



Chestnuts Primary School

NEWSLETTER



11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week and we are slowly getting back to normal since the building work is just about completed. Our new Art Room is looking fantastic thanks to Ms Hen and soon we will have the new Music Room up and running. With this in mind we have decided that from Monday we will all go back to entering and leaving the school through the main entrance. The gates on Black Boy Lane and St Ann's Road will remain closed and the side gate to KS1 inside the school will be open once again, along with the main wooden gates.

We would very much like your feedback on how we are doing on our new survey, please see the link below. We really would appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes to let us know how we are doing.

<https://forms.gle/JQ4i3mXzPYgnLyfn6>

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

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Dates for your Diary

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 (Y3-6)

Friday 18th November

PSA Coffee Morning 9am—10am

Saturday 19th November

Big Gardening Day 11am—2.30pm.
All are welcome

Tuesday 29th November

Reception Theatre Trip 9am—2pm

Thursday 1st December

Whole School Flu Vaccination

Friday 2nd December

Non-Uniform Day—Bring Chocolate to school!

Tuesday 6th December 9.30am

Wednesday 7th December 1.30pm

Early Years Winter Show "Eddie the Penguin Saves the World"

Thursday 8th December 9.30am

Friday 9th December 1.30pm

KS1 Christmas Show "Little Angel gets her Wings"

Sunday 11th December

Winter Fair

Thursday 15th December

KS2 Carols in the Park 4pm

Friday 16th December

End of Term

Tuesday 3rd January

Back to School

Nursery

This week we have started to act out the story of *The Gingerbread Man*, now that we know the story well. We have especially enjoyed playing the part of the Gingerbread Man and



saying, "Run, run, as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm The Gingerbread Man!" Next week we will start to make up our own stories based on this fun traditional tale.



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson



Ahlberg Class learned about Remembrance Day and why it is important. Some of the children spoke about the war in Ukraine. We watched a CBBC video about a bunny during WW1 and spoke about how the bunny might have been feeling. The children loved hearing about how people received medals for their bravery! Children made their own poppies and medals using a range of materials.

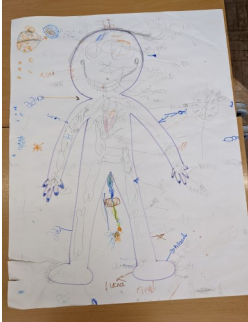
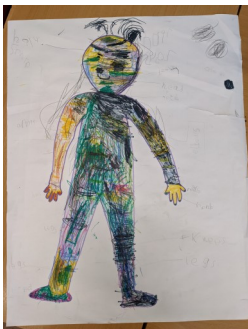
Donaldson class have enjoyed our first week of the story *Little Red Riding Hood*, the children have worked really hard using their phonics to write words and simple sentences! Keep up the great work.



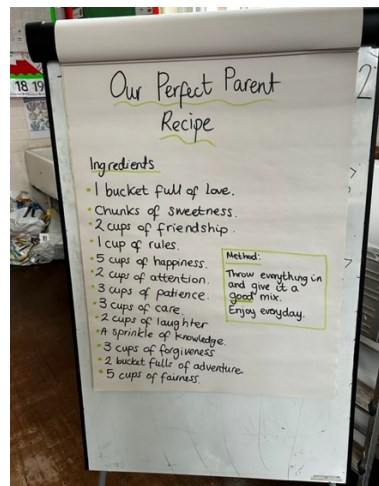
Mozart

Hadid

In Science we are learning all about parts of the body and what they are used for. We worked in groups to create these giant diagrams showing parts of the body, both inside and outside.

