



Chestnuts Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Dear Families,

As another year draws to a close I would like to thank the whole Chestnuts community for the amazing year we have had. I would like to highlight some of the reasons why this year has had special significance.

Year 6

This year's KS2 SATs results are excellent. At Chestnuts Primary, it is clear that the cohort has made excellent progress, with this year's results all above national and local averages. I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 leavers on their achievements this year, including of course a truly memorable performance of Charlie and the Chocolate factory last week.

| Children achieving the expected level | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|
| | Chestnuts | National |
| Reading | 82% | 74% |
| Writing | 88% | 72% |
| Maths | 86% | 73% |
| Combined | 76% | 61% |
| Grammar | 86% | 72% |
| Children achieving greater depth standard | | |
| | Chestnuts | National (predicted) |
| Reading | 39% | 28% |
| Writing | 41% | 12% |
| Maths | 41% | 23% |
| Combined | 24% | 7% |
| Grammar | 49% | 31% |

Staffing

I am very pleased to confirm that there has been very little staff movement this year. Every one of next year's teachers is already working in the school, reflecting the stability of our exceptional staff.

PSA

This has been the most amazingly successful year for the PSA. There have been so many highlights across the year, with a mix of the old favourites such as the summer and winter fair, quiz nights and Halloween discos, along with the introduction of some new events including an amazing one world evening and a second quiz! Thank you so much to Carly, Beth and Sarah who have expertly steered the helm. I look forward to working with the new team next year.

Enrichment

One of our focuses this year has been the 'co-curricular' side of things. This has really blossomed with amazing art teaching by Ms Hen (as seen in our art exhibition), a residential trip for both years 4 and 6 and taking part in various sports competitions. Watch this space for even more next year!

Thank you for all your support. I am so proud to be the Headteacher of this really special school. Have a lovely summer break.

Mrs Horwood

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23 July Last day of term

Wednesday 4 September - First day of term Years 1-6

Wednesday 4 September meet the teacher 3.45-4.30

Thursday 5 September first day of term nursery

Thursday 5 September provisional Grand opening of the MUGA

Tuesday 17 September Senco drop in 3.30-4.30 (for parents)

Tuesday 1 October Senco drop in 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 11 October BHM Street Dance workshop

Tuesday 15 October Year 6 Warner Bros Studio visit 11am - 4pm (late back to school)

Tuesday 15 October Senco drop in 3.30-4.30

Wednesday 23 October Parents Evening 3.45-5pm

Thursday 24 October Parents Evening 3.45-7.30pm

Friday 25th October—INSET DAY

Nursery

The children have had a lovely time celebrating the end of the Nursery year and dance competition win! We enjoyed some yummy treats, bubbles, balloons and dancing. It has been a pleasure to have all your amazing children in the nursery this year. We will miss all the children that will be moving to reception and look forward to welcoming the children that will return to Nursery in September.

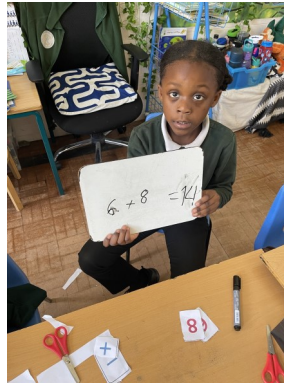
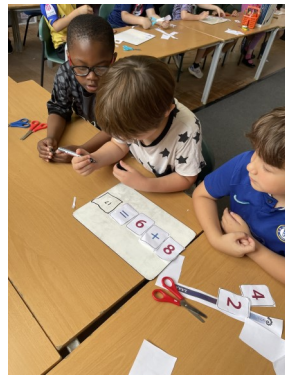
We wish all of our families a wonderful and summer break.



Reception children performed AMAZINGLY in their end of year celebration assembly! We had a lot of fun learning the class dances and songs. We also enjoyed showing parents our fantastic artwork from the year. Thank you to all the families who celebrated with us at the park. As a treat we had rocket lollies to celebrate our amazing performance. We also had a brilliant splash day with our friends in the Reception playground!



Mozart



This week in Mozart Class we have been creating our own math sums with our partners. We have used the skills we have learnt to create different number sentences to build on our addition and subtraction skills.

