) please provide them with a snack. Remember no nuts.

Wishing you a lovely half term,

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th May—Last day of term

Monday 3rd June— TAD Day (**School is closed**)

Friday 7th June—Y3 Benjamin class assembly

Friday 7th June—Y5 West Cliff Bay

Monday 10th June—Whole class photographs

Wednesday 12th June —Y5 science museum trip

Thursday 13th June—Y4 London zoo trip

Friday 14th June—Y3 Attenborough class assembly

Wednesday 19th June—Y6 trip to St Ann's church

Friday 21st June—Year 6 End of Year trip

Tuesday 25th June—Sports Day (Year 1– 6) - EYFS sports day date TBC!

Friday 28th June (am) - Year 6 young citizen awards

Thursday 4th July—School closed POLLING

Friday 12th July—School reports sent home

THURSDAY 4TH JULY—SCHOOL CLOSED

We have been asked by Haringey for the use of the infant hall as a polling station for the General election. This means the school will be CLOSED to children on that day.

Nursery

The children have been reading *The Gruffalo* this week. We have been making our own Gruffalo's out of paper!



Ahlberg

Donaldson

For the last two weeks, Reception has really enjoyed learning about the environment and how we can play a part in looking after it. We have been talking about everything we love about the earth and the small changes that we can make in our daily lives that make a big difference. Last week we collaboratively created a wonderful piece of artwork from your kindly donated unwanted toys to make a big statement about plastic in our oceans. This week we have been very hands on sowing wild flower seeds and making bird feeders.



Mozart

Hadid

This week in Mozart Class we have been looking at old and new toys. Today we looked at cargo bikes and made comparisons of the similarities and differences. It was so cool that we had the opportunity to look at one of our classmate in a magazine. This was the best lesson ever!

As last week you didn't get to see the exciting and VERY strict Ms Griffiths, here you go!! This week year 1 has learnt how toys have changed over time and what similarities and differences the children could find. Look at our Jack in the boxes we made!



Rashford

Seacole

As part of our Geography unit (Visiting New Places), both Year 2 classes went to Alexandra Palace on a field trip. As we walked around, the children used a key on their maps and ticked off what they had seen.

We saw ducklings and spoke about the life cycles of different animals. We also discussed the human and physical features in Alexandra Palace.



Attenborough

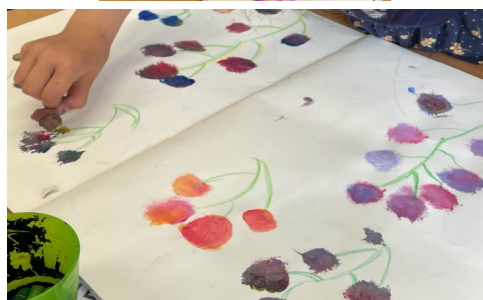
Benjamin

In Year 3, every week we have the pleasure of seeing what the children produce in their amazing art class, with Ms Hen, when we look through their art books. Over the past couple of weeks they have been particularly inspired. In these pictures you can see them creating botanical illustrations with a double dipping technique by using sponges and poster paint. The beauty and colour of nature is, without question, being celebrated by the class.

We are looking forward to showcasing our learning in our assembly in Summer 2!

Benjamin class' assembly: Friday 7th June

Attenborough class' assembly: Friday 14th June



Fibonacci

In Art this half term, the children have been learning about statues and statuettes. Looking at proportions and working with different mediums.

On Monday the children made their own armature statuettes using clay.



Gandhi

On Friday, we embraced No Power Day. We spent the day without any electricity and made the most of the weather outside. We went into our lovely garden where we went hunting for many living things in their habitat.

We even saw spider eggs hatch !



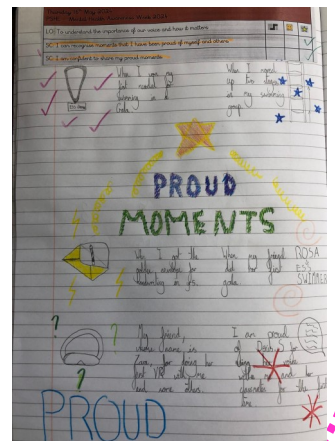
Pankhurst

For Power Off Day this Friday, Pankhurst class went out to conduct an Environmental Quality Analysis on our local area. We found there was lots of litter and as a result, decided to design and build litter pickers to combat this. Some of our designs worked really well!!! We hope to go out after half term and test them out!