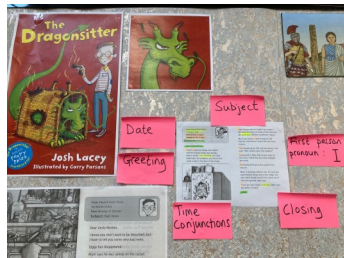
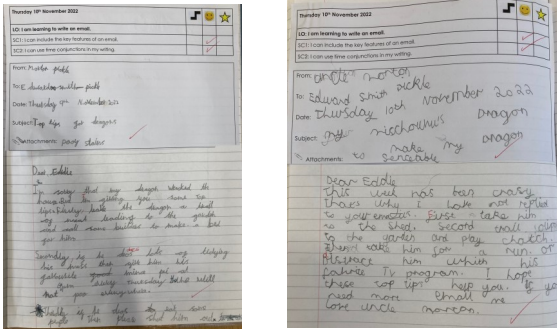


We have been reading the story of *Not Now Bernard* in English and we created our very own recipe for the perfect parent. The children really enjoyed thinking about all the wonderful traits that make a great parent.



Seacole

In Seacole Class we have been reading *The Dragonsitter* by Josh Lacey. The book is made up of emails, so we have been learning how to write our own emails, giving Edward Smith-Pickle some top tips on how to look after his Uncle's naughty, fire-breathing dragon!



Bolt

This week in Bolt Class we have had lots of fun learning about Still Life and practising drawing still life of our own.



Dahl

This week this children made diva lamps which were amazing! It was done to remind them of the importance of light in the story of Rama and Sita as that was the topic of their play script in English. They loved the challenge of not only creating the shape, but adorning them with handles, leaves and markings. Each one is truly unique and fabulous.



Attenborough

As part of our learning in Science on 'Rocks', this week Attenborough Class have been investigating the properties of different rocks. We have enjoyed carrying out tests on a range of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks to explore their density, permeability and durability.



Fibonacci

Fibonacci Class have been playing dice games to help them learn their 9 times table and practice their addition. We also are learning a times table song.



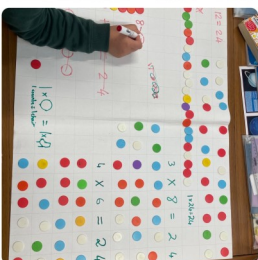
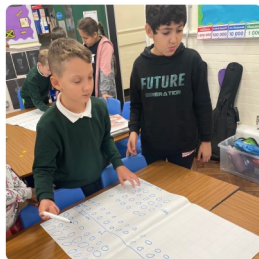
Gandhi

In Gandhi class we have been reading Coraline by Neil Gaiman. We have been staging freeze frames in groups and then managed to compose a whole class one based on chapter 4.



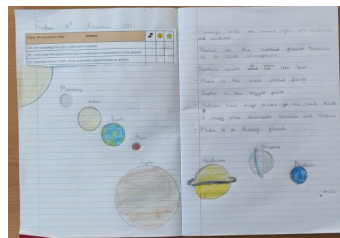
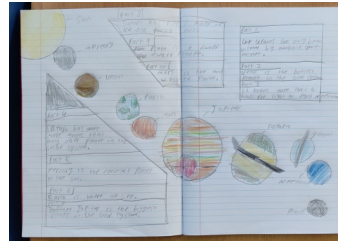
Thompson

This week in maths the children are learning about multiples and factors. Using arrays, the children were working out the different factors in certain multiples.