"I enjoyed making our own number sentences" Juno.

"I like this math activity because I enjoy created larger numbers and taking turns with my partner" Magnus.

"I like this activity because I like that we get to put numbers together to find out the total" Cary.

"I like this activity because it helps me to learn numbers" Vasko.

Thank you Mozart Class for being such an amazing class. You have made my first year of teaching very enjoyable and I will miss you all dearly. Thank you parents, you have all been so supportive on this journey.

Thank you all, I hope you enjoy your summer break.

Mr. Nisbett





Year 1 had a lovely time at Kentish Town City Farm. We were very impressed with how sensible they all were while enjoying our session. They made us proud. We were able to stroke; cows, donkeys and sheep and luckily the weather held out for us and we enjoyed a picnic lunch in Chestnuts Park.

Thank you Hadid Class for being such superstars. I can't wait to see you continue your learning journey at Chestnuts. Keep shining bright x





Seacole Class had a wonderful end to this term! We completed our Bronze Age villages and also enjoyed our end of year trip to Clissold Park. Well done Seacole Class for all of your incredible effort, brilliant enthusiasm and amazing achievements! You have been such a caring, creative and resilient class. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break!



Rashford

During English, Rashford class practiced acting out different scenes from our class book, Mr Majeika. They focussed on using different facial expressions and levels to create effect for the audience. I will miss this class so much!





In their last Science lesson Attenborough class was learning about pol- lination and the different types of seed dispersal. The children had fun acting out the pollination process becoming the flower with anthers / stigma or a bee (pollinator) that carries pollen from one to another. Later on they produced a double spread knowledge organizer about seed dispersal. They combine art and science beautifully.





I simply can't believe this is the last newsletter of the year. I am so sad to be saying goodbye to one of the sweetest, kindest classes I have had the pleasure to teach. I am thrilled we were able to have such a wonderful final trip together at the London Aquarium where we walked over sharks, watched rays blink in the sand and discovered the most magnificent turtles. As you can see, the excitement of the rainforest, coral reefs and polar regions was too much for many and a little nap was needed by quite a few on the way home - always a good idea.



What a fun couple of weeks it has been, and what a talented bunch of children Fibonacci class are!

We attended the launch of their first published fictional book.

They showcased their superb artistry at the art gallery evening.

They took part in a concert at Ally Pally, showing off their cello skills.

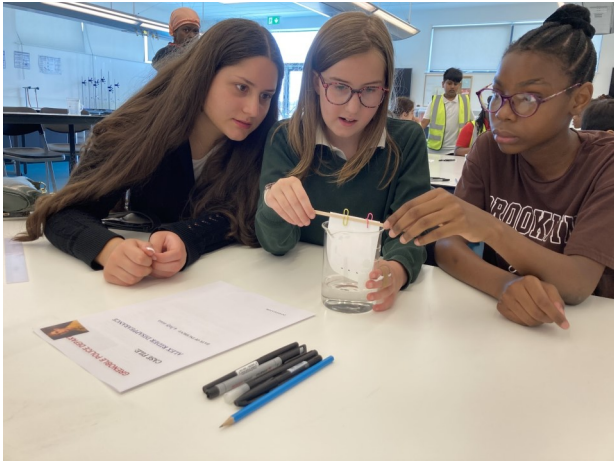
We also enjoyed a fun picnic to celebrate our year at Lordship Rec.

Thank you to all the parents who have come along and made it possible for us to go on these trips.



Pankhurst Class had a taste of being the teacher last week! Some children chose a subject, created a lesson (including worksheets and activities) and presented it to the class. They were excellent and I learnt lots as a student for the day! Unfortunately, as a student, my teachers forbade me to take photos (!) however during these last few days we have been enjoying the new playground equipment and managed to take a group photo on the climbing frame! Pankhurst Class you have been wonderful!





Some pupils from Thompson Class attended the Science Bonanza day at London Academy of Excellence Tottenham. We solved a kidnaping using chromatography, investigated the effects of caffeine on daphnia (common water fleas) and used pendulums to calculate the mass of the Earth! The day finished with a bang from Dr Szydlo's staggering science show.



What an exceptional year coming to a close! It seems only yesterday that both classes walked in to start their Year 6 journey - my how time flies. Now, the end of your Primary experience approaches, and new, exciting adventures await in Secondary.

