



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a fantastic St Patricks Day this week—a big thanks to parents Nora and Nathalie who came in and taught our children Irish dancing—it was a lot of fun!

I am pleased to be able to finally welcome back all our parents to a face to face Parent's Evening—please don't forget to book a slot. You will have the opportunity to look at the progress your child is making.

Even though all Covid restrictions have now been lifted we are asking parents to still keep us informed if your child has Covid and also to keep your child at home for at least 5 days to help keep the spread to a minimum. This is the advice we have from Haringey Public Health.

This week we have been linking our school motto - "Learning, caring and thriving together" - to our core values: respectful, resilient, responsible, tolerant, ambitious, curious, creative, compassionate. Please talk to your child about it.

It looks like the weather is going to be lovely this weekend so I hope you have a chance to get outside and enjoy it.

Have a great weekend.

Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th March

Drum Concert at 9am

Saturday 26th March

Gardening Day 10.30am—2.30pm

Tuesday 29th March

Rock Steady Concert

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Parents Evening

Wednesday 30th March

Parents Evening

Friday 1st April

End of Term

Drum Concert

Friday 25th March at 9am

There will be a Drumming Assembly for Year 5 and our fabulous drummers on Friday 25th March at 9.00am. If your child is a drummer you are welcome to come along and watch the performance.

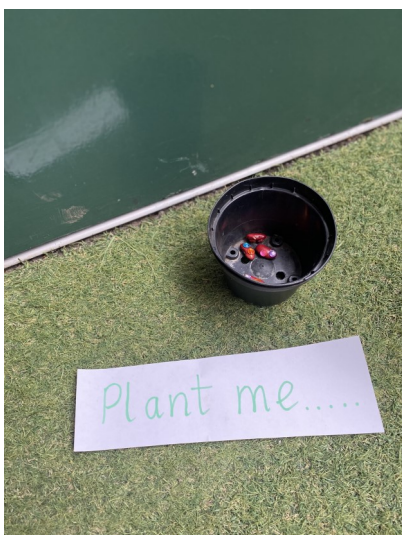
Crisp Packet Recycling



From **Thursday 21st April** we will no longer be collecting crisp packets for recycling at school. This is because there are now more than 3,500 local supermarket collection points where flexible plastics, such as crisp packets, can be recycled. Please drop off your empty packs in advance of this date to allow enough time for the public drop-off location administrators to prepare their last parcels.

Nursery

Last Friday some sparkling beans were left outside the nursery door. The children thought the beans could be magic! We planted the beans and to our amazement on Monday a beanstalk had grown in the nursery!



What we have done this week

Ahlberg



This week in maths we have been adding two groups together to find the whole using the part part whole model. The children explored the model by taking turns to make number stories - clap twice and then jump three times: how many claps altogether. The children found this fun and got a good understanding of the part part whole method.

Donaldson

This week we were awarded our first school swimming certificates. They were awarded for our hard work and progress in swimming and it was very exciting! We are now working on our level 2 swimming targets.



Mozart

This week Mozart and Hadid class had an extra special treat! We had two lovely parents come and teach us all about St Patrick's Day! We learnt about why it is a special day, a song and even some Irish dancing!



Hadid

Fibonacci

We really enjoyed St Patrick's Day and the Irish dancing. We also went back to class and learnt some Limericks.



Gandhi

This week we have been working on newspaper reports. The children were keen to write about the situation in Ukraine and here they are looking at a variety of sources to help them decide what should be in their final piece. They had maps, transcripts from Newsround, newspapers and quotes from various leaders involved in the conflict.



Thompson

Beautiful colours splashed across the canvas of my eyes. Tropic wonders of sweet smelling mangos. A noise piercing through the air slicing through the silence. Going through the lush vines blooming flowers twisting down brushing up the splashes of green across the landscape. A tiger roamed its land guarding the jagged rocks that are as sharp as thorns. Chalk tumbled down the diorite. The mossy lush weeds plaited and knotted around the waterlogged banks. A spider's web made in front of me with dew as pure and magical as the fresh water springs weaves themselves down the deep entwined roots. Right by the river sloshing to the rhythm of the forest.

