



# Chestnuts Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Families,

It's been another busy fortnight at Chestnuts with a lot happening! Our first school trip of the year has taken place to Highgate Woods and we look forward to more trips in the coming weeks.

We have had a real deep dive into Black History month this week, learning how to speak Patois and Yoruba, learning about the History of Reggae, drama workshops and playing steel pans. This will continue over the next 2 weeks, learning about Kente cloth and african storytelling amongst other things.

**Please bring a dish from your culture and your child can wear traditional clothing on 23rd October.**

We were also over the moon to launch Enrichment Fridays. These are opportunities for the children to learn something that is not in our broad and robust curriculum. Children had an hour learning things such as Yoga, weaving, DT (in our new DT room!), music technology, dance and jewellery making. It was a delight to walk around the school and see these in action. We look forward to developing this over the year and including teaching from parents in these sessions.

Alongside this we are so grateful to the PSA for the amazing artist residency. Next half terms sessions are now available to **book via classlist**.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood



**Be Safe**  
**Be Engaged**  
**Be Respectful**  
**Be Ready**

# Dates for your Diary

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

**Thursday 17 October** Skateboarding Workshop 3.30-4.30pm

**Thursday 17th October** - Y4 Trip to London Eye

**Friday 18th October** - Book Author visiting school ( Ben Rothery)

**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

## Trailblazers Workshop

- **Session 3-** 11/10
- **Session 4-** 18/10
- **Session 5-** 8/11
- **Session 5 -** 15/11

**Thursday 24 October** Year 2 Trip to Wingmore

**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 trip Science Museum

**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 making their own owl baby using playdough and other resources such as feathers!



# What we have done this week

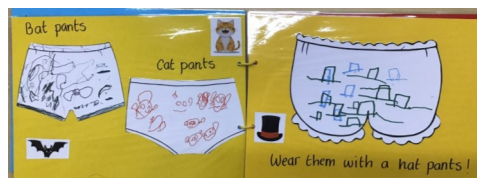
**Ahlberg**

Reception has been working on building their friendships and working on their collaborative play skills. They have been making a range of things including roads, houses, castles and trucks!



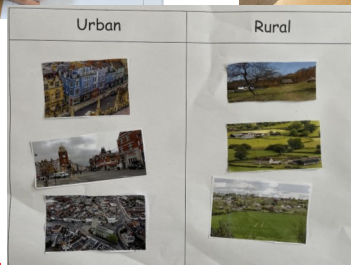
**Donaldson**

This week in Reception has been all about rhyme. We had our first visitor behind our story door, the boy from the Nick Sharatt book, 'Pants'. He had a special request for us, to think and make him some more rhyming pants! We set to work and found lots of rhymes and created our first class books. We are looking forward to reading them in class and they will take pride of place in our book corner!



**Mozart**

This week in geography, we began exploring the key differences between urban and rural areas. We identified that rural areas typically have more trees and fields, while urban areas are characterized by a higher concentration of buildings and roads.



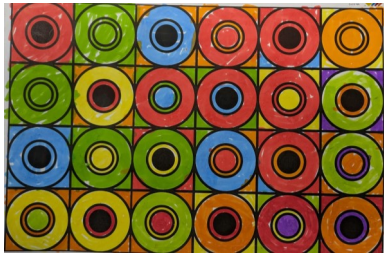
**Hadid**

This week, as part of our Black History Month celebrations, we held a drama workshop where the children explored what it might have been like to travel aboard the HMT Empire Windrush. They acted out scenes from the poem Windrush Child, bringing history to life through performance.



## Seacole

Year 2 have been learning about primary and secondary colours in art this term. We coloured in concentric circles making sure to keep the primary colours together and the secondary colours together. The result creates a funky pattern that almost hurts our eyes!



## Rashford

Year 2 constructed bridges using a range of different resources. They made predictions about which materials would be the strongest and then put their predictions to the test. They used materials such as cling film, tin foil, cardboard, paper, and wood.



## Attenborough

Attenborough and Benjamin Class took part in a fantastic drama workshop as part of Black History Month. We learned about the voyage of the Jamaican immigrants on the HMT Windrush and imagined what it might have been like to say goodbye to a Caribbean island, travel for 4 weeks and arrive in a new, cold and rainy land!



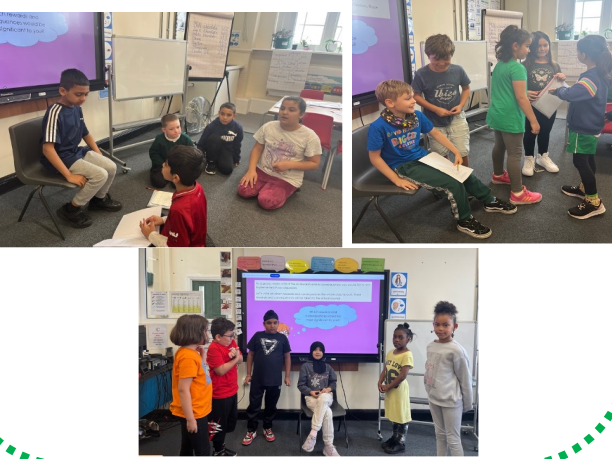
## Benjamin

Benjamin Class took part in a fantastic drama workshop as part of Black History Month. We learned about the voyage of the Jamaican immigrants on the HMT Windrush and imagined what it might have been like to say goodbye to a Caribbean island, travel for 4 weeks and arrive in a new, cold and rainy land!



## Fibonacci

This week, in PSHE, Fibonacci class have been learning to understand how our actions affect ourselves and others. In groups, we have acted out different scenarios, and discussed how every action has a consequence. We explored the idea that we should care about other people's feelings and try to empathise with them. We also discussed how each scenario could have rewards or consequences, and how this might affect the choices and decisions we make.