Pankhurst

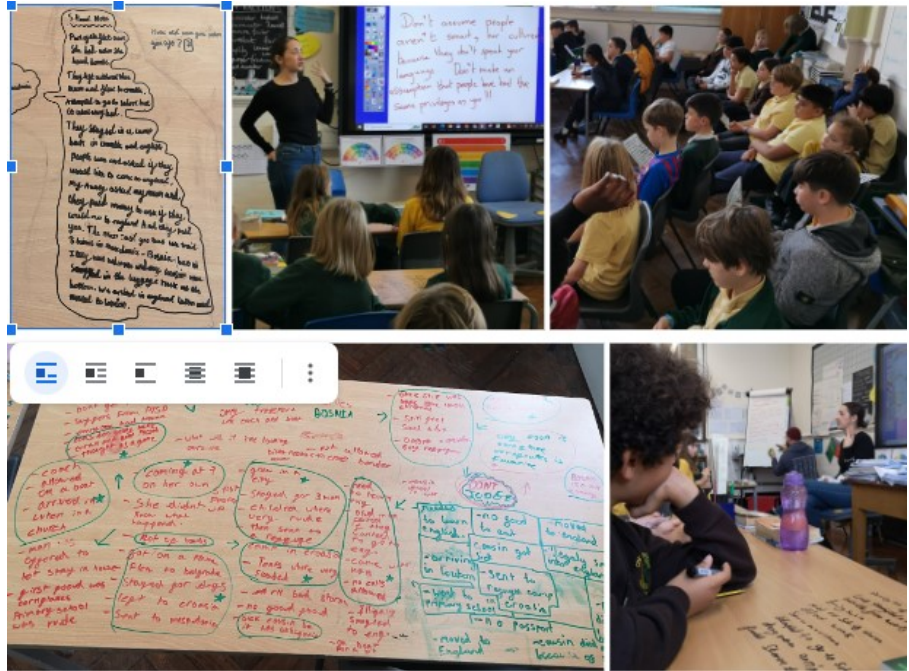
We have started our new Science topic - Earth and Space! We have been finding out about the different planets in our Solar System, and Delilah even made a 3D Solar System to display in our classroom!



Malala

Mandela

Today, Year 6 had a guest speaker: Ms. Sulejmanovic from Year 1. Did you know, in September (1992) when civil war broke out in Bosnia, as a child she had to travel alone to escape the atrocities of Sarajevo - at only 7 years old. The children respectfully listened to our Chestnut's teacher recount her experience, from Bosnia to Luton, and they responded with their own questions. It was a fascinating, eye-opening afternoon.



Flu Vaccinations

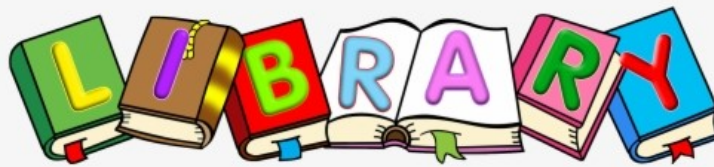
You can now complete consent for your child online. Please click [-https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2022/haringey](https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2022/haringey) to give consent, or to decline consent.

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 child.

Paying our respects on Remembrance Day with a minutes silence during our art lesson in year 3. 11 o'clock on the 11th of November.



The



Zone



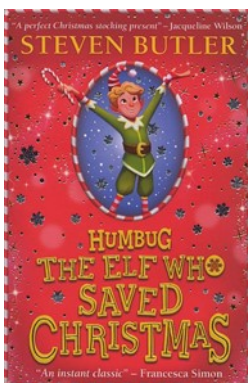
Alexandra Palace
Children's Book
Award Team

7 years ago, 3 other Haringey School Librarians and I set up a local book award and invited children to vote for their favourite from the shortlist we created.

Last month we were honoured to receive the Community Award from the national School Library Association for our efforts in developing and expanding this initiative. We now work in partnership with the Creative Learning Team at Alexandra Palace and the public library network on what has become the Bibliobuzz Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award (APCBA).

I will soon be inviting interested Year 6 children to join the APCBA Book Club and revealing our latest shortlist! The Book Club members will then read the six books and be invited to the award ceremony at Alexandra Palace in March!

AUTHOR VISIT



On Tuesday 29th November we will be welcoming author Steve Butler, who will hold an assembly with Key Stage 2 children and share excerpts from his Christmas book, Humbug, the Elf who Saved Christmas, which has been described as the funniest, most festive book of the year!



We will be working again with Pickled Pepper Bookshop to offer copies of the book, along with a selection of his other humorous titles, which he can sign on the day.

