



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would just like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who came along on Monday this week to help tidy up and improve the Reception play ground. We really appreciate your help and hard work. The next session is on Wednesday 2nd November.

We have also had the fabulous Mural Artist Eloisa Henderson in this week transforming our back playground with an amazing splash of much needed colour and pazzazz! Wow!



On a slightly more serious note, please can you **not** bring any electric scooters on the premises. They are not suitable for use in the playground and can be dangerous to some of our younger children.

Have a lovely half term break and I will see you again on Monday 31st October.

Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th October –

Friday 28th October

Half Term

Thursday 3rd November

Individual School Photograph Day

Friday 4th November

PSA Bonfire Film Night 5-7pm

Friday 11th November

Parent Coffee Morning on Zones of Regulation 9-10.00am

14th—18th November

Anti Bullying Week

Monday 14th November

Odd Socks Day to celebrate our uniqueness

Tuesday 15th November

Run a Mile for Children In Need

Wed 16th & Thurs 17th November

Parents Evenings

Friday 18th November

KS2 African Dance Workshop

Friday 18th November

PSA Coffee Morning 9am—10am

Tuesday 29th November

Reception Theatre Trip 9am—2pm

Thursday 1st December

Whole School Flu Vaccination

Wednesday 7th December

Early Years Winter Show 1.30—2.30pm

Thursday 8th December

KS2 Christmas Show 9.30—10.30am

Friday 9th December

KS1 Christmas Show 1.30—2.30pm

Sunday 11th December

Winter Fair

Friday 16th December

End of Term

Tuesday 3rd January

Back to School

Nursery

We loved welcoming parents in to read on Wednesday. Thank you all for coming! The children really enjoyed hearing so many stories and having their special people in their nursery.



What we have done this week

Ahlberg



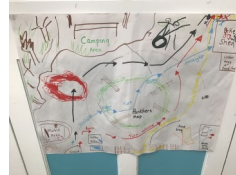
This week Ahlberg Class have been learning about Diwali. We made rangoli patterns using coloured rice. We also made Diya candles using salt dough. We also learned a Diwali song in singing assembly with Nursery!



Donaldson

We really enjoyed listening to the story 'Cops and Robbers' By Allan and Janet Ahlberg . Unfortunately the following day our classroom was the scene of a crime!

We reported the incident to the police. Throughout the week we set about solving the mystery of the stolen chairs. We created wanted posters, looked for fingerprints and drew maps . The culprit turned out to be Grandma Swagg. And the police locked her in Jail and returned our chairs!



Mozart

Today we enjoyed our 'Show and Tell' session where we shared things from our cultures with the rest of the class and learnt lots of new facts!



Hadid

To celebrate Black History month this week in Hadid class we learnt an African dance called A lion has a tail. The children really enjoyed learning the new dance moves and singing along to the song.



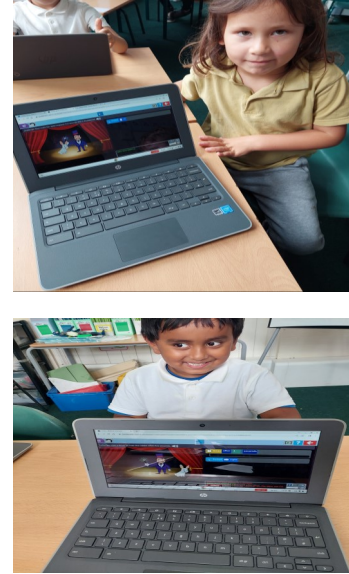
Seacole

We have been investigating the effect of exercise on the body. We found our pulses, listened to our heart rate, and compared the results before and after performing exercise. We have also been learning about the main food groups and the importance of a healthy, balanced diet.



Bolt

This week Bolt Class have been coding on their Chrome books.



