



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear families,

What an exciting week it has been in school! We were delighted to welcome Brandon Austin to school to officially open our MUGA on Tuesday. Although the afternoon wasn't quite how we planned it, our children were thrilled to welcome him and asked him some excellent questions such as 'What have you had to sacrifice to be a footballer?'. Thank you again to the PSA for the amazing fundraising effort for all the children in the school. The full article on the Tottenham website can be found here: <https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/news/2024/september/brandon-austin-opens-new-sports-facility-following-local-school-s-fundraising-efforts/>

Our year 3/4 football teams were inspired by this visit and took part in their first tournament of the year!

I have been asked by parents to clarify communication roles in the school. For general school enquiries, please speak to Justine in the school office or email her on office@chestnutsprimary.com. For queries around financial matters or club bookings, please speak to Katharine or email her on admin@chestnutsprimary.com. James, who previously managed some of these matters, is now our school business manager and has limited time to spend on these things.

I hope this clarifies some questions and wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 3 October Yr 2 Trip to Highgate Woods

Thursday 3 October Clay Workshop 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 10 October Yr 2 Trip to Highgate Woods

Friday 11 October Yr 6 Mandela Class Assembly

Tuesday 15 October Yr 6 Trip to Warner Bros Studio (late back)

Thursday 17 October Skateboarding Workshop 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 18 October PSA quiz 7-11pm

Monday 21 October School Individual Photographs (in the library)

Wednesday 23 October Parents Evening 3.45-5pm

Thursday 24th October Parents Evening 3.45—7.15pm

Thursday 24 October Last day of first half of Autumn Term

Thursday 24 October Year 2 Trip to Wigmore

Friday 25 October School is closed to pupils for the day(**INSET DAY**)

Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November Half Term Holiday

Monday 4 November First day of second half of Autumn Term

Thursday 7 November Year 1 Trip to theatre 'Dogs Don't Do Ballet'

Monday 11 November Year 6 Science Museum Trip

Friday 15 November Year 4 Fibonacci Class assembly

Friday 18 November Whole School Flu Immunizations

Friday 29 November Reception classes Trips to Wood Green Library (Donaldson AM, Ahlberg PM)

Nursery

The children have been completing their self portraits this week, our display looks amazing. Well done nursery!



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

This week Reception went swimming for the first time! They learnt how to hold on to the bar, how to use their floats and how to get in and out of the pool safely. Everyone had a go at kicking their legs in the water and blowing bubbles. We had a lot of fun! Children need to continue to work on getting undressed and dressed independently at home.



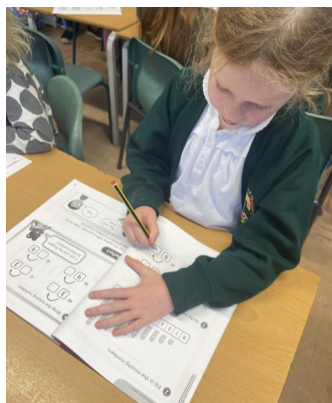
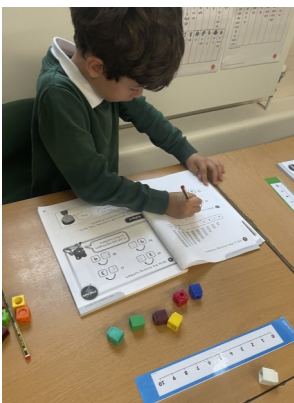
Donaldson

This week the new children have continued to settle well into Reception. We have been doing self-portraits this week, looking at ourselves in a mirror and painting our features. The results have been brilliant! We are going to proudly display them in our classroom.



Mozart

This week in Mozart class, we've been deepening our understanding of numbers from 0 to 10. We enjoyed using our math resources to explore the concept of 'one more' and are slowly grasping 'one less.'
We love math!"



Hadid

In art this week, Hadid class have been learning about the three primary colours. In our sketchbooks, the children have been mixing the primary colours to see what new colours they can create, while learning about secondary colours. It was a lot of fun!



Seacole

Rashford

This week Year 2 have created their own alternative endings to the story of Mr Wolf's Pancakes. Here they have drawn story maps to support them when writing their stories later in the week. The children annotated their story maps using adjectives and expanded noun phrases.



