



Chestnuts Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Friday 4th April 2025

Dear families,

I can't believe we are at the end of the Spring term. This term has been filled with successes, football wins, art work to be proud of and lots of school trips.

This newsletter is slightly different to previous editions as it will focus on the enrichment sessions that have been taking place across the school. These sessions have been taking place on a Friday afternoon with staff across the school. The idea is that children learn something new, that sits outside the standard curriculum.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the fun things children have learnt!

Have a lovely, restful and safe Easter break. I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday April 22nd**.

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Friday 4th April—Last Day of Term **1.30pm finish**

Tuesday 22nd April - **All pupils return back to school**

Wednesday 23rd April - Friday 25th April - Y4 Tolmers Trip

Tuesday 29th April - Y4 Fibonacci Parents Evening

Thursday 1st May - Y4 Fibonacci Parents Evening

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday school closed

Wednesday 7th May - Y3 Benjamin Class Assembly

Monday 12th May—Thursday 15th May - Year 6 SATs

Attendance



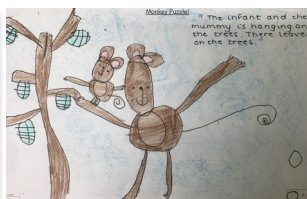
If your child is absent please could you call or leave a voicemail on the school office number :

02088002362 or **email office@chestnutsprimary.com**

Nursery

Spirals, spirals and more spirals!

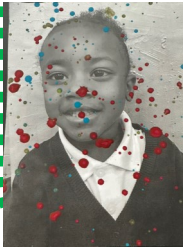
This half-term, Nursery has been learning about the artist Gustav Klimt, and specifically, The Tree of Life. We've been practising drawing spirals in a clockwise and anticlockwise direction and used our skills in our monkey drawings (can you spot the spiral tail?) when we read Monkey Puzzle. We then decided to create monkey tails using clay and then used these monkey tails to make our very own Tree of Life, just like Gustav Klimt's! It's been amazing seeing our tree take form and will be doing the finishing touches on Friday...and perhaps a little after the holidays! What do you think so far?



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Reception have learnt about the American artist Jackson Pollock. Jackson Pollock was influenced by a type of surrealist art called automatism. This is when you don't plan what you will draw but use chance and accident to make your picture. The children really enjoyed closing their eyes and drawing pictures on their whiteboards. Jackson Pollock put his canvases on the floor then drip, splatter and throw paint over them to make his artwork. Reception placed their portraits on the floor and splattered bright colourful paint to make artwork inspired by Jackson Pollock. The children were encouraged to splat the paint freely and not to worry about where it landed. The pictures turned out amazing!



Donaldson

Last week, Reception went on an exciting trip to the Transport Museum. We explored all three floors of the Museum, got on and off London buses and trains from back in time and collected 12 stamps from around the museum. We had a wonderful time and could not have done it without our amazing team of adult helpers. Many thanks to all who volunteered!



Mozart

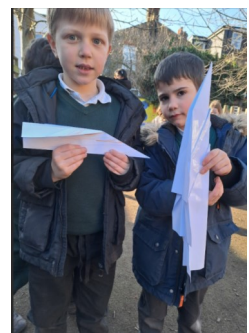
This term, Ms Yong and Mozart class have been doing Yoga sessions for their enrichment.

We have been learning about how to be still and listen to our bodies. We have tried different ways of stretching, breathing, balancing, moving and relaxing. From there, we moved onto different yoga postures and sequences. After building up our own confidence, body awareness and mindfulness, we then went on to do some partner yoga.



Hadid

Hadid class enjoyed enrichment classes. This term they made paper aeroplanes



Seacole

This half term's enrichment sessions saw Seacole class taking part in drama lessons with Miss Sarler. They were focussing on different aspects of the art each week, such as: improvising scenes using the same word; having scenes with props in it and also learning lines from scripts. There was a huge amount of excitement every week as lions roared, monkey's jumped around and picnics were held in the park (ok well on the carpet!).



Attenborough

Attenborough Class have been doing music enrichment on Friday's with Ms Arkin. The first session involved the children composing their own music for a clip using chromebooks (bandlab/ purplemash). The second session involved composing music using instruments. The children explored pitch and rhythm using boomwhackers to develop skills of rhythm and teamwork. Our final session involved creating album covers for music



Rashford

This term, in Rashford class, Ms Livingstone has been working with the class in the woodwork room. The children measured and cut pieces of wood to make a picture frame which they then went on to decorate. The children loved the chance to get to use a clamp and a saw.



Benjamin

For enrichment this term, Y3 learnt the Greek language !



Fibonacci

Fibonacci class has been doing felting on Fridays with Ms Jackson. They chose a plain felt background and small pieces of wool to create a design. By stabbing the wool with a needle onto the felt, it joins together and is securely attached. These are just a few of the incredible landscapes that they made! It was a pleasure to teach you this beautiful technique!



Thompson

For this term, Thompson's enrichment was lead by Mr. Bloom (先生のブルームさん). We learned how to introduce ourselves and ask someone's name in Japanese, including writing our own names in Hiragana. For our next session, we practised counting up to 10 and asking



and responding to "What age are you?" 何歳ですか?

To complement our enrichment, the children split into mini groups to research and present an aspect of Japan to the group - there were some cool presentations: Food of Japan, Nature in Japan, even a crash-course on using key phrases.