We have had an action-packed end of year: rehearsing for our production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory; returning from our adventures and independence in Pendarren; and everything culminating in our final performances this week - which went so well.

Furthermore, this cohort has secured the best SATs results Chestnuts Primary has ever seen! Your teachers couldn't be prouder.

We are delighted to have watched you grow and mature throughout the year, and of course we want to hear how well you are all doing in future. Thank you all for making this a year to remember.

Mr. Bloom & Ms. Sulejmanovic



Year 6 Leavers Poem

In the halls of our school, where memories bloom, We've grown and we've learned, in each classroom. Now we're leaving Year 6, with smiles and cheer, With friends we've made, who've been so dear.

Pablo, our chatty star so bright, Always brought joy and sheer delight. **Sharrye**, confident, best friend to all, In every game, she stood tall.

Emily and **Sharrye**, giggly and true, Best friends forever, in all they do. **Diarmaid**, so kind, with a heart of gold, In every story, his kindness is told.

Ethan, eccentric, with ideas so grand, Elan, our Wonka, with a magic hand. **Calvin**, funny, with a joke to share, **Sammy**, kind, always showing care.

Safal, mature, wise beyond his years, Ryan, smiley face, banishing fears. **Maud**, a great listener, always there, **Haider**, hardworking, with talents so rare.

Dash, so smart, with answers at hand, **Nico**, conversing, making a stand. **Ori**, loves to eat, with zest for life, **Luis**, loves football, avoiding strife.

Arya, sweet, with a gentle heart, **Max**, kind, playing his part. **Aron**, calm, bringing peace and ease, **Joseph**, intelligent, aiming to please.

Aubrey, dedicated, giving his all, **Joyce**, amazing, standing tall. **Alyssa**, fun, bringing laughter and play, **Stanley**, sensible, guiding the way.

Walid, happy, spreading delight, **Delilah**, business woman, future so bright. **Cattleya**, sweet and kind, caring each day, **Indi**, moral and kind, showing the way.

Tilly, dramatic and fun, with a spark, **Minnie**, calm and hardworking, making her mark. **Daria**, quiet and wise, with thoughts profound, **Alex**, helpful, always around.

Ata, excellent, striving for the best, **Bodhi**, smart, acing every test. **Zach**, funny and smart, a perfect blend, **Adam**, wonderful, a true friend.

Booker, kind and wise, with gentle advice, **Noah**, quiet and gentle, always nice. **Mimiko**, hilarious but quiet, a joy, **Nuha**, elegant and sassy, full of coy.

Dionne, fantastic, with a glowing light, **Theo**, footballer, playing with might. **Raph**, smart and helpful, lending a hand, **Daniel R**, a good friend, making a stand.

Kevin, kind and supportive, always near, **Kornel**, strong and kind, bringing cheer. **Berdi**, fun and a good friend, so true, **Daniel C**, bright and articulate too.

Afreen, sweet and nurturing, with a gentle touch, Darnell, intelligent, learning so much. **Alexandra**, chatty and hardworking, never slow, **Kayan**, kind and sensitive, with a warm glow.

Ms Sulejmanovic, so proud of us all, **Mr. Bloom**, fun and loves science, standing tall. **Ms. Rock**, who made great cakes with care, **Mr. Stewart**, with Maths, beyond compare.

At Pendarren in Wales, we took a great trip, Building confidence, learning, letting friendships rip. Climbing high mountains, discovering our best, Learning about ourselves, in each thrilling quest.

As we leave Year 6, our hearts are full, With memories cherished, and friendships that pull. To new adventures, we'll bravely go, With the lessons we've learned, and the love we know.

So here's to Year 6, and the times we've shared, For the future is bright, and we are prepared. With a keyword in mind, let's stand tall and proud, Year 6, we've made it, let's shout it loud!

ECO SCHOOL

It has been a wonderful year for the Eco-School Council. The children have shared so many ideas in meetings and with their class. We have been working on our Eco Flag and the final beautiful creation will be shared next term. The application for the Eco-Schools accreditation is nearly ready and we will hear in September if we have done enough to be an 'Eco-School' We're sure we have! As part of our commitment, we all came up with our own Eco-Code which is based on our work and ethos for our School. Here it is!