Attenbough

Benjamin

Year 3 started their English unit with 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. The children absolutely loved getting messy and recreating Mr Twits disgusting beard. The children used- baked beans, spaghetti, cornflakes and more. YUKKKK!



Fibonacci

This term, in Science, Fibonacci Class are learning about states of matter. This week we carried out an investigation on how solids change to liquids and the melting points of different foods (such as butter, cheese, milk chocolate, white chocolate and dark chocolate). We made predictions about the melting points of different foods and measured these using a thermometer.



Gandhi

The class have been learning all about children's rights in PSHE. Here they are holding up posters which show 42 of the rights the United Nations guarantees them. We talked about a few, but concentrated on two articles, 12 and 28. The first says there should be respect for children's views and the next says that there should be access to education. It led to an interesting discussion as to how everyone in class could make sure their voice is heard around school.



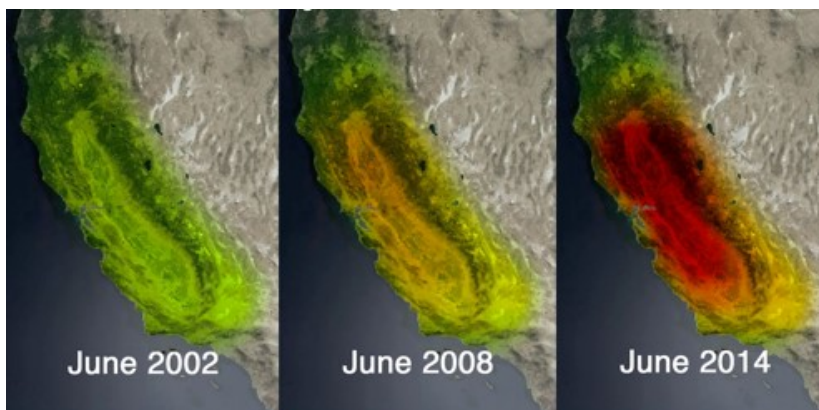
Pankhurst

This week, Year 5 have been learning about California's climate and the impact of climate change on the water that is stored underground.

California uses water from reservoirs and underground for irrigation- we had an interesting discussion around the impact of climate change and the use of water in California.

In the picture- the greener the map, the more water.

Red means it is drying out.



Thompson

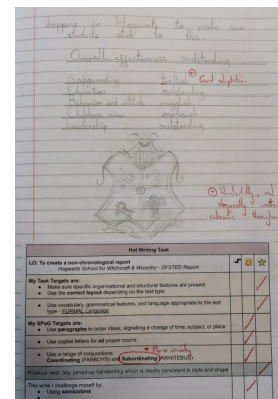
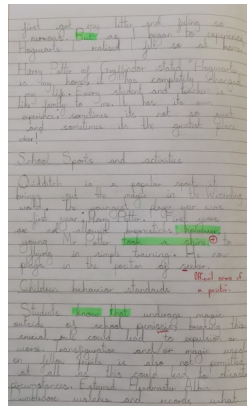
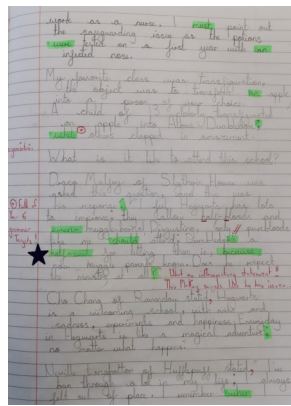
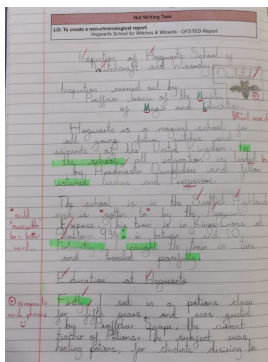
OWLSTED® recently visited Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry for an impromptu inspection of the school - to the delight of its staff...

Aspects that were inspected included the Quality of Education taught at the school; Behaviour and Attitudes of teachers and students, goblins and ghouls, even the platitudes of the resident ghosts... Just don't mention Health & Safety! Curses? Wizarding Duels? Visits to the Forbidden Forest? We saw it all!

With brooms at the ready, inspectors zoomed around the school observing, interviewing, and grading as they saw fit. Let's just say the Potions Lessons require some improvement: Trollish - with aspects of Mugglish - is not what any professor desires in their observation feedback!