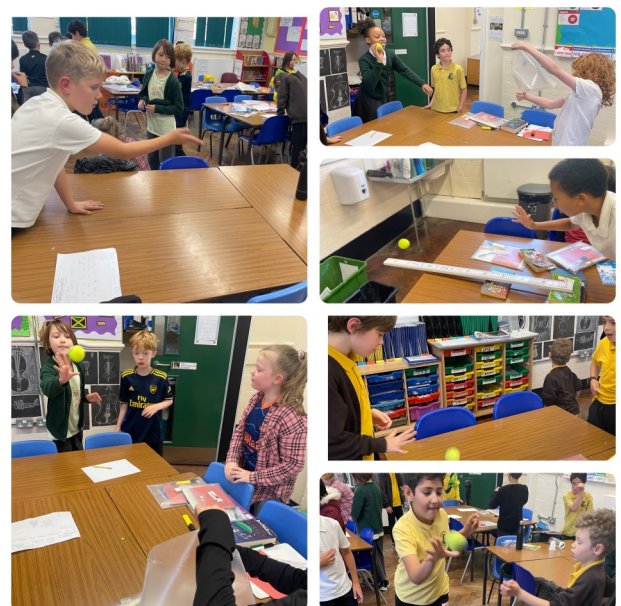
Dahl



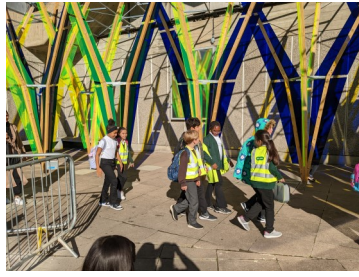
What a wonderful trip the class had this week. On Tuesday we went to the Moselle River for our first geography field trip. We are studying a culverted river (the covered part of a river), which not only gave us a chance to learn new vocabulary, but appreciate more about the community we live in.

Attenborough

This week in PSHE the class worked in groups to create a ball game for the rest of the class to play. Rules of the games needed to be clear and simple and the game needed to be fun. The children had lots of fun trying out the games!



Fibonacci



This week Fibonacci went on a trip to the Southbank to see a performance based upon refugees.

Gandhi

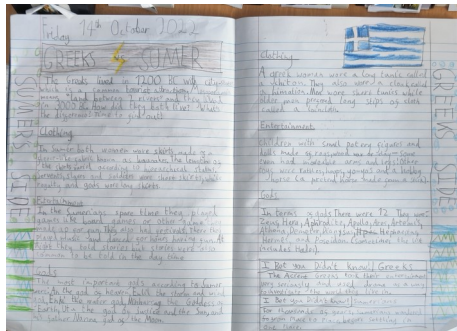
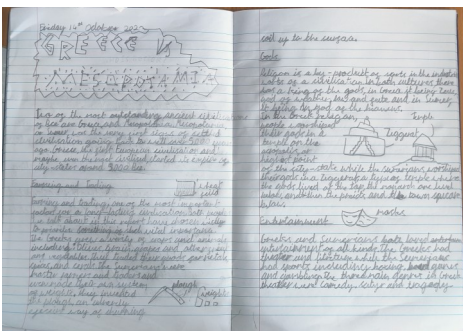
On our way to the Royal Festival Hall!



Thompson

Pankhurst

Year 5 went on two trips this week! We went to the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday to watch a music performance, and to the Railway Fields on Wednesday for a session about different biomes. In English we were writing non-chronological reports about the Ancient Greeks and Ancient Mesopotamia.



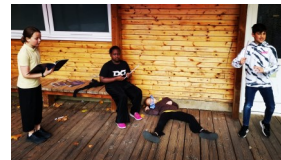
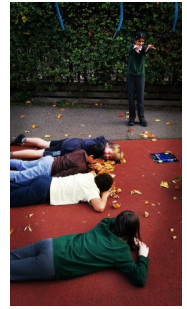
Malala

Year 6 ended the first half term with a poetry performance of *The Highwayman*!