- E**nvironmentally Friendly
- C**aring for Our World
- O**ff with the Lights!
- S**aving Waste Food from Landfill
- C**reating Habitats for Wildlife
- H**elping our School to be Green
- O**ur School is Always Saving Energy
- O**ld Uniform and Books get Reused
- L**itter Free School



MATHS



30 of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils sat the First Maths Challenge in June this year and we had some wonderful results across both year groups.

We gained 10 Bronze Awards, 7 Silver Awards and 2 Gold Awards which went to Greta (Gandhi Class) and Zoe (Benjamin class). Congratulations to all the children who took part!

Year 5 and 6 get ready for the Primary Maths Challenge in November!

Why not have a go at solving this sample question?

Sally has a wildlife pond in her garden that needs filling with water.

It takes 10 buckets of water to fill the pond.

Water from 5 full milk bottles will fill a bucket.

Sally knows that 4 jugs of water will fill a milk bottle.

How many jugs of water will it take to fill the pond?



A 19

B 20

C 40

D 50

E 200



Chestnuts School Council Meeting

Chestnuts Cheers:

I like Winter Fairs because you get to have fun, play games and try your best. Joshua Year 1

Chestival will be fun doing things and it will help lots of people to have fun. Ayoub Year 5

We went to Park View to perform there . Deniz Year 5

We make lots of things out of our books, so we don't lose the pages a lot. Juno Year 1

I'm glad that we get to go to Pendarren. Adam Year 6

We liked making things in Geography. Zainab Year 2

CHESTNUTS PSA

CHARITY STRUCTURE



CAROLINE CARTER
CO-CHAIR
CHARITY LEAD

- Oversees Charity Strategy
- Yearly Forward Planning
- Sets up termly meetings & AGM
- Works closely with the Head Teacher & Reps
- Deals with funding requests
- Oversees PSA run Enrichment clubs with Allison Beeston
- Manages Sponsorship

Works Closely With:



HEAD TEACHER



CLASS REPS



GRANTS TEAM



TIFFANY SCHELLENBERG
CO-CHAIR EVENTS
LEAD

- Oversees and Executes All Events
- Arranges Volunteers
- Primary PSA contact for "2nd hand" team
- Primary PSA contact for "Treat Fridays"

Works Closely With:



EVENTS TEAM



2ND HAND TEAM (LED BY EMILY DARKO)



TREAT FRIDAY TEAM (LED BY NATALIE HODGSKISS)



CAITLIN CURTIS
TREASURER

- Oversees and Executes All Finances
- Works closely with School Finances Manager

PSA NEWS ROUND-UP

WOW! What a fantastic year it has been! Thanks to the Crowdfunder, our brilliant roster of events, and the Artists Residency, Chestnuts PSA has raised a WHOPPING £72,000 this academic year.

This is a phenomenal amount of money for our school, and it has meant the children have benefitted from a new KS2 playground, theatre trips, a year six residential, a new woodwork room, a choir, enrichment clubs and workshops, new reception bags, and much more. (Please take a look below for the complete list.)



None of this would be possible without our wonderful school community, which donates its time, money, food, and energy to making this all possible. A huge thank you to you all.

Every year, the PSA gives each class an amount to spend (£300). From Sept 2024, this will rise to £800! This covers enrichment and education. If you have suggestions for how this should be spent, speak to your class Rep!

Some new faces will join the PSA on September 24. Carly Sandland, Beth Rae, and Sarah McPhee are stepping down as Chairs and Treasurers. Caz Carter, Tiffany Lister, and Caitlin Curtis will take over. A big welcome and a huge thank you to them for agreeing to run it! There will also be new (and some old!) Class Reps. See below for all the new faces and the PSA charity structure.

PSA NEWS



Clubs - what to expect in Sept 2024!

We have a brand new choir teacher starting in September! James Riley is a local musician and has an ongoing practice as a choir teacher, choir leader and community workshop leader.

He will tailor the repertoire to the kids he teaches, primarily modern music. The sessions will include warm-up games and learning songs.

Places will be offered to children from Year 3 upwards, and the choir will cost the same as other after-school clubs. The club will run on Mondays from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm, and there will be performances every term.