We are so proud of our children's Owlstanding efforts! We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did.

Scripto Praestanter



Football Tournament



Y5 and Y6 Boys played in a tournament at New River on 26.9.24.

The team placed 7 out of 10 teams. We played very well and had a very good tournament.

A massive shout out to Anthony (Archie's dad) and Danny (Jacks dad) .





Miss Ellis is forever grateful for the help!



Chestnuts Chronicle

This year in conjunction with School Council, The Chestnuts Podcast and Film Club we will be taking over two pages of the Chestnuts Newsletter to bring you news, events and reviews that are important to Chestnutters!

Meet the reporters

			
<p><u>Eli Age 9</u></p>	<p><u>Molly, age 9</u></p>	<p><u>Ada, Age 9</u></p>	<p><u>Olive, Age 9</u></p>
<p>I am good for this role because I am chatty and I can't listen to anyone else and I have a passion for writing a newspaper.</p> <p>I am interested in writing comedy, drama and murder mystery (but only when there is blood).</p> <p>My hobbies and interests are knitting , sewing , dancing ,singing and acting.</p> <p>100% it is very important for me to uncover the truth because if I can uncover the truth because people will be able to trust me and be able to count on me.</p>	<p>I'm good for the role because I'm very chatty so if anyone talks to me about something interesting and they are fine to share it, I can write it down in the Chestnut Chronicle.</p> <p>I'm interested in stories that other children want to read.Also stories other children might know about others' lives.</p> <p>My hobbies and interests are: singing,dancing,cooking,acting and swimming.</p> <p>I think it's important to tell and report the truth because everyone is trusting you not to lie so if you do not tell the truth everyone will believe your lie.</p>	<p>I am good for the job of being a news reporter for the Chestnuts Newspaper because I am good at writing and I want to.</p> <p>I am interested in stories about murder (of all beings), crime and exciting stuff.</p> <p>I play the cello and I like swimming, acting and drawing tiny stick people.</p> <p>Finding and reporting the truth is quite important and fun.</p>	<p>I'll be a great reporter for the Chestnuts Chronicle because I love typing and I am really good at it. Also I am really chatty so all the good info will always get to me.</p> <p>The kinds of stories I like are murder crime because I like how that crime and murder and sad stories are dramatic and I love drama and acting (obvs).</p> <p>My hobbies and interests are gymnastics, computing, acting and horror books and films and drama.</p> <p>Finding the truth when reporting is very important because if you lie then a big rumor could go around and people could actually believe that the lie is true.</p>



Clio, Age 9



Dominik, Age 9



Greta, Age 9



Ms West, Age 38

I am good for the role of a Chestnuts Chronicle reporter because I love computing, especially typing. I am also a really good listener and I have to admit I do chat a lot.

I would love to write about all sorts of things like football or MURDER. I am also interested in stories other children might know about other lives.

My hobbies could be dancing, romance movies, saxophone and I love barbies so much!

The truth in reporting I think is extremely important!!

The thing that makes me great for the role as a Chestnuts Chronicle reporter is I can type fast and I can be a bit noseey.

I am interested in writing crime stories.

My interest is in computing and coding
And my hobby is: sometimes (Not always) playing football.

It is important to not lie because if you lie then everyone will believe it then that is bad

I am a good reporter because I am very chatty but I always listen and always remember what someone has said. I absolutely never interrupt people when they are talking.

I am interested in fiction and war stories. I also love mysteries because I like figuring out what is going on.

My hobbies are:
knitting,dancing, writing [especially when it's in competition] and playing football.

I am interested in being a news reporter because it is interesting to know what is happening in school and maybe one day I might be able to find out what's happening in the world outside of school.

I think reporting the truth is important because if you tell a lie the lie keeps growing and growing until you can't stop it.

Ms West has been the assistant head at Chestnuts Primary for 5 years.

She leads well-being (including school council with Ms Watson), safeguarding, English, inclusion and diversity and attendance. Being involved in many elements of the school puts her in a good position to support the reporters in sniffing out the news that matters!