Please complete this [Google Form](#) showing any books you wish to buy. As a cashless school, we ask that you please make payment by ParentPay.



Ms Efthymiou, librarian@chestnutsprimary.com @ChestnutsLib



★ **Chestnuts Champion Award 14th October**

★ Mandela	Buddy	Compassion—amazing partner: supportive & patient
★ Malala	Ola	Compassion, being a good friend
★ Thompson	Luis	Ambitious maths work
★ Pankhurst	Ryan	Respectful—always ready to learn
★ Gandhi	Polly	Ambition—always ready to produce best work
★ Fibonacci	Shengyal	Ambitious—good start to school
★ Dahl	Cassia	Ambition in English & Geography
★ Attenborough	Soleevan	Creativity & Resilience in English
★ Bolt	Jesse	Always being helpful/respectful
★ Seacole	Harry	Ambition and Curiosity every day
★ Hadid	Chloe	Ambitious & Responsible
★ Mozart	Maylee	Resilient—working hard to share her knowledge & ideas with others



★ **Golden Book Award 14th October**

★ Mandela	Charlie	Ambitious & Responsible
★ Malala	Mina	Working hard in maths
★ Thompson	Adam	Emotive cold write
★ Pankhurst	Daria	Excellent cold write
★ Gandhi	Locke	Great attitude in Geography lessons
★ Fibonacci	Ayoob	Good work in English
★ Dahl	Aiden	Wonderful Haiku poetry
★ Attenborough	Emmeline	Writing in English
★ Bolt	Frank	Adjectives
★ Seacole	Tom	Fantastic work in maths
★ Hadid	Yossiel	Good independent maths work
★ Mozart	Eddie	Great attitude to work & producing great work



★ **Chestnuts Champion Award 21st October**

★ Mandela	Patryk	SATs maths Superstart
★ Malala	Leo	Respectful to adults and setting a good example
★ Thompson	Nuha	
★ Pankhurst	Cattleya	Ambitious in Maths
★ Gandhi	Ada	Compassionate
★ Fibonacci	Kaan	Ambitious in English
★ Dahl	Lyra	Responsibility in excellent work with partner
★ Attenborough	Quinn	Great curiosity and understanding in Maths
★ Bolt	Niamh	Hard working and ambitious
★ Seacole	Naomi	Being ambitious in writing
★ Hadid	Xavi	For being ambitious and respectful
★ Mozart	Ana	Ambitious and resilient with her learning



★ **Golden Book Award 21st October**

★ Mandela	Lochan	All-around amazing attitude
★ Malala	Bea	Trying really hard in English—Newspaper
★ Thompson	Matilda	
★ Pankhurst	Bodhi	Trying very hard with handwriting
★ Gandhi	Ramla	Always trying to complete her work to a high standard
★ Fibonacci	Sofia	Great work in English
★ Dahl	Chloe	Creative work in RE and History
★ Attenborough	Adam T	Writing a great plat script in his hot write
★ Bolt	Phoebe	Working incredibly hard in maths
★ Seacole	Keyaan	Amazing progress in reading
★ Hadid	Chloe	For her fantastic feedback in her hot task
★ Mozart	Scarlet	Beautiful work—always works hard and tries her best





Art Classes

This term Year 5 will be studying the art of 'Mixed Media'. They have started to practice different paper crafts including decoupage, quilling and origami.



The Artist of the Week is Sarah in Y3. As part of our 'ANIMAL' art Sarah worked really hard on thumbnail samples, creating a variety of textures using different pencil strokes. It will be really useful for the next step in our design process!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme for 2022 is 'Reach Out'. We will kick off the week on Monday 14th November with a special whole school assembly and Odd Socks Day. All you need to do is wear odd socks to school! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in anti-bullying

week. During the week we will have lots of fun activities and learning which address bullying and promote kindness. You can find some useful resources for Parents and Carers here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Late Collections From School

From Monday 14th November anyone collecting their child later than **3.30pm** from school will be charged for a session at After School Club.

