



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to Black History Month with the children discussing what it means to be "proud" and composing letters to the government around the repatriation of stolen artefacts. Today some of the children came in wearing their traditional clothes- they were beautiful and the children were able to talk about their clothes with pride. It went so well that we have decided to do it all again next Friday so please share your heritage with us again next week.

On a completely different note, please can I ask that you take your children promptly off the school site at the end of the day. The gates are left open because of private swimming lessons going on in the pool. We are very lucky to be opposite a park so please take your children there if they need to let off steam. Remember we are still operating as a building site.

To save time on your child's PE day please can the children come to school in suitable clothing ready for their PE lesson. This will save time and the children will be ready to start immediately.

Finally, please be aware this is a nut free school as we have children with serious allergies. Three pupils came in with peanuts in their packed lunch boxes today. Luckily the nuts were removed before they could do any harm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend,

Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th October 9am

PSA Coffee Morning at school

Wednesday 13th October 9.30am

Reading Coffee Morning

Thursday 14th October 7pm

Drinks with the PSA at the Salisbury

Thursday October 21st

Flu Vaccinations Reception up to Y6

Thursday November 4th

Individual School Photographs

Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th November

Parents Evenings

October Play Scheme

If you would like to book a place on the October Holiday Play Scheme please fill in the form on the website (or pop into the office and collect a hard copy) and return it to the office

SAVE THE DATE:

E safety talk for Parents

10th of November at 3.45pm in school.

The sessions will be run by Laura Christie.

ONLINE talk at 7:30pm the same day via Zoom.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club stops serving food at 8.30am—please make sure you get your children to school in time to have something to eat.

Nursery

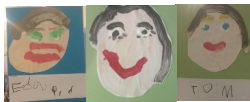
We found some footprints! Some children thought it was a dinosaur or a monster but we couldn't tell which! . The next day, we received a letter from Mary Anning saying that she is looking for some dinosaurs and she needed our help! The children decided to join her and we started our dinosaur adventure learning about them and about palaeontologists.



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

This week we finished painting our self portraits and put them all up in a lovely display in our classroom.



Donaldson

We have a special pig in our garden. It's Roly the Compost Pig! He loves to eat all of our fruit waste. We take it in turns to feed him the fruit waste at the end of the day. We talk about what happens to it and how we can use compost in the garden.



Mozart

We have been doing science experiments, and looking at the physical properties of different objects.

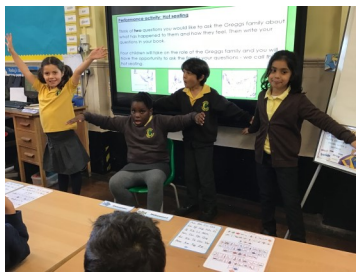
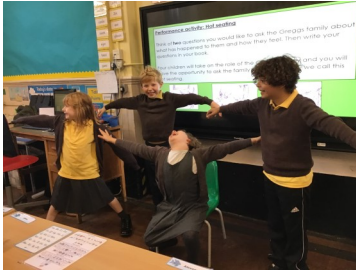
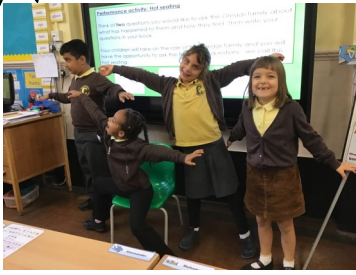


Hadid

We have been reading *The Tiger who Came to Tea* and we have made our own props.



Seacole



This week we hot-seated characters from 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl in our Reading lesson. We enjoyed asking the characters questions and performed parts of the story with the class.

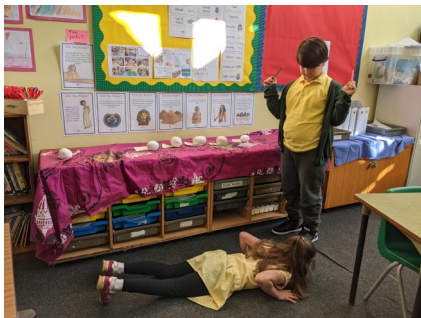
Bolt

In geography we have been learning about collecting data, we carried out a traffic survey to see which type of vehicle do we see most often outside of our school. The children really enjoyed this activity and collected a huge amount of data for us to analyse.



