

Chestnuts Primary School



## Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back to another school year. An especially warm welcome to the new families joining the school in Reception and other year groups. I look forward to meeting you all and your children.

It has been a pleasure to watch the children come back to school and start the year in a very settled and positive way. I am so proud to be the headteacher of this school!

This term we hope to get Enrichment Friday afternoons up and running. Please come and speak to me or drop me an email (<u>head@chestnutsprimary.com</u>) if you can share a skill with a group of children for an hour each Friday afternoon (1:20pm - 2:20pm) for 4 weeks.

On 24th September we have the official opening of the MUGA. There will be a special, surprise guest to help! This event will take place during school hours and will include the children across the school. Look out for photos of the day!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood





## Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th September - Friday 25th October—Trail Blazers Workshop 9am-10am

Thursday 26 September - Clay workshop 3.30-4.30

Thursday 26 September - Reception Parent welcome meeting

Thursday 26 September - Secondary Transition meeting for Y6 parents

Friday 27 September - Yr 6 Malala class assembly

Friday 11 October - Yr 6 Mandela class assembly

Tuesday 15 October - Yr 6 trip to Warner Bros Studio (late back) Monday 21 October - Individual school photos

Wednesday 23 October - Parents evening

Thursday 24 October - Parents evening

Thursday 24 October - Clay play workshop

Friday 25 October - TAD day

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November - Half term holiday

Monday 11 November - Yr 6 Science Museum trip

**Monday 18 November -** Whole School flu immunisations

#### **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** 

## What we have done this week

Reception have welcomed new children to Chestnuts this week! We have enjoyed singing our 'hello' song and learning everyone's name. We have also been exploring the inside and outside areas in Reception.



Ahlberg

Mozart





Donaldson

Hadid

These past few days have been an amazing start to the year, and the children of Mozart Class have settled in very well. They have particularly enjoyed the activities that we have been exploring. We thoroughly enjoyed getting to know more about who Mozart really was and created violins, one of Mozart's favourite instruments that he mastered at the age of 5. Wow, our Year 1 children have moved into their new classroom with such confidence and enthusiasm. Over the past week, we have been settling in and we have been learning about our class names, Zaha Hadid and Amadeus Mozart.



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During the first week back to school, we learnt all about our class inspirational figure Mary Seacole. The children designed posters to show the different kinds of herbal remedies she used on soldiers in the Crimean War, such as lemons to treat a cough and aloe vera for cuts and wounds. We spoke about how some of her remedies are still used today!



During our first week of school, the children worked hard to create posters about Marcus Rashford. They independently drew pictures that were relevant to Marcus Rashford and thought of words to describe his personality. They also wrote key facts about him which they found through research.

Rashford



Attenboough

This week, Attenborough Class had an exciting geography lesson learning about the differences between hills and mountains. The children explored how mountains are taller and steeper, while hills are smaller and more gently sloped. The interactive lesson included fun activities, and everyone enjoyed creating detailed drawings to showcase what they had learned. Their work shows great understanding and creativity. Well done, Attenborough Class!



We started the year with number bonds to 100!! The children in Benjamin class worked hard using a variety of resources to show their working out. The children love investigating and challenging their friends with missing number problems. We have had a great first week and are looking forward to the year ahead!





Benjamin



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What a wonderful start to the year! Fibonacci Class have dived into their learning with excitement, curiosity and a lovely attitude! This week, we have learnt about the legendary story of Romulus and Remus in History, where the River Rhine is located in Geography and the significance of Judea in the first century BC, in RE. We have also worked incredibly hard on writing biographies about the renowned mathematician Leonardo Fibonacci. Here are examples of our wonderful work!

Fibonacci



The brand new Gandhi class has started this year with a huge sense of enthusiasm and hard work. This has been immediately demonstrated in their first English task which was writing a biography of Mahatma Gandhi. While researching our class figure they displayed curiosity and passion while discussing protests in all its various forms, racism and equality. There is no question this year will be full of lively debate.



This week, the children have started reading Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp as part of their English lessons. They are exploring a range of VIPERS questions (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval, and Sequencing) to develop their comprehension skills. Additionally, they are learning to enhance their writing by using descriptive devices through the "three shot trick," a technique that encourages them to focus on describing scenes from multiple perspectives to create vivid imagery.

Pankhurst Class

**Pankhurst** 

This week in Science, We have researched our Class's stem heroes. They are three remarkable ladies : Dorothy Vaughn, Katherine Johnson and Mary Jackson. who played crucial roles in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Despite facing racial and gender discrimination, their exceptional skills in mathematics and engineering helped launch astronaut John Glenn into orbit and contributed significantly to the success of the space missions. We believe that by shining a light on their work, we can inspire others to pursue careers in STEM and contribute to building a better future for all.



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Thompson

What an amazing start to the year! We've already packed so much in:

Workshopping and creating working electrical circuits in Science - where we had to use Scientific Skills such as Asking Questions, and Observing Changes. Are Mr Bloom's spectacles electrical conductors?

We have researched our classroom's historical figures and created vibrant factfiles for each., and we have engaged in discussions about Diversity & Inclusion.

Already we've taken Arithmetic tests, started our Core Text for Writing, and settled into Year 6.

What a great impression you've made - I think this will be the best year yet!

Mr Bloom & Ms Sulejmanovic

Mandela



We are looking forward to having a creative year ahead! The new display frames that were funded by the PSA look fantastic.

Art Cidsse



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## **BUILDING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN**



#### A 6-week parent workshop

#### hosted by Trailblazers!



The Trailblazers are a Mental Health Support Team working with Haringey Schools to support the emotional wellbeing of children. The Trailblazers are trained in evidence-based approaches for a range of wellbeing concerns including

#### What will be covered:

- The importance of play.
- Learning through praise and rewards.
- Supporting your child to understand and regulate feelings.
- Empathetic boundary setting.
- Space for questions and troubleshooting.

"Felt like a really safe space - really appreciated all the help and guidance."

"Just delighted with it so lucky to have this"

#### BOOK A PLACE BY EMAILING:

senco@chestnutsprimary.com

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(Parent workshop feedback, May 2023)



#### WHEN & WHERE?

9am - 10am @ Chestnuts Primary School Friday 20th September - 25th October 2024







Martha's Children's Yoga Workshop Come and join in and have some fun learning themed yoga sequences, breath play, creative mindfulness techniques, yoga games and ending in relaxation.

> Thursday 19th September 3.30-4.30pm Price £7- Book via Parentpay All ages welcome Instagram @marthaschildrensyoga

# CLAY PLAY

<u>Thursday 26th September</u> Make your own, personalised Tic tac toe game out of clay! & <u>Thursday 24th October</u> Paint and decorate your creation!

> £14 x2 workshops Book via Parentpay





### **Skateboarding Workshop**

13th Sep 17th Oct

3:30-4:30pm 10 places per workshop

## Book via parentpay For all ages

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