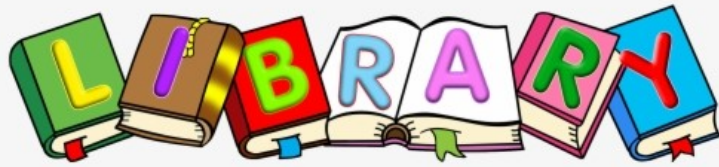


Mandela

This is Mandela rehearsing our performances for *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. We've practiced our key reading skills for poetry - intonation, volume, cadence, and characterisation; as well as complementing our narration with drama.



The



Zone

Over the last two weeks I have re-introduced some lunch-time library clubs for Year 2 and above. I have been very happy to see so many children coming along. I will host a variety of activities, including writing book reviews, and plan sessions so that each year group gets at least one session per half term to just drop in and read.

I have also restarted training a small number of Year 6 children as Pupil Librarians. Their enthusiasm has been great and they are appreciating learning some useful skills.



It is lovely to see children's ongoing enthusiasm for books by our recent author visitors, Katie and Kevin Tsang. Thanks to the generosity of All Good Bookshop in offering these at a reduced price for Chestnuts families. I have none left to sell but we now have a range of the books in the library – although they are pretty constantly borrowed!

Ms Efthymiou, librarian@chestnutsprimary.com @ChestnutsLib



★ **Chestnuts Champion Award 14th October**

★ Mandela	Jamal	Curious & Ambitious (Sharing ideas)
★ Malala	Milo K	Being engaged and asking insightful questions
★ Thompson	Shar'rye	Creative
★ Pankhurst	Dionne	Always respectful and ready to learn
★ Gandhi	Connor	Ambitious
★ Fibonacci	Vasilena	Ambitious in her Maths
★ Dahl	Umaira	Ambition—working hard all week
★ Attenborough	Ivy	Creative & Resilient in English
★ Bolt	Nellie	Being respectful and resilient
★ Seacole	Autumn-Lily	Working really hard & being resilient
★ Hadid	Larry	Resilient
★ Mozart	Loa	Curious & Resilient



★ **Golden Book Award 14th October**

★ Mandela	Kidd	A wonderfully constructed & emotive letter
★ Malala	Justin	Excellent presentation in his English book
★ Thompson	Max	Well presented and written hot write
★ Pankhurst	Maud	Great English work
★ Gandhi	Yu Xuan	Excellent English work
★ Fibonacci	Nicole	Brilliant work in Maths
★ Dahl	Fatima	Excellent topic work
★ Attenborough	Rocco	Excellent History
★ Bolt	Aidan	Always ready to learn—great Maths
★ Seacole	Jamie	Reading with beautiful expression
★ Hadid	Evie	Focused and ready for learning
★ Mozart	River	Amazing handwriting and presentation



★ **Chestnuts Champion Award 21st October**

★ Mandela	Ginevra	Ambitious, Respectful
★ Malala	Jasmin	Compassion
★ Thompson	Berdi	Compassion
★ Pankhurst	Kornel	Ambition in Poetry
★ Gandhi	Coco	Resilience
★ Fibonacci	Mustafa	Ambitious in his Maths
★ Dahl	Elliott	Responsibility on School Council
★ Attenborough	Sami	Showing curiosity in Lessons
★ Bolt	Deniz	Developing confidence/resilient
★ Seacole	Juliana	For becoming more resilient and confident
★ Hadid	Bonnie	Perseverance
★ Mozart	Rufus	Always being hard working and ambitious



★ **Golden Book Award 21st October**

★ Mandela	Yuna	100% effort/neatness/extensions
★ Malala	Frank	Neat work and presentation
★ Thompson	Aron	Well presented work
★ Pankhurst	Tommy	Great work on the laptop
★ Gandhi	Zara	Making an excellent start to Year 4
★ Fibonacci	Kitty	English Hot Write
★ Dahl	Molly	Great work during her assessment
★ Attenborough	Freya	For producing exceptional work in topic lessons
★ Bolt	Willa	Excellent diary writing
★ Seacole	Mariella	For excellent reasoning in Maths
★ Hadid	Timo	Always tries his best
★ Mozart	Marta	Hard working, amazing ideas & super independent writing





Art Classes

Year 5 have been using their knowledge of colour theory in their plans for a landscape painting using watercolours. I can't wait to see the finished works of art!



