



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear families,

I can't believe we have already had 2 weeks back this half term. This is the busiest term we have, so make sure you are aware of what's coming up!

I can't wait for the winter fair on 8th December, please volunteer if you can as we rely on your kind donations of time and goods!

If you drop your children to school in a car, please be mindful of where you are parking. We have had a number of near misses with children recently due to parents stopping on the double yellow lines. Please do not stop there.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th November—Whole School Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 19th November—Clay play Workshop 3.30– 4.30

Wednesday 20th November - Y5 Anglo Saxon Workshop

Friday 29th November—Reception classes trip to Wood Green Library (**Donaldson AM & Ahlberg PM**)

Y3 Old Vic Production:

- Tuesday 3rd December **1.30pm-2.30pm**
- Wednesday 4th December **4pm-5pm**

Wednesday 4th December - Non - uniform Day

Thursday 5th December Y3 Trip to the British Museum

Friday 6th December—Skateboarding Workshop 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 6th December - Chestnuts Bake off competition

Monday 9th December—Choir Concert (for parents)

Tuesday 10th December -Clay play Workshop 3.30pm—4.30pm

Sunday 8th December - Winter Fair

12pm –4pm

Early Years Nativity

- Tuesday 10th December **9.30am—10.30am**
- Wednesday 11th December **1.30pm—2.30pm**

Wednesday 11th December—Christmas lunch

KS1 Christmas Production

- Monday 16th December **2pm - 3pm**
- Tuesday 17th December **9.15am – 10.15am**

Tuesday 17th December—Rocksteady Christmas Show

Friday 20th December—Last day of Term (1.30pm finish)

Monday 6 January 2025 - INSET DAY

Nursery

The children have had an amazing time with the chicken shed performers. We sang, danced and had a shower with a rainbow!



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson

On Maths day we enjoyed dressing up as professions which needed maths and speaking about our outfits. We realised you need maths for most jobs! We also learnt about Alma Thomas and used circular items to create artwork inspired by her.



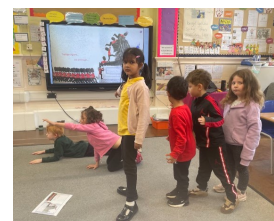
Mozart

Hadid

This week in Maths, we've been focusing on using the part-whole model to build on our addition skills. To make it more interactive, we turned our carpet space into a giant part-whole model using chalk! Everyone took turns creating different number bonds to make a whole number, and it was great to see the teamwork and creativity as we worked through the activity together. It's been a fun way to explore how numbers connect while sharpening our addition skills.

This week in English, we started reading *The Queen's Hat* by Steve Antony. After our first read-through, the children worked in groups to act out a part of the story using freeze frames. We focused on learning how to sequence a story.

Article 12 emphasises a child's right to express their views freely and have their opinions respected in matters that affect them.



Seacole

Rashford

On our first week back to school after the break, Year 2 were introduced to our new book, The Great Fire of London. As a WOW lesson, we built Tudor houses made of paper, arranged them into a narrow street, and set one end alight. We watched as the flames engulfed the houses and travelled along the street one house at a time! Ms Jackson squashed some houses near the end of the street to try and save the last 4, just like in 1666 when houses were knocked down to prevent the spread of the fire.



Attenboough

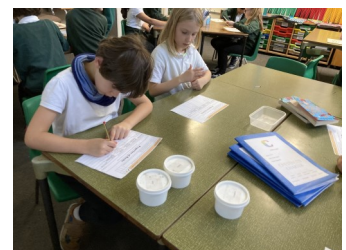
Benjamin

The children in Attenborough class were exploring how the River Indus travels through the land and the ways humans adapted the river to help them.

Becoming tiny water particles, they acted out the processes of being diverted by a Dam through Canals into Reservoirs while some of them were Irrigating the crops or even flowing through Hydro-electric Turbines to generate electricity.

