



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Families,

Last week's Shakespeare week was absolutely incredible in school. I was blown away by how much all our children learnt about Shakespeare and his plays and this was solidified with incredible performances of Romeo and Juliet. I am so proud to be the Headteacher of a school where children are inquisitive and love to learn.

As the weather gets colder please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school. This should include a coat and where needed a hat and gloves.

Don't forget our Winter Fair is next Sunday 8th December. We continue to take donations in school and next Wednesday is a non uniform day. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

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

Early Years Nativity

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

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

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - All pupils return back to school

Nursery

This week at nursery, the children had so much fun with the Chickenshed theatre. The children listened to stories, danced and sang songs!



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson

This week we have been practising hard for our show. This is all new for the children and there has been a lot to learn. The children are developing their confidence and getting familiar with their lines and what to do. We can't wait for the performances and to show you the children's talents!



Mozart

Hadid

This week in maths, we have been using our 10-frame to explore and create different number bonds within 10. We used red and yellow counters to visually represent various combinations, helping us deepen our understanding of how numbers work together to make 10 or less. This activity also encouraged us to explain our thinking and share our strategies with the class.

In Geography, our topic is Living in the Countryside, which explores the characteristics of rural areas. This topic helps the children understand the differences between countryside and urban life, while learning about the natural environment, as well as the people, plants, and animals found in rural settings.

In class, we created a countryside model, encouraging the children to think about what makes up a rural setting. They had lots of fun, especially with the painting!



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Rashford

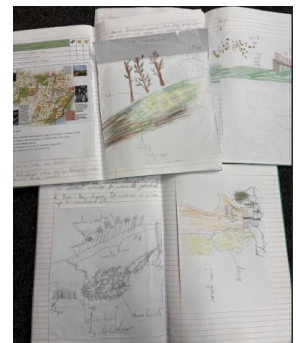
Year 2 have started a new topic in Maths. We have been learning about shapes. The children made shapes using elastic bands and counted how many sides/ vertices each shape had.



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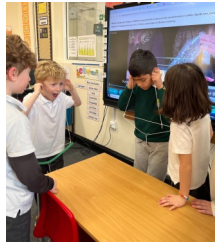
Benjamin

The children in Year 3 had a great time visiting the River Moselle that flows through one of our local parks in Haringey-Lordship Rec. Ms Potter very kindly accompanied us and taught the children about how and why rivers are channelled and cultivated. The children were amazed that they actually walked over a river covered by a path in the park!



Fibonacci

This week Fibonacci class enjoyed our Science lesson exploring how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. They explored how sound travels through air, liquids and solids. We had a great time watching how sugar grains bounce near a sound source and how sound travels through mediums such as water and solids



Gandhi

What a wonderful week Gandhi class had during Shakespeare week. They learnt all about The Tempest, all its characters and swirling plots. Prospero, Miranda, Ariel, Ferdinand, Caliban and Alonso became fascinating talking points, with the class coming to very different opinions on the revenge/murder/love/magic schemes. On the last day they were all put into groups to act out their favourite scenes from the play. It was fascinating how all the groups chose different sections of the play, proving just how Shakespeare really can appeal to a part of us all.



Pankhurst

We had so much fun last week in Year 5. Not only was it Shakespeare week whereby our focus was Romeo and Juliet. We acted out different scenes to retell the whole story then went on to rewrite our own playscripts with a twist. Our week then went into the realm of Anglo Saxons where we took part in a workshop and learnt so much and got to see real life artefacts.

Thompson



To conclude Shakespeare Week, Year 6 performed scenes from an abridged, narrative version of Hamlet. We discussed Key Themes, explored dramatic irony, and how the play uses poison as a motif.

We recreated, scripted and rehearsed various scenes from the eponymous play, exploring how freeze-framing can focus our attention onto characters' actions, responses and emotions. To hone our dramatic skills, we partook in an exciting Romeo & Juliet drama workshop.

That one may smile and smile and be a villain. - Hamlet, act 1 scene 5

Though this be madness, yet there is method in't. - Polonius, act 2 scene 2

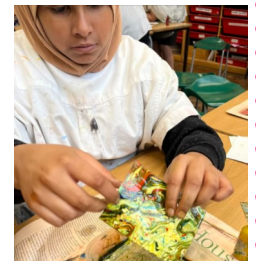
RRS Article 31 - Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a whole range of cultural and artistic activities.