Places will be on a first-come, first-served basis and available to book from the start of the term.

Classes will start on the 9th Sept.

Drama Club, run by Moving Waves, will continue next year. KS1 (Yr 1-3) will be every Wednesday, 3.30-4.30 pm and KS2 (Yr 4-6) will run Friday from 3.30 - 4.30 pm.

All other clubs are to be announced by the school.



Fundraising efforts will continue next year. As well as a whole list of events, the Reception playground (which desperately needs repair!) will be the main focus. We ALWAYS welcome new members as well as ideas for events and fundraising. So please get in touch with your ideas (or anything else) at: chestnutsprimarypsa@gmail.com



Chestnuts PSA

OUR EVENTS:

This past year, the PSA and our incredible parent community, who volunteer their time, have run some fantastic, hugely successful events.

- New Parent welcome events in September
- Treat Friday's
- Two Parent & Staff Quiz Nights
- Haloween Disco
- Winter Week - Our fun-filled lead up to the winter fair
Inc: Parent present room/ Winter bake-off competition / Xmas card post boxes & delivery
- Winter Fair
- One World Night
- Jumble Sale
- Chestival! - Our famous summer fair! (Pics below!)





Chestnuts PSA FINANCIAL NEWS!

So where does the money go?

In addition to the cost of such exciting and popular events, we've invested in a new BBQ and given an extra £5000 towards the Playground Crowdfunder this year.

What about the rest? So far, over **£25,000** has gone towards the school and the pupils!

- KS2 Playground and MUGA
- Theatre Trip to Lion King - Yr 3
- Trip to Aquarium - Yr 3
- Reception Theatre Trip
- New Activity Rug for Reception
- Little Angel Theatre Trip - Yr 2
- Woodwork Room / DT Support and Teacher training - Whole School
- Art Supplies - Paints and Frames - Whole School
- Mural In Playground - All School
- Big Cat Little Wandle Books - KS1
- BBC Immersive Earth - Yr 2
- Sports Equipment - Whole School
- African Storytelling Workshop - The whole school
- Ally Pally Book Competition & Books - Yrs 5&6
- Woodworking Kit - Reception
- Little Red Hen Visit - Reception
- Viking Workshop - Yrs 5&6
- New Bikes - Reception
- Slide - Nursery
- Railway Fields Trip - Reception & Yr 1
- Freighter Farm Trip - Yr 2
- Coach to Pendarren, Yr 6 Residential
- Yr 6 Leavers Hoodies
- Yr 6 leavers Disco
- Activities and Trips for kids not going to Pendarren
- New Rucksack for all new Reception kids
- Choir Teacher Yrs 3-6
- Drama Clubs - Yrs 1-6
- Art Gallery Evening - All school

MEET YOUR CLASS REPS



**TBC - CARLE
NURSERY**



**ALINE PEYRANNE -
DONALDSON (R)**



**GAVIN TALBOT -
AHLBERG (R)**



**DEBBIE VASSILIOU -
HADID (YR 1)**



**LAWRENCE BARKER -
HADID (YR 1)**



**EMILY DARKO -
MOZART (YR 1)**

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MEET YOUR CLASS REPS



**BELLE HUMBLE-
MOZART (YR 1)**



**BEN CLARKE -
SEACOLE (YR 2)**



**NICOLA BELL -
RASHFORD (YR 2)**



**LUKE FULLER -
ATTENBOROUGH (YR 3)**



**CLAUDIA DOMMETT-
NOEHREN
- BENJAMIN (YR 3)**



**VICTORIA WILSON-
BENJAMIN (YR 3)**



**LAURA BRASNETT -
GHANDI (YR 4)**



**MARTIN & FLO LEFRANC
GHANDI (YR 4)**



**NATALIE HODGSKISS & HELEN
JERONIMIDIS - FIBONACCI
(YR 4)**

MEET YOUR CLASS REPS



**CHARLOTTE ANGELL
- PANKHURST (YR 5)**



**JESS SHAH -
THOMPSON (YR 5)**



**JEN FLAVELL-
MALALA (YR 6)**



**CLARE BEASLEY -
MANDELA (YR 6)**

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