Dahl

We have reading 'The Iron Man' and acting out scenes from the story in pairs. Can you guess which characters we are? What could be happening here?



Attenborough

In PSHE we have been learning to work as a team to create a new ball game. We had to think about how to cooperate, think about group dynamics and over come any challenges we had.



Fibonacci

This week we have been preparing for our first narrative writing task of the year.

The theme of our narrative is sci-fi, and we have been using the work of Shaun Tan to inspire us.



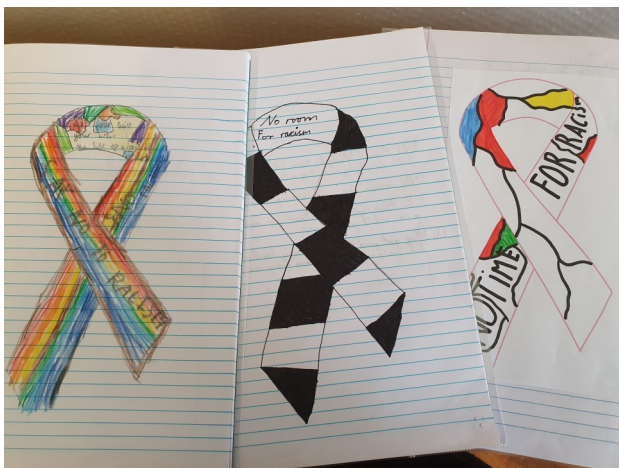
Gandhi

We enjoyed a Black History lesson all about music over the past 100 years. We really enjoyed listening, singing and dancing to a wide range of talent from Bessie Smith, Little Richard, Jimi Hendrix through to Bob Marley, Kanye West and Beyonce. We spoke about the type of music they played and the subject matter they covered as well the impact they have had on our culture. We had a great lesson.



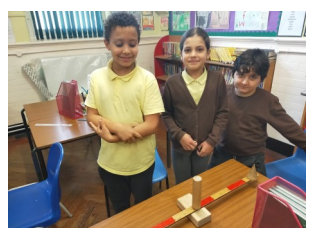
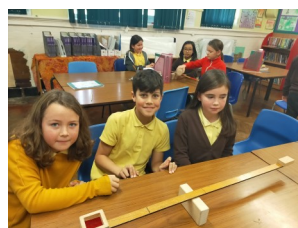
Thompson

In PSHE the children designed their own unique ribbons to show that racism is not to be tolerated.



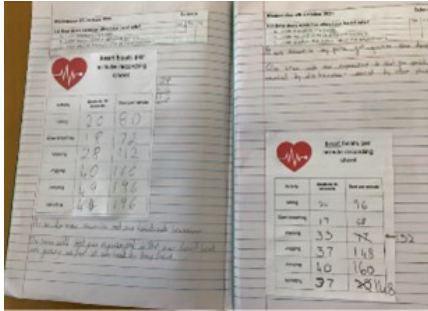
Pankhurst

In Science, we have been investigating levers. We looked at how changing the position of the pivot means you can lift heavier loads.



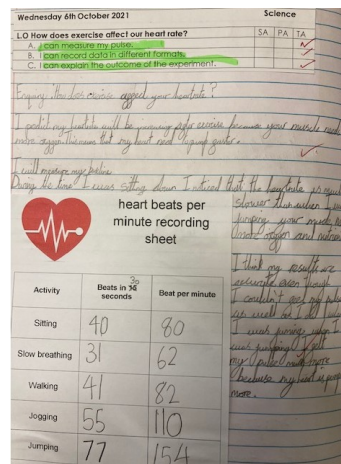
Melala

We have been investigating how exercise affects our heart rate by finding our pulse and measuring beats per minute after various activities.