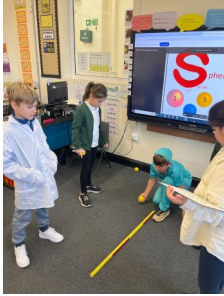
They enjoyed this mini Geography - Drama session and were able to write an insightful paragraph about the positive impact the River Indus has on the life and livelihood of humans.

For our new Science topic, we have been learning about how different types of rocks are formed. Do you know the difference between intrinsic and extrinsic igneous rocks? How about the difference between magma and lava? We conducted an investigation into the different properties of sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, taking observations of their durability, density and permeability. Rock on, Benjamin Class!



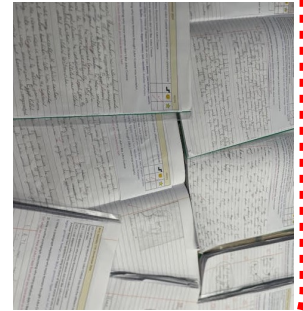
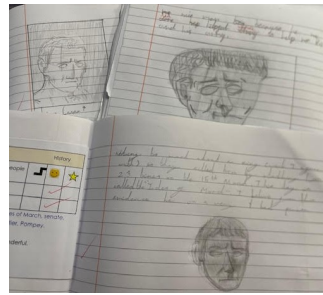
Fibonacci

This week Fibonacci class enjoyed Maths Week. They have represented different professions that use Maths and participated in a variety of activities using a range of practical resources. They have ordered and sorted spheres with different numbers and measured how far they can roll the spheres.



Gandhi

This week in History the class has been studying Julius Caesar. They all wrote about the positives and negatives of his rule and why he was such a divisive figure in ancient Rome. They were also given the opportunity to express their own opinion about him and it was interesting to see how divided the class was about such a famous figure - but then so were the Romans! As you can see there were also some wonderful drawings produced at the end.

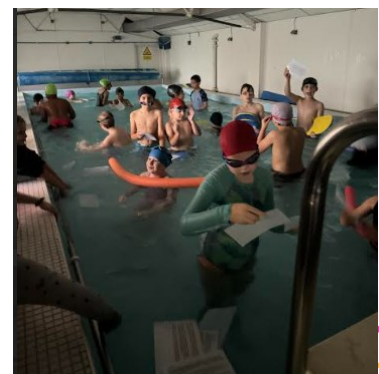
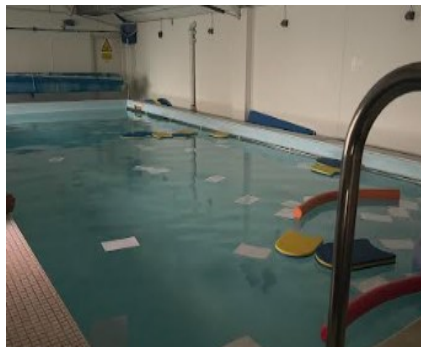


Pankhurst

Year 5 students dove into an unforgettable **WOW** lesson in the swimming pool, where they experienced the **instinct of survival** during a simulated flood scenario. The children faced exciting **challenges**, including struggling to retrieve food and searching for a heartfelt letter from loved ones.- all while racing against the clock. The **immersive experience** encouraged team work, quick thinking and **resilience** as they navigated the simulated flood, bringing their **learning to life** in a thrilling and impactful way.

Article 24

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



Thompson

Mandela

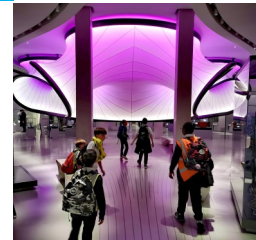
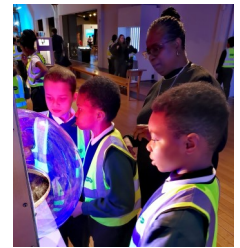
Malala

To complement our science units on *Electricity & Circuits*, and *Light*, we visited The Science Museum. To start our visit, we split off into our mini-groups to explore parts of the museum that sparked our curiosity. Science is all about enquiry and wonder - so it only seemed fitting that we spend an hour in the The Wonder Lab, where we had hands-on experience with a variety of different objects and experiments, and some enjoyed live physics demonstrations with superconductors and a Tesla Coil!

