



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Families,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break, I love this half term and all the fun things it involves! I thoroughly enjoyed the Halloween disco, dancing with all the ghosts and ghouls. Thank you to the PSA for organising such a fun event that I know will have raised money to further support the school.

We are thrilled to let you know that we have been chosen to be a partner school with the London Youth Choir. They asked us to become a partner school after a very enjoyable assembly where our children shone. If your child is interested in joining the London youth choir, it takes place on a Thursday after school at the Bernie Grant Centre 4:30pm - 5:30pm. The choir is open to children aged 7-11 years old.

Please take some time to complete our parent survey [here](#). We really appreciate and value your feedback.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9th November 9.30am -2.30pm-Tag Rugby Competition

Friday 10th November – 9.30am -2.30pm– Tag Rugby Festival

Monday 13th November -Y6 trip to Weston Anglo Saxon Village

Tuesday 14th November & Wednesday 15th November 3.30pm – 6.30pm - Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th November 9.00am-10.15am - Science Coffee Morning

Friday 17th November 9.30am–2.30pm- Y3/4 Football Competition

Tuesday 21st November 3.30pm - 4.30pm - Children's Yoga Workshop

Friday 24th November - Reception Trip to Little Angels Theatre

Thursday 23rd November 12.30pm -4.00pm- Table Tennis Competition

Friday 24th November - Reception Eye Test

Friday 24th November—Reception Cultural Day

Thursday 30th November -Whole school flu vaccination

Winter dates:

EYFS Christmas show:

- 12.12.23 9:30am
- 13.12.23 1:30pm

KS1 Christmas show:

- 14.12.23 2pm
- 15.12.23 9:30am

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas parties in school

Wednesday 20th December

school finishes at **1:30pm**

Nursery

For Halloween the children wanted to dress up in their favourite costumes. We can't wait for our Halloween party!

Happy Halloween everyone :)
From Nursery!

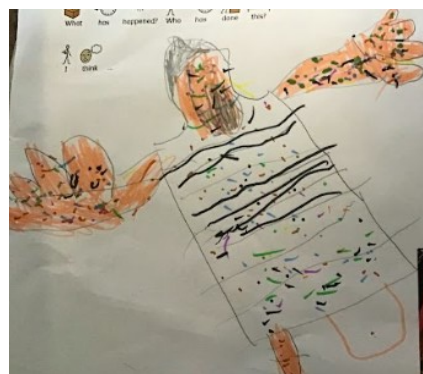


What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson

Reception came in after lunch on Monday to find a huge mess in our role play shed! There were sticks, wood, saw dust and bricks all over the floor! Children had fantastic theories about what had happened and who might have done this! Mia thought it was a horse that had come in at night who wanted to join breakfast club and Khady thought it was Peg Leg Horance, who was part of Grandma Swagg's crew!



Mozart

Hadid

Year 1, have been studying the book 'Paper Dolls' by Julia Donaldson. Inspired by the book, children created paintings of one or some of their favourite memories. These are just a few of the incredible paintings that they produced.



Seacole

Last term, in Seacole Class children wrote acrostic poems about the black civil rights activist Rosa Parks. They also worked collaboratively in groups to re-enact the events of December 5th, 1955, when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat.



Rashford

Last term, Year 2 were studying Judaism as their RE Topic. They learnt about the story of Hanukkah and made a Hanukkiah. The word Hanukkah means 'rededication'. Hanukkah celebrates one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history.



Benjamin

Benjamin Class took a lovely walk to Lordship Rec to create some observational drawing of the culverting of the River Moselle. This was to conclude their Rivers subject this half term and have them take part in geography field work. The sun shone on us all and the children were totally absorb in the task as you can clearly see.



Attenborough

One of our projects in the last half-term in Attenborough class was an exciting and interesting field work. We have studied rivers including our local river, River Moselle that flows through Tottenham and visited the place where it goes underground in Lordship Rec. The children included the culverted river, and its surroundings in their observational drawing.



Fibonacci

This half term, we are reading *Coraline*, which is all about a girl who is forced to overcome her fears to save her family from a very spooky and terrifying 'other world'.

This week, the children wrote a setting description for an eerie, sinister-looking house and experienced feeling terrified by going down into the cellar on Halloween.



Gandhi

On the last Thursday of half term, Gandhi class celebrated Culture Day by bringing in food from our different cultures. We got to sample a range of dishes, cakes and biscuits from around the world. Children then spoke about their different cultures and why certain food is eaten on special days.



Pankhurst

Last term, to celebrate their cultural heritage, children dressed up in cultural dress and brought in food. We had a wonderful array of clothes from Bulgaria, Turkey, Algeria, India, Bangladesh, Argentina, Pakistan, UAE and more! Some children also came wearing football kits to show off their heritage.