Chestnuts School Council

Chestnuts Cheers:

Eesa, Year 3: *I earned a dojo for being helpful and handing out the books. And my teacher said that I can colour the flags book and now I've learned all 197 flags of the world!*

Soleevan, Year 5: *We've been doing lots of fun lessons and lots of drawings.*
Shania, Year 6: *I am happy that we had the football player come to our school.*

Vic, Year 6: *We are going to Harry Potter World.*

Anoushka, Year 3: *My class really likes hard English.*



REMINDER

A reminder that, as we are a nut free school, alternatives to dairy milk should also be nut free. For the avoidance of doubt, oat/rice/soya/coconut milks are fine.

Attendance

If your child is absent please could you call or leave a voicemail on the school office number **02088002362** or
email Office@chestnutsprimary.com

Free family singing event in Tottenham WITH LONDON YOUTH CHOIRS!

Always singing? Never sung in a choir before but want to try something new? Would you like to have fun together as a family during the half term holiday? Everyone is welcome to LYC's Family Come & Sing event in Tottenham on Thursday 31st October from 10.30am-12.00pm at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre. Free refreshments will be provided.

Please SIGN UP at the LYC website:

<https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com/free-family-come-sing-day-in-tottenham-october-2024/>

The LYC team is looking forward to welcoming you!

Eco - School

This week the new Eco-School Committee met and it has been brilliant to see so much enthusiasm and hear so many new ideas about what we can do to make our school even greener. Watch this space!



BUILDING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN



**A 6-week parent workshop
hosted by Trailblazers!**



The Trailblazers are a Mental Health Support Team working with Haringey Schools to support the emotional wellbeing of children. The Trailblazers are trained in evidence-based approaches for a range of wellbeing concerns including

What will be covered:

- The importance of play.
- Learning through praise and rewards.
- Supporting your child to understand and regulate feelings.
- Empathetic boundary setting.
- Space for questions and troubleshooting.

"Felt like a really safe space - really appreciated all the help and guidance."

"Just delighted with it so lucky to have this"

(Parent workshop feedback, May 2023)

**BOOK A PLACE BY
EMAILING:**

senco@chestnutsprimary.com



WHEN & WHERE?

9am - 10am @ Chestnuts Primary School
Friday 20th September - 25th October 2024



PSA NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH

**"TREE OF CHANGE"
ART INSTALLATION**
MONDAY OCTOBER 23RD

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SALE
OCTOBER 18TH & 24TH

TREAT FRIDAY EVERY WEEK

**AFTER SCHOOL
ARTIST RESIDENCIES** ON NOW

FUNDRAISING IDEAS
ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS
MATCH FUNDING BY EMPLOYERS

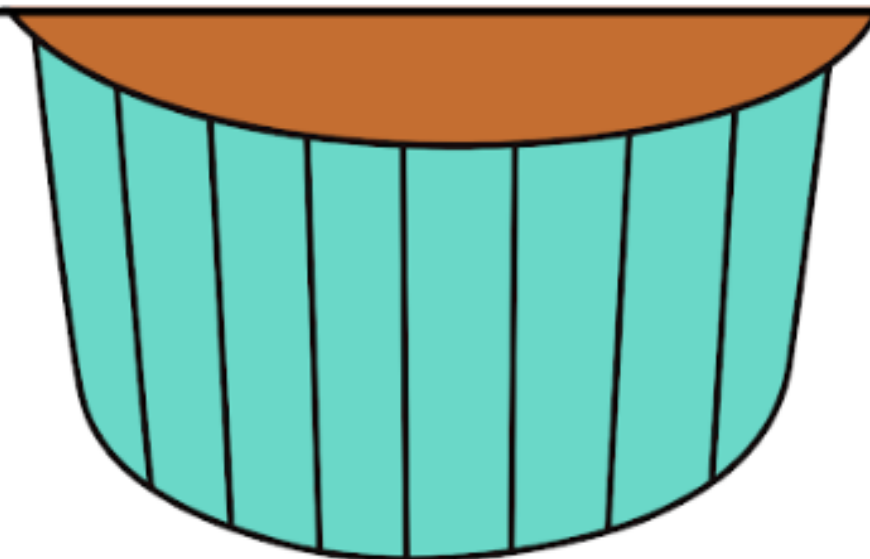
GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PSA



TREAT FRIDAY

EVERY WEEK, 3.15

All proceeds to go to the PSA.
Contact your class rep to volunteer



CHESTNUTS PSA QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 7.30PM



Make a team of parents,
staff and friends.
Bar and snacks available.
Tickets £10. On sale soon.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME SALE

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH
THURSDAY OCTOBER 24TH



**Donate unwanted fancy dress
costumes during October.**

**The PSA will re-sell them at
Treat Friday and Treat Thursday
before half term.**



TREE OF CHANGE

MONDAY OCTOBER 21ST



Pupils will use coins to
create a beautiful art installation.