Thompson

In Y5, we have been learning about Children's Mental Health Week. In our PSHE lesson we discussed how celebrating ourselves and each other can help build self-esteem. Thinking about something unique to you, or something you've achieved that is important to you and makes you feel proud is a great way to celebrate. Express yourself and feel empowered!



Islamophobia Workshop - May 2024

Diversity and Inclusion is at the forefront of Year 6's approach. Throughout the year, we have looked at discrimination in many of its guises, and we continue to fight hate through education and discussion.

We were part of a workshop lead by a Bolton-based Imam called Imran, where we looked at Islamophobia in the UK, the results of Hate Crimes, and some of the causes of discrimination against Muslims. After the workshop, as a whole year group, we discussed some of the issues raised. We looked at how the media can affect people's perceptions, and how education is essential in breaking down anti-Islamic stereotypes.

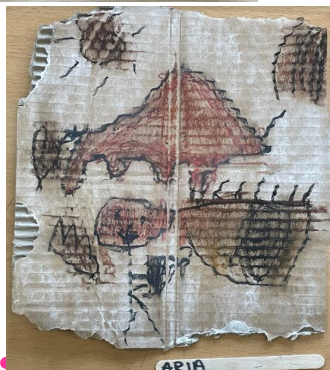
Children shared their thoughts, feelings and experiences of racism and discrimination in a safe space. We are proud of the kind, empathic, and inclusive attitudes our children have here at Chestnuts



Art Classes



Looking at the cave paintings at Lascaux in France the children in year 2 used earthy pigmented oil pastels and chalks to recreate their own prehistoric art on a canvas of recycled cardboard. They are brilliant!



School Council

Ethan chaired the School council meeting this week.

The children are thrilled with the success of the fundraising for a MUGA and are now talking about how they would like to use it- lots of staff VS children competitions.

Children would like to have Golden Envelope, Golden Ticket and Attendance award back- Ms West is going to start these again after the half term.

The Enrichment after-school clubs should be offered on more than one day of the week - Ms West will look at the clubs for next half term and see if there is any capacity to move some around.

Chestnuts Cheers:

Lots of kids love the playground equipment and the school uniform. Juno Year 1

I love the new food (at lunchtime) and that we have a park across the road from our school. Orla Year 4

I like having our own assembly, and that Year 3-6 have their own assembly. When we are all together, it is hard to hear Mrs Horwood speaking. Torin Year 2

I like that the lunches change every half-term. Polly Year 5

Staff are all really nice and I love the school trips! Kathleen Year 3

I am excited about the MUGA!!! Ayoub Year 5

Our teachers really encouraged the students when they taught us before our SATs. Adam Year 6



Finding the Spirit of Chestnuts Park

Dear Parents

We are currently working on a project with the Sarah Mower's "Eco Group" in preparation for the following events:

Thursday 20th June 4pm—6pm Clean Air Day at **CHESTNUTS COMMUNITY CENTRE**
Continuing work on 'The Spirit of Chestnuts Park' (willow sculpture) and musical instruments. Open to all.

Saturday 29th June 11am– 4pm A Midsummer Fun Day, **THE WILLOW GARDEN** a celebration of Midsummer fun, Chestnuts Park and the Willow Garden.

1pm—3pm Wildflower willow crowns workshop

2pm –3.30pm Drums and percussion scrap workshop— Open to all

We hope you will take this opportunity to encourage your child to come and make merry with us at these events

Angie, Caroline and Giles



For more information about activities available in Haringey this May half term holiday please go to:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/culture-and-entertainment/whats-haringey/holiday-fun>



THANK YOU

Excited Kids! →



← Where the new MUGA will be!

On behalf of the school and the PSA, we wanted to say a **MASSIVE** thank you to everyone who has supported the Crowdfunder over the last four weeks. With your generous donations, buying rewards, coming to events and volunteering your time, we have raised a staggering **£37,480** (+gift aid) towards the new playground.

This incredible amount, plus further funding from the PSA and school, means that the contractors have been booked to build the MUGA and the new play equipment in the key stage 2 playground at the end of June.

One down, two to go! We will be making plans for the new academic year to fundraise for the reception and key stage 1 playgrounds. Please let us know if you have any ideas to help reach our next target. It's a big amount, but we've shown what we can achieve as a community. We can do it. Bring it on!

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