Buzzing of fireflies leads me to the pretty, magical roots popping out of the ground giving a home to the newts that inhabited this incredible jungle. Drip leaves and lilies finding their homes among the busy of life caring on around them.

The clouds just brushing past the Opal Moon that gives off a sapphire of stream light.

We have been learning about descriptive writing (Setting description)

We wrote detailed descriptions about the jungle using descriptive vocabulary and figurative language to write impressive pieces.

The exotic lush trees of the jungle flourish with green leaves and rainbow flowers. The green and blue frogs croaked as they hopped by. The mud squelched and the twigs cracked under my feet. Animals rushed away as I heard a horrible screeching sound of a dying bird through the swampy vines and humid rain. I can make out the amber eyes of a ferocious ginger tiger sitting by the splashing waters of the rushing waterfall the cut open bird by his base. His vibrant black stripes shone as he swept away blue butterflies and brown forest flies. I sat down on a moss covered rock and felt the harsh winds kiss my face seeing the leaves parachute down around me. This is the jungle.

Into the jungle

In the humid, sticky jungle the rays of the sun peek through the canopy. A piercing red eyes can be seen peer into the forest of leaves. The predator walks through the night hunting for its prey. Croaked and twisted vines provided cover for beautiful and lush plants and butterflies. Clear blue water trickled throughout the tropical island. Dragons were dancing in the humid jungle air. Some were bright orange, some blue and some yellow. Blue and green green frogs jumped across all green rocks. Croaked. Croaked. Twisted trees grew from left to right making the jungle very untamed and free. All coloured birds flew all around. The wind rustled a gentle lullaby along with the pretty birds' melody. Beautiful leaves were lit and swayed with the wind. Through lush green forest. Mysterious and romantic. A mossy path. Lily pads floated through the aquatic landscape.

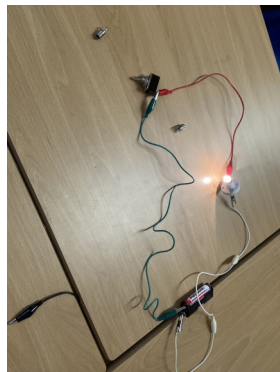
Pankhurst

We really enjoyed our PE lesson learning dance with Mr Carlos.



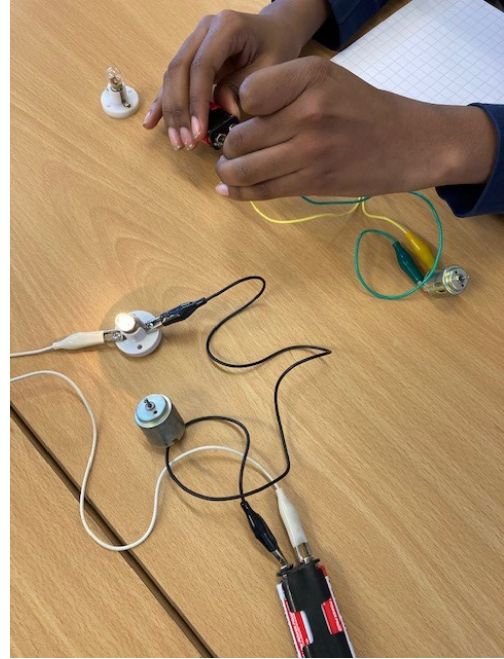
Malala

In science we built our own circuits in our study of electricity. We drew the scientific diagrams with the correct vocabulary to demonstrate our knowledge of circuits.

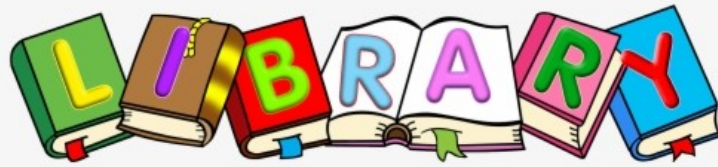


Mandela

We were investigating simple circuits with different components. We really enjoyed learning about how electricity works and looking forward to carrying out some exciting experiments.