Get thinking: Why is FREE ENTRY to London museums important?

Article 29

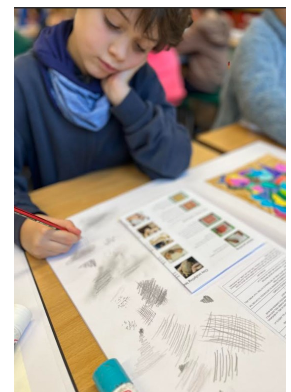
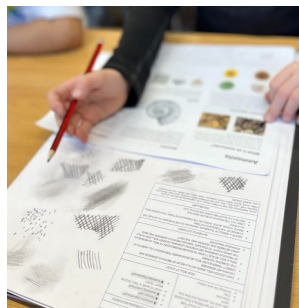
Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



Art Classes

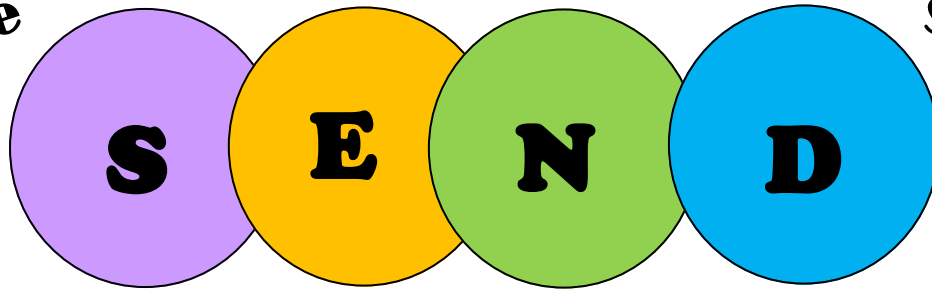


The children in year 3 have been getting to grips with their sketching techniques including hatching, crosshatching, stippling, smudging and shading.



The

Space



SEND Power in Haringey is a Parent Carer Forum. It is a group of parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in Haringey. Their aim is to offer support for each other and to share views with Haringey Council and other decision makers, to help improve services for all SEND children and young people in the borough.

Their website has lots of useful information and offers support to parents.

<https://www.sendpowerinharingey.org/find-support>



NHS
North London
NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Mental Health
What we are doing well
and what can we do
better?



Come along to our FREE talk
from Argyris Stringaris,
Professor of Child and
Adolescent Psychiatry



Chestnuts
Community Centre,
280 St Ann's Road,
London N15 5BN



Wednesday
20 November
7.00pm-8.30pm



Refreshments
Provided



Scan the QR code to sign up
for free. Or email:
nlft.communications@nhs.net

This free talk, organized by the NHS, aims to equip parents with valuable knowledge about the latest research in children's mental health, address common challenges, and provide an open Q&A session with Professor Stringaris.

Event Highlights for Parents:

Expert Insights: Professor Stringaris will share current research on children's mental health, giving parents practical strategies to support their child's mental well-being.

Interactive Q&A: Parents will have the opportunity to engage directly with Professor Stringaris, discussing how to navigate mental health concerns and best support young people.

Join the Mission: Learn about ways to support NHS mental health initiatives for children and families.

northlondonmentalhealth.nhs.uk



Chestnuts School Council

Chestnuts Cheers:

Matilda, Year 3: In English my class really enjoyed reading the new book.

Tyna, Year 3: In Maths we really like doing inversing, adding and subtracting.

Lottie Year 4: All of my class is really excited to take home their (musical) instruments.

Soleevan, Year 5: We are going swimming, as it's part of our book, Floodland.

Hugo, Year 5: A few children in my class got to go to Park View to do some special Maths learning.

Joanie, Year 6: My class loved learning about Ana Nzinga for Black History Month



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**



Reminder



Please can parents remember to pack a swimming hat as part of their child's swim kit.



Breakfast Club



Breakfast club doors close at **8:30am**. If your child arrives after this time, they will have to wait until the main gates open.