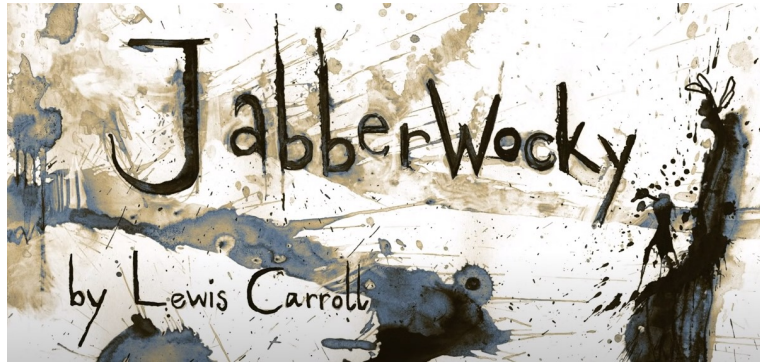


Thompson

To celebrate our spooky writing competition and Halloween in Thompson class this week we had a costume competition, here are some of our fantastic entries.



To conclude a term of fantasy and magic, Year 6 ventured down the rabbit-hole, and into Lewis Carroll's nonsense poem - Jabberwocky. We explored the structure of the poem, looking at how the stanzas are constructed; discussing rhyming scheme, meter, and verse; and finally we constructed our own *nonsense poems* - *awash with portmanteaus and figurative* .



Poems written by Y6

Impybock

A poem by Alyssa Hibbert

'Twas dinnight in the Murrest,
The trees swayed in the storm
And in a house the mushroom people did rest,
And a kid rested peacefully in his dorm.

"My son, don't go venturing for the Imp!
The teeth that bite, the claws that slice!
Beware poisonous Ocean Timp-Timp,
And avoid the teating mice!"

He powered on his trail-boat,
And got his masspear ready;
A bit of fear caught in his throat,
But prepared to fight the creature so deadly.

And so stunned with fear,
The Imp with claws so sharp -
Came vunning through, grabbing at the poor boy's ear
SLISH! SLASH! Went the trusty marp.

The threat was dead,
And the mushroom boy sailed home, buzzing like a bee.
He left it rotting and with its head,
Arrived home full with glee.

"You have killed the Imp my son?
What a baithful yorrior you are!"
The boy like he had won,
He was a youro and had travelled so far.

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And in a house the mushroom people did rest,
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Wink Wink

A nonsense poem written by Delilah Sabbagh

'Twas a frevening and as the brun wown,
As the Mimbles lay down to dreep,
A creerie blist enveloped the silown,
And a scaronster, around it quileeped,

"Beware the Druncher, my darling girl."
"I will, father, I will." She blinked,
"Beware the mountains, where the chillind whirls."
"I will, father, I will." Wink wink!

Out she mudded, toth cresh air,
Her hair gralowing, blonde and fair,
She thought, "There's no need to rush."
So she waited by the Tingtong bush,

Senough, the Druncher arrived,
My oh my, it took its time,
It opened its rulging fleyes,
The girl stood their as sour as a lime,

She thought, "What should I do?"
While the beast hibbleed and licked its lips,
And then the chilver blade went through,
And that was the end of it,