PLEASE BRING SPARE CHANGE FROM HOME

Afterwards cash will be donated to the PSA.





Skateboarding Workshop

13th Sep
17th Oct

3:30-4:30pm
10 places per workshop

Book via parentpay
For all ages

CLAY PLAY

Thursday 26th September

Make your own,
personalised

Tic tac toe game out of clay!

&

Thursday 24th October

Paint and decorate your creation!

£14 x2 workshops

Book via Parentpay

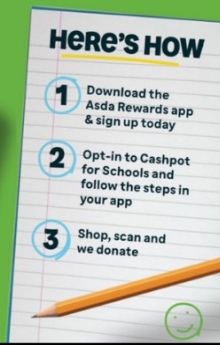


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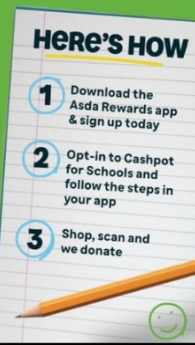


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SHOP AT ASDA TO RAISE MONEY

ASDA IS MAKING MILLIONS OF
POUNDS AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS DOWNLOAD
THE ASDA REWARDS APP,
CHOOSE CHESTNUTS SCHOOL
AND SHOP
BEFORE NOVEMBER 30TH

COULD YOUR EMPLOYER HELP US TO FUNDRAISE?

Many companies offer matched fund schemes where employers match money raised by a charity.

Chestnuts PSA is a registered charity so we can raise money this way.



Could your company match the time you volunteer at the Christmas fair?
Or even all the money we make?!

Even if your employer is not on this list it is still worth contacting HR to discuss it.

For more information ask the PSA.

YOUR PSA NEEDS YOU

The Chestnuts Parent School Association (**PSA**) is a charity run by **parents** and **staff** who **volunteer** their time to **raise money** to be spent on **your children**.

Last year the PSA raised **£72,000**. It was spent on the MUGA, school trips and equipment. It was a huge **team effort**.

School budgets are very tight. This year the PSA needs to raise **lots more money**.

We also want to strengthen our **school community** by including more of **you** in the PSA.

All parents and staff are members of the PSA.

Chairs, the treasurer, class reps, the events team, the grants team, staff and others work on the PSA **all year round**.

Other parents and staff organise specific events. **Many more** volunteer to bake or run stalls at the fairs.

All participation is gratefully received.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

PSA JOBS

We are currently looking to fill these roles



CO-CHAIR(S)



Organise the PSA, liaise with the school and run meetings.
Organise fundraising, sponsorship and social events.
Substantial year-round role. No experience necessary!



EVENTS TEAM

Make events more fun, more profitable
and more inclusive by helping to organise them.
Generate fundraising ideas. Set up events.

TREAT FRIDAY LEAD



Manage the Treat Friday rota and Classlist group.
Be the main contact for weekly volunteers.



FOOD LEAD

Help plan, buy, cook and serve tasty
and profitable meals at school events. Could cook
yourself or organise other volunteers to do so.
A critical but occasional job.

MARKETING / DESIGN TEAM

Promote PSA events inside and outside the school.
Design engaging fundraising material using Canva.

CLASS REPS

Share news about PSA and school events
via Classlist and WhatsApp.



COMMUNITY REPS

A **new role** similar to class reps.

Make sure that your PSA
represents all families at Chestnuts.
Share PSA information with your communities.
Translate messages into other languages.
Encourage all families to attend school events
and help to organise new ones.

OTHER IDEAS WELCOME

Have an idea for the PSA? Tell us about it.



APPLY NOW!!

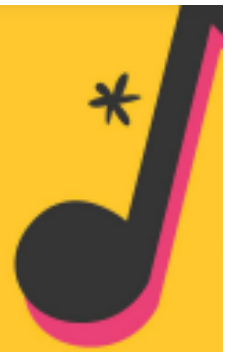
Find Caz Carter (the chair)
in the playground, on Classlist or on email
ChestnutsPrimaryPSA@gmail.com

YOUR PSA NEEDS YOU



**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.*