Chestnuts is now part of UNICEF's Rights Respecting School Network, and with that privilege, we also learn about and have to consider how we can work together to promote Sustainable Development Goals - both locally and farther afield.

Mr. Bloom has started collecting old batteries which in turn will be properly processed and disposed of. Batteries should never go into the bin as they end up in landfill and, over time, have a significant impact on the environment; leading to contamination of the air, soil, and water.

Rechargeable batteries can be more environmentally friendly if used and charged regularly - 50 charge cycles are needed to offset their environmental impact. However, once these lose their efficiency, they too must be disposed of appropriately.

Leave your old batteries in Mandela Class; last term, we collected and responsibly disposed of 1.35kg of batteries!



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



Eco - School

The children's favourite activity remains doing work in the school garden and today we did a little weeding and planted some bulbs. We also had a meeting to share ideas from each class and have plenty more activities planned for the coming weeks. Our ideas included making minibeast houses, bird houses and feeders and planting wildlife friendly plants. It's going to be a busy year!



Maths Week England 2024 has been a fantastic celebration of Maths. This year at Chestnuts, children engaged in a variety of activities designed to make maths accessible, relevant, and fun.

One of the week's highlights was a special virtual session led by experts from GCHQ (the UK's Government Communications Headquarters) in partnership with Raspberry Pi. During this live Zoom session, girls from KS 2 were given a unique opportunity to explore what it takes to build a career in cybersecurity. The session provided an inspiring look at how maths and coding skills can open doors to exciting and vital careers that protect national and digital security.

The main theme of this week's activities was Spheres and Circles.

All children received a numbered ball-pit ball to order, group, throw, roll and bounce while thinking about all the Maths concepts and measurements involved.

Most children dressed up representing an occupation that uses Maths. We were all mesmerised by the creative costumes and the children's vocabulary and confidence when explaining how they use Maths in their job. We had teachers, doctors, lawyers, midwives and nurses, cooks, engineers and architects as well as astronauts, Klaudia from Strictly and even a Tooth Fairy!

Children also designed beautiful Maths focused Art pieces where they were only allowed to use circles! They explored patterns, symmetry and tessellations showing how powerful Maths can be in creating art.

Some Year 5 and 6 mathematicians will be taking part in Primary Maths Challenge next week, they have been working hard to prepare themselves for the challenging but fun questions.

I hope the excitement from Maths Week will linger, sparking even more curiosity in a subject with endless possibilities.

Ms Agnes

Maths Lead





The School Garden



This week in gardening club, the children welcomed some tiger worms to the garden and helped to set up the wormery. The worms will be enjoying the fruit waste from Reception. The children also explored the different colours in the garden and enjoyed creating some artwork.



Holiday Play scheme



The Children had great fun at Holiday Play Scheme ! The children baked Halloween inspired biscuits.





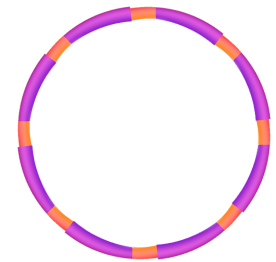
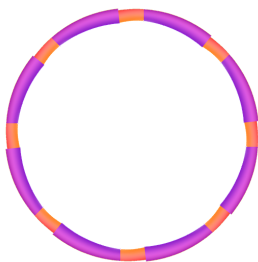
Netball Match



This week Y 5 & 6 went for a friendly netball match against Belmont School. The results were 8 -2 to us !. Hopefully we will do just as well in the tournament on Monday 18th November.



Hoop Dance Sessions



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

hula hooping 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**

PSA NEWS

The PSA has exciting plans for December. They will only be possible with more of the generous gifts of time, money and chocolates the school community has made in the past.

Here is our wishlist, as well as some gifts for you.

The Chestnuts **Winter Fair** will be held on **Sunday December 8th** from 12 to 4pm.

We will be holding the **raffle** online by selling virtual tickets though Classlist. This means we can sell tickets before the event and to people who are not able to attend the fair, including those outside of the school. Tickets on sale soon.