School finishes at 3.15pm for Infants and 3.20pm for Juniors.

An After School Club session costs £13.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The children's individual school photographs are now available. To order copies please visit the Churchbury Photographic website:

<https://churchbury.gotphoto.co.uk/login>

You will need to use the code your child brought home.

Breakfast Club

Please remember that Breakfast Club closes at **8.30am**. If you are any later than this you will have to wait with your child until 8.45am and enter through the main school.



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	97.5%
Silver	BOLT	96.8%
Bronze	MOZART	94.5%

KS2

Place	Class	Percentage
Gold	MALALA	97.5%
Silver	DAHL	96.5%
Bronze	PANKHURST	96.4%

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work!

This week, our overall school attendance was

94.85%



HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME

The Children had great fun at Holiday Play Scheme. They went to the cinema, enjoyed a bowling trip, did some cooking and made some totally incredible Halloween decorations!



NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Review by Cattleya,

My team mates and myself did an amazing job at the Netball Tournament. We fought till the end, we gained more strength and experience. Thank you Mrs Ellis and Delilah's mum for being so helpful and lovely.



PSA PAGE



CHESTNUTS PSA FESTIVE WEEK

Non Uniform Day Friday 2nd December
Bring Chocolate to school to take part - proceeds go towards tombola at Winter Fayre!

Chestnuts Mail service! Use the school post box to send Xmas cards to your friends!



W/C Mon 5th December

Parent/carer Present Room W/C Mon 5th December tickets on sale soon.

Kids Forest School Festive Wreath Making Workshop 5th & 6th Dec 3.30-4.30 pm - tickets on sale soon

Adults Festive Wreath Making Workshop - wine & nibbles included! 7th Dec, 7pm - tickets on sale soon

Pantomime show Thur 8th - at school

Winter Bake Off Comp Fri 9th, 9am cake drop off

Winter Fayre!! Sun 11th 12:00am - 4:00pm

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More Info

Adults Festive Wreath-Making Workshop. 7th Dec, 7 pm
Join us for an evening of festive creativity. You will create a beautiful wreath made from fresh and dried seasonal foliage to adorn your home, with Drinks and nibbles included. Tickets are on sale via parent pay and are limited, so book ASAP. £20 minimum donation.

All foliage is foraged or donated locally by independent florists.

Both workshops are run by Natural and Sustainable Art Facilitator & Reception parent, Allison

Pantomime Show Thur 8th Dec
Travelling pantomime for the whole school to enjoy! Chestnuts school
Cost covered by the PSA

Winter Bake Off Comp Fri 9th, 9am cake drop off. All cakes to be sold at Winter Fayre. No Cream or nuts. please!
Wow, with your showstoppers!

Winter Fayre! Sun 11th 12:00am - 4:00pm
food/ drink/music/craft/Santas grotto and so much more!

PSA NEWS

We are looking for raffle prizes for the Winter Fayre. If you can donate anything or know anyone who can, please email chestnutsprimarypsa@gmail.com


Class Reps will be in touch soon for volunteering opportunities for the Winter Fayre. We couldn't do this without volunteers, so we appreciate your efforts!

Thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered at the Barn Dance & Halloween Film night. Both events raised almost £1500!

The next PSA coffee morning will be on Fri, 18th Nov, at 9 am, Main school hall. Come for a cuppa, a chat and a chance to share ideas about fundraising.

The next PSA committee meeting will be on Tues, 15th Nov, at 7.30 pm via Zoom. We will discuss funding requests, budgets and future events. Please come along; your voices matter! A link will be sent via class Whatsapp.

If anyone has any issues paying on parent pay please email the PSA and we can arrange Paypal.



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More Info

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W/C Mon 5th - 9th December
Chestnuts' secret elf will deliver them to your desk in the morning before you arrive!