Art Classes



Year 5 have been discovering how to use a new medium this week- oil based inks for marbelling paper. Their test sized samples turned out really well and they'll be using them and other mixed media later in the term to create a collage.



Turing group

On Monday, Turing group went on a trip to Hollywood Bowl. They had a fantastic time taking part in a bowling competition with other schools in Haringey.

Article 23:

A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and independence, and to play an active part in the community.



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

After School club

Please ensure you collect your child by **6pm**.

Late pickups will be charged at £5 every 10mins you are late.

Please book ASC on Parent Pay, if you have any issues please contact-
Admin@chestnutsprimary.com

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to James our schools business manager for all his hard work.

Thank you to Ms Robinson for the balloon decorations(please see the barcode below for more balloon design's)



PRETTY
LITTLE
PARTIES

BALLOONS & EVENTS



Wish list for Art Week :

Can parents/carers please donate these materials if possible.

- Dried pulses i.e lentils for stuffing
 - Embroidery threads
 - Colourful Wool

Netball Match

Last week the netball team played in a tournament in Highgate. Despite the rain and cold, we made it through to the last round and came 6th place A great achievement and the highest Chestnuts have ever come.

The team played extremely well, we are so proud of them.

Ms Ellis, Ms Rock and Ms Mills

Chestnuts School Council

Chestnuts Cheers:

Joshua, Year 2: I am happy that we do a Language of the Week.

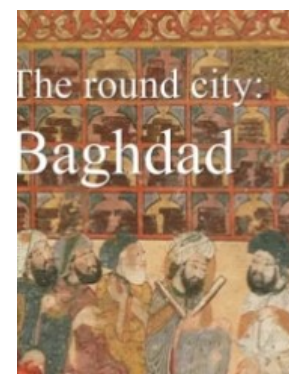
Anoushka, Year 3: I am happy that we get to do a play.

Joanie, Year 6: I am happy that Year 6 get to do jobs at lunchtime.

Zara, Year 6: I am happy that every week we get to say good morning and good afternoon in a different language.

History

From interviewing children this week about History in our school, I am so delighted to receive such amazing feedback. Feedback was really positive and the knowledge of new vocabulary was really impressive. Most children highlighted the point that teachers bring history to life (through enthusiasm, retelling stories and exaggerating words) . Children felt they could feel and get a good understanding of what life would've been like in that era. Children also enjoyed the different units and look forward to learning their new unit next half term. Most children also commented on making links and connections between different civilisations and the importance of learning history in schools. 'Without the past we can't make today better'. Children also enjoyed going on trips relating to their topics. One child even mentioned if she could go on a residential trip to Egypt to see the pyramids in real life!!





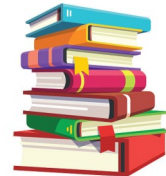
Eco - School



Today we went to Chestnuts Park and did some litter picking. We were surprised by how much we found! We left the park a cleaner place to enjoy and we had lots of fun doing it too.



Ms Efthymiou's Book Club



Ms Efthymiou, our former librarian, is going to be back running a Book Club after Christmas.

As part of our after school activity clubs, this runs from 3.20 to 4.30 on Wednesdays in the library.

The main focus for the term will be the fabulous books selected for Bibliobuzz, The Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award - best suited to years 5 and 6, but enthusiastic readers from Year 4 would be welcome.

The children will go on to attend the award ceremony at Alexandra Palace on **Friday 14th March**, where they will get to meet the authors.

To sign up, please log on to ParentPay in the usual way.

Sunday
December 8th
12 - 4pm

Chestnuts
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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**

A detailed winter wreath is the central focus, featuring a variety of natural elements. It includes several large, brown pinecones, clusters of bright red berries, and dried yellow and orange flowers. Green ferns and other leafy branches are interspersed throughout the arrangement. A small, round, gold-colored bell hangs from the right side. The wreath is set against a light-colored, vertically-paneled background.

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



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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AND A WHOPPING £750 FOR 100+ ORDERS!

PLUS A FREE TREE FOR THE SCHOOL TO ENJOY!

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