Mural Artist Eloisa Henderson ran a design workshop with children from years 3 and 6 this week. It was sticker, frenzy fun and the colourful creations will be used to inspire Eloisa's design for the new mural in the KS1 playground.



Our Chestnuts Artist of the week is Safal in Pankhurst Class, Year 5. He painted a fabulous landscape using watercolour paints, paying particular attention to perspective and scale. Just look at that SKY!



At Chestnuts we recognise the importance of attendance and its impact on attainment. Every week we will announce the top 3 classes for attendance in KS1 And KS2 with the overall winner winning the attendance trophy for that week. The Class with the best attendance at the end of the year will be enjoying a fun activity day at the end of the year.

KS1-

Place	Class	Percentage
Gold	SEACOLE	97.4%
Silver	BOLT	97.1%
Bronze	HADID	94%

KS2

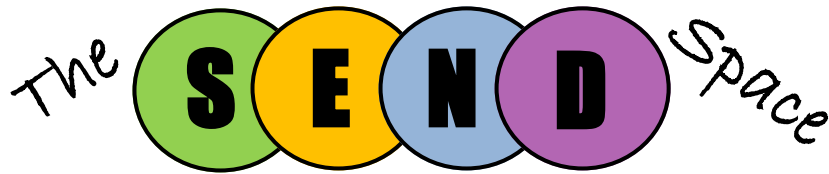
Place	Class	Percentage
Gold	PANKHURST	97.2%
Silver	MALALA	97.1%
Bronze	ATTENBOROUGH	96%

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work!

This week, our overall school attendance was

95.65%





For the latest Haringey SEND Newsletter please follow the link:

<https://mailchi.mp/haringey/send-news-121022?e=af20079546>

PLAY LEADERS WANTED

Sometimes, we all have a day when we feel a bit grey. Maybe we are a bit tired. Maybe our best friend isn't in today or maybe we are just feeling a bit sad or lonely.

We are looking for children who are willing to be a friendly face in the playground. The ideal candidate is someone who is confident, caring and approachable, who will help other children feel happy and enjoy playtimes.

If you think you have the skills to be play leader- write a short application explaining why you think you should have the job. Think about what skills you need and the kind of person you are.

You can hand this into the office- make sure you address it to school council leaders- or write it on a google doc and share with AHT@chestnutsprimaryschool.com

LOST PROPERTY

We are already accumulating a lost of lost property which can be located in the main school reception. Please make sure you label all your child's items clearly with their name.

The lost property box will be cleared out every half term so if you have lost anything please make sure to check the box.

After School Club

If someone else is picking up your child from After School Club or you wish to change the time of your pick up please contact the Club directly on asc@chestnutsprimary.com or call

07535 463 725. (Please only call during club time)



Miss West's Scary Story Writing Competition

Lots of you already know that I love scary stories- I've written scary stories with some of you! So, as it is nearly Halloween, I thought it would be spooky fun to have a scary story writing competition over half term.

Rules:

- The story can be as long or short as you like
- It should include spooky adjectives
- It must be your own work but you can work with a partner
- Closing date 31st October (Entries handed in after the 31st Oct won't be included)



There will be a 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winner in both KS1 and KS2 and prizes for all places.

I have included some inspiration below for you- remember to make it sound scary- don't TELL me scary, use imaginative vocabulary to show me scary.

you can use some of these openers:



The air turned black all around me.

Icy fingers gripped my arm in the darkness.

Wandering through the graveyard it felt like something was watching me.