Volunteer slots for the fair can be signed up for on the "Chestnuts Winter Fair" Classlist page. It cannot run without these. If your favourite job is full please do choose another.

Belle Humble is running the **stage** where we have an exciting lineup including (hopefully) the school choir, James Riley and other local musicians. She is also looking for adult performers to join her jazz band for the day.

Tickets for **Santa's Grotto** are available now on the "Santa's Grotto @ Chestnuts Winter Fair" Classlist page. The price is £4.50 per child which includes a photograph and a present.

Wednesday December 4th is a **non-uniform day**.

Children are encouraged to wear festive clothes in return for donations for the Winter Fair. We need chocolate for the **children's tombola** or bottles (alcoholic or not) for a new **grown-up tombola**. Or both!

Donations can also be left on other days.

Friday December 6th is the **Chestnuts Bakeoff competition**. Help your children to bake festive showstoppers, cupcakes, biscuits and savories. Mrs Horwood will judge. Goodies will be sold at the fair.

Sunday December 8th is the **Winter Fair**.

We have fairground games, Santa's Grotto, a bouncy castle, lunch, tea-and-cake and bar. There will also be a space for children to make (suprise!) presents for their parents. On stage we will have carols and a festive sing-a-long. There will also be a karaoke room and a chance to win €45.

On **Tuesday December 10th** Allison will be holding another fabulous winter **wreath making workshop** for adults. The minimum donation is £25. Book on Classlist.

On **Tuesday December 17th** the PSA will be holding **forest school** sessions during the school day. Arts and crafts, campfire activities and music. Tickets on Classlist.

Thank you
Your PSA

Sunday
December 8th
12 - 4pm

Chestnuts
Primary
School

La Rose
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CHESTNUTS WINTER FAIR

Mulled wine
Mince pies
Hot food
Sprouts
Treats
Bar

Raffle
Karaoke
Bouncy castle
Games and prizes

Carols
Tombola
Face painting
Festive sing-a-long

Supported by **Winkworth**

The Natural Craft

Winter Wreath Making Workshop

Tue 10th Dec
7pm - 9pm

'A workshop for Adults in the School Artroom'

£25 minimum suggested donation
(includes a festive drink on arrival)

All proceeds go to our children and school
Book via Classlist

Forest School

Winter Woodland Workshops



A chance for your child to embrace the outdoors with seasonal nature arts and crafts, campfire activities and music

Tue 17th Dec
In the School Garden
45 minute workshops
1pm - 3:30pm
£6 per child
Book via Classlist
All money raised goes towards our children & school

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

Fri 8th Nov
Fri 6th Dec

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

Book via **Classlist**
For all ages

CLAY PLAY

Tuesday 19th November

Make your own, personalised
Leaf bowl!

&

Tuesday 10th December

Paint and decorate your creation!

3:30-4:30pm

£14 x2 workshops
Book via Classlist



CHESTNUTS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS COLLECTING FOR FOOD BANK AID



THIS WINTER, FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY WILL STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Food Bank Aid supports 32 food banks in North London, which feed over 20,000 people (inc 5,000 children) every single week.

WHAT THE FOOD BANKS NEED



Tinned food - meat, fish, fruit & veg



Cooking oil (1L)



Breakfast cereals & porridge



Biscuits, crackers, cereal bars & dried fruit



Rice, grains & noodles



Shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste & deodorant



Instant coffee, tea, sugar & UHT Milk



Baby formula & nappies (large sizes)



Honey, jam & marmalade



Empty egg boxes



If you can, please also add a few Christmas treats: chocolate coins, selection boxes, stollen or fruit cake, tin of biscuits, Christmas crackers, wrapping paper, sellotape, tags.

Please bring your donations to school on **MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER**

Thank you!

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10FT	£13
11FT	£16
12FT	£20

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PLUS A BONUS PAYMENT OF £200 FOR 25-50 ORDERS, £500 FOR 50-100 ORDERS
AND A WHOPPING £750 FOR 100+ ORDERS!

PLUS A FREE TREE FOR THE SCHOOL TO ENJOY!

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