## Gandhi

During English this week the children took part in freeze frames for the class text Coraline. It gave them a chance to demonstrate that they fully understood the various emotions the main character is going through as she travels through the parallel world. They performed confusion, fear and outrage beautifully. It was a fun and expressive morning.



## Pankhurst

In Year 5, we have been studying Earth and Space and 'The City of Baghdad'. We are so overwhelmed with the efforts that the children and the parents have made with their home projects. Please have a look below at our gorgeous projects.

## Thompson



Mandela

Malala



# Art Classes



The children in Pankhurst class , year 5, have enjoyed practicing using the watercolours in preparation for their final project inspired by the weather. They have been looking at the work of Turner, Hockney and Hokusai.



# Chestnuts School Council

## Chestnuts Cheers:

**Matilda, Year 3:** Everyone in my class really likes Art.

**Anoushka, Year 3:** Everyone in my class really enjoys History.

**Soleevan, Year 5:** My class has enjoyed doing Art and P.E. this week.

**Willa, Year 4:** Our school has a library.

**Amberly, Year 4:** Our class always asks for 5 or 10 minutes (more) when we've done work that we really enjoy.

**Year 6:** We are glad that (our) voices are heard; all teachers are kind and understanding; we are grateful that we have a park right next to our school; we like learning English; we are happy that our school is an Eco School; we are happy that we learn about Black history, we are happy about our class assembly coming up. Mr. Bloom is grateful for articles 12 and 13 in the Rights Respecting School (RSS) charter ('Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.' and 'Children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people.' respectively.), and we cannot wait to go to Harry Potter World.



## Drumming classes available!



This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore rhythm and boost their confidence through music. Sign up to give your child a fun and enriching experience.

<https://new.haringey.gov.uk/schools-learning/haringey-music-service/book-music-instrument-singing-lessons>

## 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**



# Football Tournament



Y5 and Y6 Girls played in a tournament at St Thomas More School on 27.9.24.

The team played very well, They came 2nd in the groups and made it to the semi finals but unfortunately lost on penalties.

This is the first time Chestnuts have gotten to the "knock out" stages.

Thank you very much to Mr Joe and Lola (Nylah's Mum)



## Eco - School



It's official! We are an Eco-School and have the flag to prove it! The award is a sign that our young people and school are making great efforts to support the health of our planet. I gathered some shining stars from past Eco-School committees that have helped our school to achieve this award. Now where do we put it?!





Thank you to the PSA for the yoga mats



For more information about activities available in Haringey this October half term holiday please go to: [haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun](https://haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun)

Make your **school holidays** unforgettable  
October 2024

Join us for fun activities and make new friends.

Visit [haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun](https://haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun) to find the perfect activity for you!

Don't miss out - your adventure starts here!

**Haringey**  
LONDON

# 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](mailto:senco@chestnutsprimary.com)



## WHEN & WHERE?

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



# PSA JOBS

**We have two new co-chairs, a Treat Friday lead and new members of the events and grants teams.**

**But we still need to fill these roles:**

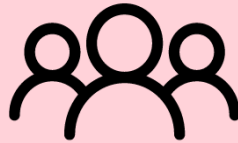


## **FOOD LEAD**

Help plan, buy, cook and serve tasty and profitable meals at school events.

## **MARKETING / DESIGN TEAM**

Promote PSA events inside and outside the school.



## **COMMUNITY REPS**

Encourage all families to attend school events.

Help to organise inclusive new ones.

Share PSA news with your communities.

Translate messages into other languages.

## **OTHER IDEAS WELCOME**

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

## **APPLY NOW!!**

Find Caz Carter (co-chair)  
in the playground, on Classlist or on email  
[ChestnutsPrimaryPSA@gmail.com](mailto:ChestnutsPrimaryPSA@gmail.com)

# MEET THE PSA

## PLAN THE WINTER FAIR

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16TH

3.30pm

Chestnuts Park / cafe  
&

8pm

The Palm, Philip Lane

ALL WELCOME

Two chances to meet the  
new PSA and help plan  
the biggest fundraiser  
of 2024





# 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.**



# 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.

# 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.



# TREE OF CHANGE

**MONDAY OCTOBER 21ST**

Please send your children to school  
with a bag of spare change  
(1p, 2p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2 coins)

The children will lay the coins down  
to create a beautiful piece of land art  
designed by a local artist.

Our chestnut tree mural will grow more  
branches and roots as more children  
contribute their collections.

After the work has been admired,  
the cash will be counted  
and donated to school.





UPLIFTING PARTY TUNES  
raising money for the PSA

# HOOPDANCE

Mondays in term time 4.45-5.30pm

Chestnuts Primary School

La Rose Lane, N15 3AS

hoops provided

hulahooping tips & tricks by Katharine

**Adults £5**

**this class is NOT for children**

**free for staff members**

**buy tickets in advance on Classlist or pay  
at the class by card**

# Sunlight Sound

with Belle



**AN INTERACTIVE, MUSICAL JOURNEY  
THROUGH THE FOUR SEASONS IN ONE HOUR**

-  **SPRING** - lively dance and expressive movement
-  **SUMMER** - connecting to our voices in song & improvisation
-  **AUTUMN** - sharing our thoughts and feelings in circle time
-  **WINTER** - calming music, and soothing guided visualisation

**THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER**

**3:30 -4:30**

**£7 - BOOK VIA CLASSLIST**

**ALL YEARS WELCOME**

**RECEPTION CHILDREN TO BE JOINED BY AN ADULT**



## 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



# CHESTNUTS WINTER FAIR



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH**  
**11AM-4PM**