Teachers will send out a list of all kids via the class Whatsapp

Parent/Carer Present Room! W/C Mon 5th December
Buy a surprise gift for your parent or carer for them to open on Xmas day!
Tickets are on sale via parent pay. £5 for each gift.

Kids Forest School Festive Wreath Making Workshop. 5th & 6th Dec 3.30-4.30 pm
In the school allotment gardens, kids will be foraging and upcycling seasonal materials to make beautiful wreaths, ending with toasted marshmallows beside the firepit under the stars!
Tickets are on sale via parent pay and are limited, so book ASAP. £7.50 per child
Nursery & Reception children will need to be accompanied by an adult



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Pregnant volunteer wanted for mother – infant observation research

Hello, I am a trainee child psychotherapist looking for a mother and baby interested in participating in infant observations as part of my training, starting between **November – January**.

The purpose of these observations is to allow me as a trainee therapist to learn through experience by witnessing key stages in development, to see how a baby learns to regulate emotions while practicing empathy and to observe how babies bond with their parents and members of their family.

This consists of weekly 1hr observations within the home from birth up to 1 year of age (including breaks around the holiday periods). The visits will be scheduled for a regular time each week.

My role will be as a non-intrusive and neutral observer focused on the baby's development.

Observations would start 7-10 days after birth so I am looking for a volunteer who is **due between November – January**.

These observations are confidential, contributing towards research and understanding of child development. This would me help in my training to relate to what it's like growing up, forming relationships, a sense of identity and the world. Understanding these concepts through early observation gives trainee counsellors valuable insight into children's behavior as they grow.

If you are interested in participating and wish to arrange an initial meeting or have any questions please contact me by email at:

noshea02@student.bbk.ac.uk

Thank you

Niamh O'Shea

Student at Birkbeck College studying:

MSc Psychodynamic Counselling for Children and Adolescents.

DBS certificate



Niamh O'Shea
Student at Birkbeck College

Pregnant volunteer wanted for mother-infant observation

Trainee child psychotherapist (Niamh O'Shea) looking for a mother due between **November – January**.

- Weekly 1hr observations of everyday infant behaviour within the home

A key part of training child psychotherapists

- Observes key developmental milestones and formation of early relationships

- Starting 7-10 days from birth up to 1yr (including breaks)

- Confidential and non-intrusive

For more information or to arrange an initial meeting please email:

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Applying for Primary School Online Talks with Q&A

Haringey is running a series of **online meetings** to help you apply for your child's primary school.

If your child is currently in the last year of nursery, log in for advice and guidance on how to apply for primary school.

30 minute talk plus Q&A sessions:

- Friday 11 Nov, 9am
- Monday 14 Nov, 3pm
- Tuesday 22 Nov, 5pm
- Wednesday 30 Nov, 1pm
- Wednesday 7 Dec, 2pm
- Tuesday 13 Dec, 12pm
- Monday 19 Dec, 6pm
- Wednesday 28 Dec, 11am
- Thursday 5 Jan, 9am
- Monday 9 Jan, 11am
- Friday 13 Jan, 5pm

[Link to Online Talk](#)

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For instructions on how to join the meetings, visit



Have your Say on Haringey SEND by taking part in the POET survey

Monday 7 November - Friday 2 December

For further information, and/or to feedback on your EHCP via this survey, go to www.haringey.gov.uk/poet-survey



SEND



BiG Gardening Day

Saturday 19th Nov.

Join anytime between

11 am 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)

Join us in the school garden to get the garden
ready for the **winter** :

- Collect seeds
- TLC for our trees (pruning, replanting, mulching)
- Plant bulbs for spring colours
- Make benches and table for an outdoor classroom

Hot drinks & biscuits will be available

** if anyone has spare bulbs, spare pots, spare paint,
please let us know or bring them to the greenhouse!*

Thank you

**For info contact Nadja on
07787 311 430**