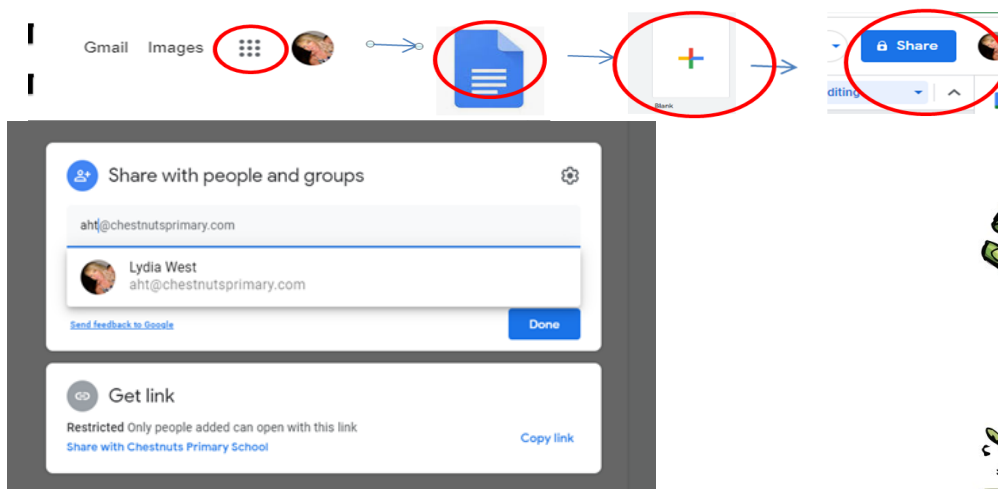
The eyes in the painting follow him down the corridor.

A shrill cry echoed in the mist.

You can find more inspiration on the Literacy Shed

To submit your entries:

Either type it into a google doc on your google classroom and SHARE with AHT@chestnutsprimary.com You will have to name it before you can share it.



Or Pop your paper entry into the office

I look forward to reading them all! Happy writing and have a great Halloween

Lunchtime fun in knitting Club!

We clearly have some very talented knitters!



FLOWER CRAFT CLUB

The children have made some beautiful creations in Miss Ashleigh's Flower Craft Club. Here are some of their Halloween inspired creations for everyone to enjoy. Well done to everyone in the club!



NEWS FROM THE GARDEN



A group of parent volunteers are meeting in the school garden every Friday morning after drop off. Please join us for digging, planting, chatting and exchange knowledge. Everyone is welcome, no gardening skills required.

Please also note our next Big Gardening day will be Saturday 19th of November. More info to follow.

RUN A MILE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

In recent years, children and young people have faced unprecedented and life-defining challenges, which undoubtedly have left their mark.

Now, they are facing yet another crisis in their lives... Whilst everyone feels the impact, sadly, it is the most vulnerable in our communities who will be hit hardest by the cost of living crisis.

We cannot and will not let this crisis further hold our children and young people back.

With your support, we will fight to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive and be the best they can be.

On **Tuesday November 15th 2022**, Chestnuts Primary School will be participating in a sponsored mile around Chestnuts Park. All of our children will be encouraged to take part.

You can donate to this great event through the following link:
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8169>

All of your donations will be greatly appreciated and all monies raised goes toward a great cause.



Flu Vaccinations

You can now complete consent for your child online. Please click - <https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2022/haringey> to give consent, or to decline consent.

It is important to complete and return the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine. If you choose not to complete the consent, this does NOT mean that you have refused the vaccine for your son or daughter.

DONATIONS

If any families have any of the following they would like to donate to our reception classes and nursery we would be very grateful. We will have two lovely mums in the Reception playground on Thursday mornings (after drop off till 9:15) for any of your lovely donations after half term. Thank you in advance for all your support and generosity.

- * Donations Small world
- * Dinosaurs
- * Vehicles (cars, trucks, planes, boats etc)
- * People (diversity and disability)
- * Animals
- * Construction
- * Crates
- * Tarpaulin
- * Big pegs/clamps
- * Dressing up clothes
- * Steering wheels
- * Water sensory toys
- * Cushions
- * Rugs
- * Fabrics for draping, texture and colour
- * Kids gardening tools
- * Toy tool kits
- * Kids gardening books
- * Painting aprons
- * Cars / trucks large and small
- * Plants and fake plants
- * Art equipment & pots
- * Lego
- * Building blocks
- * Bright coloured storage boxes
- * Dress up mini wardrobe
- * Children's table and chairs



Year 6 Theatre Trip

Some excitable year 6 children and the lucky Miss West and Ms Potter went to see a show at the brand new theatre @sohplace.