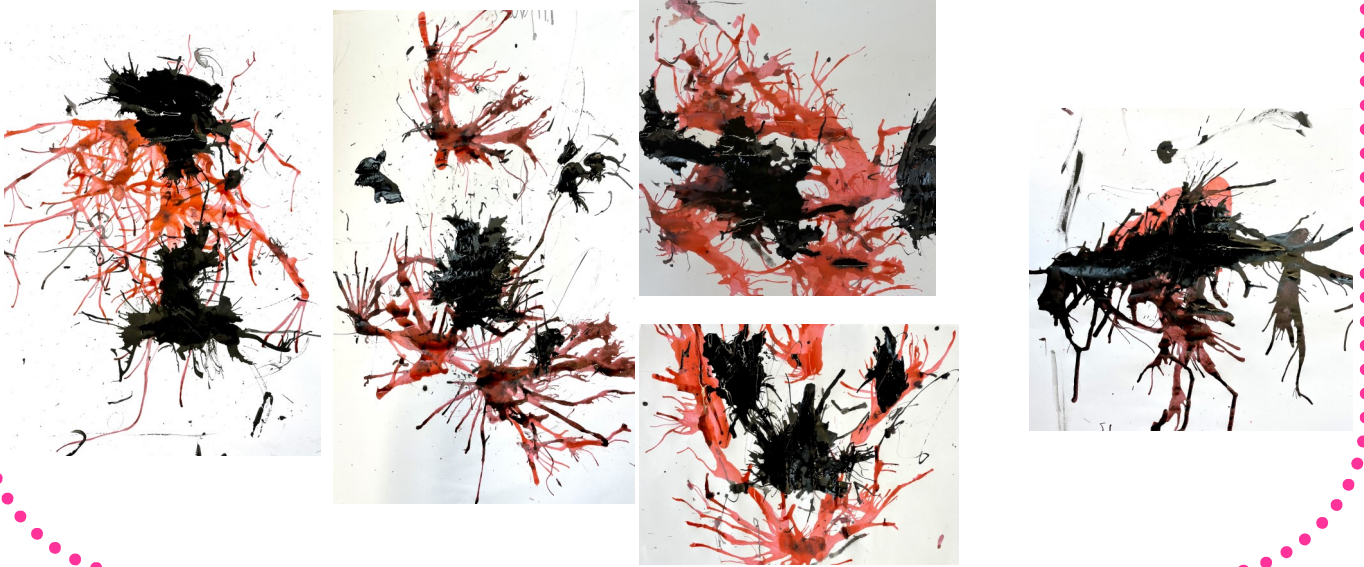
Back at home her parents chulight,
As the girl told them what she'd done,
"It didn't even put up a fight!"
And they all had a night of fun!

'Twas a frevening, and as the brun wown,
As the Mimbles lay down to dreep,
A creerie blist enveloped the silown,
And a scaronster, around it quileeped.



Art Classes

Rashford class , Year 2, enjoyed experimenting with ink blowing and produced these spooky Halloween characters. If you look closely you will see spiders and ghouls, witches and wolves!



ECO SCHOOLS



On the last day of the half term, the Friends of Chestnuts Park welcomed our Eco Schools committee to the park to plant bulbs. The children worked hard to dig a trench to the correct depth and planted a variety of bulbs. We are all really looking forward to seeing them come up in the Spring! Our first ever eco-committee have made brilliant first steps to helping to reduce the environmental footprint of our school. This session was the last with the current committee members and we look forward to building on their successes with a brand new committee starting this half term.



October Holiday Play scheme

The Children had great fun at Holiday Play Scheme ! The children baked Halloween inspired biscuits and made some totally incredible Halloween decorations too !



The London Youth Choir

Do you love to sing but have never sung in a choir before? London Youth Choirs (LYC) have a friendly choir for children in years 3-6 near you...

Local to your school, London Youth Choirs (LYC) runs a friendly and inclusive choir called [LYC North East](#) which meets every Thursday at 4.30pm-5.30pm during term time at the [Bernie Grant Arts Centre](#) in Tottenham.

Our music team came to your school recently and led a singing assembly in September and some of our choir members go to Chestnuts Primary School!

NO experience of singing in choirs is required to join and LYC offer a wide range of financial support to ensure that there are no barriers to taking part. All LYC members enjoy excellent musical training, new friendships, dedicated pastoral care, social activities and AMAZING concerts!

We are inviting **children in years 3-6** at Chestnuts Primary School to come to LYC's FUN, FRIENDLY and FREE **taster session at 4.30pm on Thursday 9th November** at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre, Town Hall Approach Road, Tottenham Green, London N15 4RX.

**[Sign up for the taster session using this link and fill in the form-
https://docs.google.com/forms/
d/1VI9XIIIGP7ilbfKwsY2il8rau3rK1oPsl-ov5Hphqj5A/edit?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VI9XIIIGP7ilbfKwsY2il8rau3rK1oPsl-ov5Hphqj5A/edit?pli=1)**

Have questions?

Get in touch with LYC by email: engagement@londonyouthchoirs.com

Text or phone: 07549435102

THE LYC TEAM ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Reception Parents Workshop

Reading Workshop : Learn how to support your child to learn to read
Tuesday 7th November 9:10am

Maths Workshop: Learn how to support your child's learning in Math's
Tuesday 21st November 9:10am

Writing Workshop: Learn how to support your child's learning in Writing
Tuesday 5th December 9:10am

Early Learning Goals Workshop: Come and find out more about Early Learning Goals
Tuesday 16th January 9:10am

Evening Catchup Workshop: If you are not able to make the morning workshops come and find out how to support your child's learning in Reading, Writing and Maths
Tuesday 23rd January 5:00pm

Communication and Language Workshop: Learn how to support your child's communication and language skills
Monday 26th February 9:10am

Physical Development Workshop: Learn how to support your child's Physical Development
Tuesday 12th March 9:10am