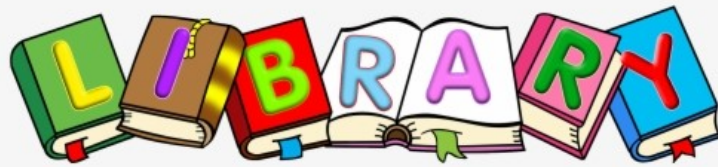


Mandela

We conducted an experiment to find out how exercise affects our heart rate. We predicted the outcome and analysed it before writing a conclusion.



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Zone

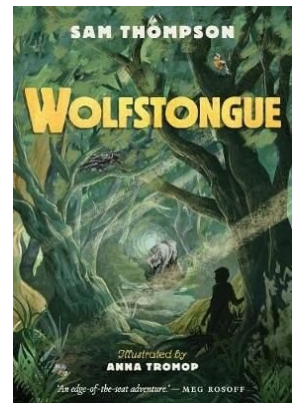
Libraries Week
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This week is national Libraries Week. Why not take your child to a public library one evening or weekend?

All children can join a library - an adult needs to go with them to fill out the joining form, taking a bill as proof of address.

St Ann's and Marcus Garvey are among the Haringey libraries children's library cards can be used at.

I am currently reading:



What are you reading?

Ms Efthymiou, librarian@chestnutsprimary.com @ChestnutsLib



Art Classes



In Art we have been looking at contrasting and complementary colours. The children used their created bold optical illusions!

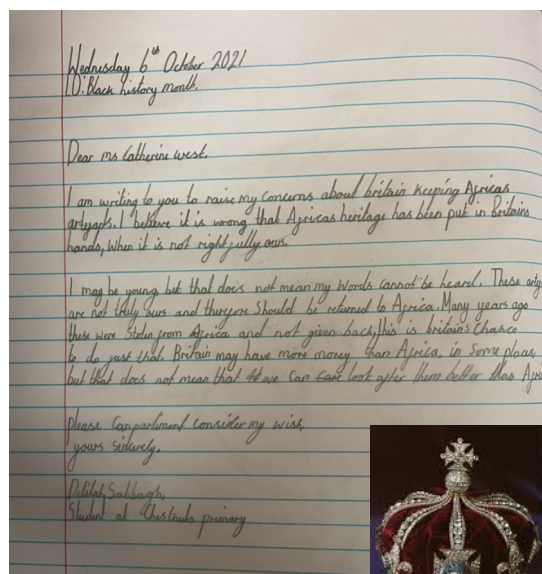
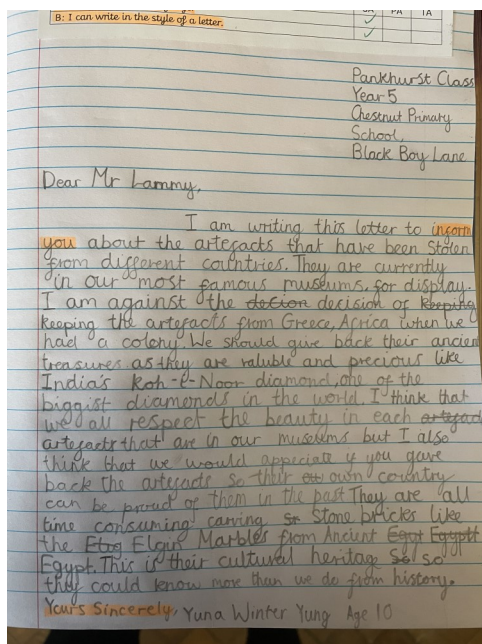
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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

This week the children have enjoyed lots of different discussions and lessons for Black History Month.

The children were particularly passionate about returning stolen artefacts to countries of origin.

Year 4 want their voices heard and Year 5 want the Kohinoor diamond (from the Queen of England's crown) to be returned. Great work everyone!



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Today was hair and cultural clothing appreciation day!

Some of the children came in wearing their traditional clothes- they were beautiful! It was so nice to hear about clothes from Pakistan, Morocco, Somalia, Sudan, Ireland and Scotland to name a few.

The children were able to talk about their clothes with pride and it was so nice to see. Some of the children wore football kits and got creative - it's not every day you see a kiwi on a straw hat!

Well done everyone- some of the children have asked to do this day again next Friday (15th October) so we are doing it again! I can't wait!