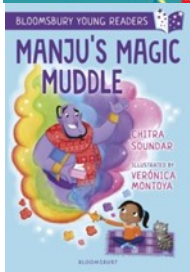


The LIBRARY Zone

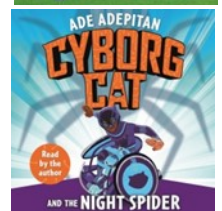
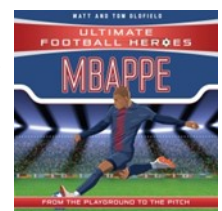


The library refurbishment is progressing and we plan to be back to class visits and borrowing after the Easter break. In the meantime, please don't forget to use the local libraries!

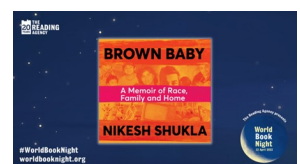
World Book Day tokens are still valid until 27th March – please encourage your children to take advantage of this opportunity to get a FREE book!



There is a great selection of FREE audiobooks available this month, too, on the WBD website – www.worldbookday/world-of-stories. What a lovely way to enjoy stories for all ages!



And for adults, it's World Book Night on 23rd March. I am currently listening to my World Book Night FREE audio book – Brown Baby.



Ms Efthymiou, librarian@chestnutsprimary.com @ChestnutsLib

We celebrated St Patrick's Day this week with help from parents with a fiddle, a bodhran drum, a tin whistle and a lot of dancing! It was great fun!



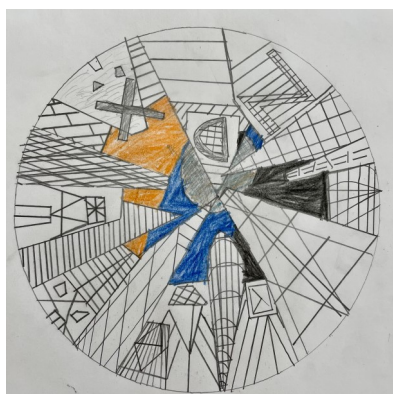
Autism Sessions for SEND children

Please see below some sessions at Chestnuts Park on the 21 March to do with Autism. You can either choose the morning session or the evening session. Whichever suits you best. The links are below:

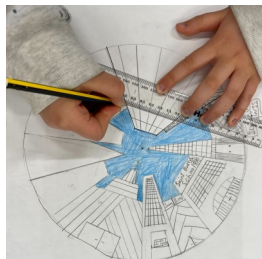
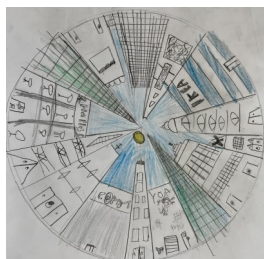
What is the session about:

Learn about the new Haringey guidance for mainstream schools about meeting the needs of children with SEND, schools' duties and your rights:

- Daytime session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/information-sharing-session-children-with-send-in-mainstream-schools-tickets-265847626407>
- Evening session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/information-sharing-session-children-with-send-in-mainstream-schools-tickets-265990894927>



In Year 4 we have been developing our perspective drawing technique. The urban landscapes are coming on a treat!



BiG Gardening Day

Saturday 26th Mar.

Join anytime between

10.30am and 2.30pm

Everyone is WELCOME! kids, parents, grand parents, neighbours, friends - no gardening experience needed
(Entrance by the St Ann's rd garden gate)

Spring is here! Join us in the school garden to :

- Build a steel raised bed for our sustainable **kitchen garden project**
- Plant **fruit trees and shrubs**
- Clean & treat the decking around the **Pond**
- Start seeds **to take home** (flowers and veg')
- Buy locally made **Kimchi**

Hot drinks & biscuits will be available as well as some delicious savoury pancakes (compliment of Chef Naoko)

** if anyone has leftover **outdoor wood paint**, please let me know or take it to the school main reception - thank you!*



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