They saw 'Marvellous' - a show about the life of Neil Baldwin a man with special needs who has lived an extraordinary life.

It was funny and heart warming and Miss West nearly cried- TWICE! A great activity for older children in the half term.

PSA NEWS ART ATTACK!

The main focus for PSA fundraising this year is to make much-needed improvements to Chestnuts playgrounds.

Luckily, thanks to parent support and local artist Eloisa Henderson, this has already started.

Last week some of the children participated in an art workshop with Eloisa during their art lesson. Their work informed part of the design that Eloisa is painting (for free!) on the back playground wall!

Work in progress!
Check out Eloisa's
unique artwork
[www.instagram.com/
eloisa.artist/](https://www.instagram.com/eloisa.artist/)

chestnutsprimarypsa@gmail.com



PSA ART ATTACK WORKSHOPS!



Work has also started on the
Reception playground!
Led by reception parent, Allison, and parent
volunteers, the focus is sustainability,
fun and learning!



THE NEXT SESSION IS WED 3RD NOV, 3.15-5.30PM.
LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE FREE TO HELP!

OTHER NEWS:

Tickets are available via parent pay for tonight's **BARN DANCE** and the **Halloween FILM NIGHT** on the 4th Nov.

PSA fundraising means each class has £300 for trips and other activities. We're also paying for **World Book Day & Chinese New Year Dance Workshops, African Dance workshops, and Maypole Dancing.**

We have some exciting **festive fundraising** plans in the pipeline - all will be revealed soon!

The next **PSA coffee morning** is Friday 18th Nov 9am, Main school hall.

Without your support, none of this would be possible!

Let's work together to raise as much money as possible to enrich our children's school experience!

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CLASS REPS

The Class Representative serves a primary role in maintaining good communication between parents, while also being a vital link to the School PSA, and class teacher.

They liaise with the parents in the class by keeping them informed of activities and events. They are a "support resource" and first line of contact for the class teacher in times when the teacher may need to pass information to parents.

They are a key support to the PSA, helping run stalls and encouraging involvement from the class.

Please make sure you are on the class Whatsapp group and that the school has your email address. Any problems let the PSA know.

MEET YOUR CLASS REPS



EMILY DARKO - CARLE



BELLE HUMBLE - CARLE



NICOLA BELL - DONALDSON



BETH RAE - AHLBERG



CLAUDIA VASIU - MOZART



AMIT KAMAL - HADID

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MEET YOUR CLASS REPS



EVA ALBERICI - BOLT



JESS KNOWLES - BOLT



NADJA STRITTMATTER - SEACOLE



BLAISE GRIMES VIORT - ATTENBOROUGH



BEKA DISKI - DAHL



JEN FLAVELL - GANDHI

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MEET YOUR CLASS REPS



TIFFANY LISTER - FIBONACCI



NICOLA KING - THOMPSON



SARAH MCPHEE - PANKHURST



ELLIE LIVINGSTONE - PSA STAFF LEAD



CARLY SANDLAND - PSA CHAIR

WE STILL NEED A PSA TREASURER AND SECRETARY COULD THIS BE YOU? GET IN TOUCH VIA EMAIL

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The Grant Group!

We hope that a large part of our funding over the next few years will come from grants. This money will enable us to make much-needed significant changes to the playground, which will cost in excess of £300,000.

We are looking for a group of parents willing to get involved in this. It will be researching grants and writing applications. If any parents work in this area, we would hugely appreciate your involvement in helping check the applications, making sure everything is covered and providing general guidance.

Please email the PSA if you're interested. chestnutsprimarypsa@gmail.com