Our final two session were spent creating origami boxes - which the children may tell you 先生のブルームさん had zero patience for - and ultimately making (and eating) home-made sushi.

先生のブルームさん really enjoyed his time with Thompson Class.

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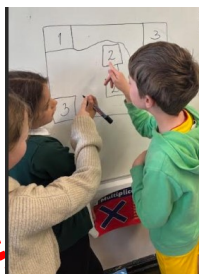


Gandhi

Ms West and half of Gandhi class spent their Friday enrichment doing Origami

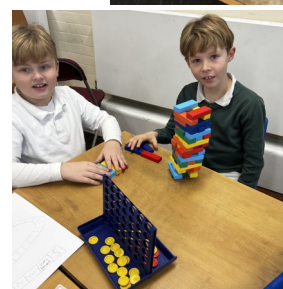
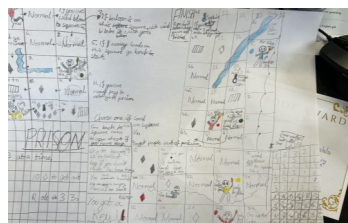


Ms Agnes was exploring the creative side of Maths with the other half of Gandhi class. The children got to solve interesting activities that required them to think outside of the box, they had to figure out how to fit their own body through a plain A4 paper, designed tessellations and other repeating patterns as well as took part in a Mini Maths Relay.



Pankhurst

It was a pleasure to work with Pankhurstclass. We spent our enrichment session playing and designing board games. The kids really enjoyed being able to create their very own versions of their favourite board games. Some children decided to carry on with their projects at home and shared their amazing games with the rest of the class.



Mandela

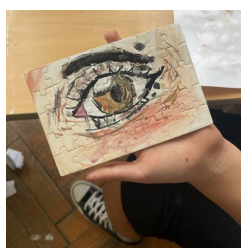
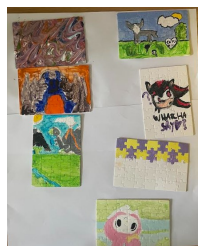
This term in Enrichment, we explored board games, examining their different features and discussing what we enjoyed most. We then designed our own games, created instructions, and used clay to craft ornaments and dice.

As part of our learning, we also considered the Rights of the Child, particularly:

Article 12 (Respect for Children's Views) – Ensuring everyone had a voice in designing and enjoying the games.

Article 13 (Freedom of Expression) – Encouraging creativity through designing, painting, and crafting.

For our final week, we chose our favorite characters or designs and painted them onto a puzzle, bringing our creative ideas to life in a fun and engaging way.



Malala

During our enrichment group on Friday afternoon, Malala class children delved into their micro-weaving with much enthusiasm! Tiny looms were made from card and allowed them to create a small swatch of fabric which they adapted into pin badges that can be worn. So many skills condensed into this activity.



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	97.1
Silver	Rashford	95.1
Bronze	Mozart	95.0

KS2

Place	Class	Percentage
Gold	Attenborough	96.8
Silver	Gandhi	96.7
Bronze	Benjamin & Fibonacci Class	96.5

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work!

During March a group from Chestnuts joined children from several other Haringey primary and secondary schools at Alexandra Palace's beautiful theatre for the Bibliobuzz Alexandra Palace children's Book Award ceremony.

Ms Efthymiou had partnered with 3 other school librarians to initiate this prize 10 years ago and has enjoyed developing it such that 800 children this year voted for their favourite from 6 shortlisted new books. **The winning books were: The Island at the End of the Night by Lucy Strange and Bird Boy by Catherine Bruton (author of No Ballet Shoes in Syria).**

Both titles had been very popular with our group.

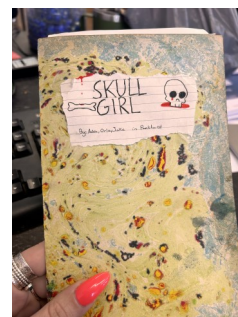
'The day was AMAZING and after 5 minutes

I was already wanting to go next year.'



Character dress up day!

We had a really fun day dressing up as our own characters for world book day- some of our children collaborated and came as different characters in a jointly written story- great team work and imagination!



Chestnuts School Council

Chestnuts Cheers:

Tyna, Year 3: My Chestnuts Cheer is that my class really liked doing the R.E synoptic task.

Ettie, Year 3: My class really enjoyed the tests!

Mollie, Year 5: We are so glad that we have an amazing school, lovely teachers and clubs at Parkview.

Vic, Year 6: My Chestnuts Cheer is that we have a diverse school and we are educated in all sorts of differences, and Neurodiversity Week was really fun.

Shania, Year 6: We are happy about Language of the Week; thankful to the Year 6 teachers for our end of year play; happy that people in school are nice; we have exceptional behaviour at Chestnuts, and we are happy that Year 6 get to go cooking.

Science

ILEX STUDIO have kindly donated an acorn and vase to Mandela Class so that we can participate in their "Vases for Classes" project. We have placed the germinated acorn into the water-filled vase, and over the next few months we can observe and record our findings as this little oak begins its journey.

Alas, we do not yet know which species we have been gifted. Once the first leaves begin to emerge, we can use our identification chart to identify our emerging sapling.

Where will we plant it?

Mr. Bloom already has a Holm Oak and Turkey Oak growing on his balcony at home!





Chestnuts Menu Summer 2025



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta Bake WHEAT	Chicken Tikka Masala COCONUT MILK	Spaghetti Bolognese WHEAT	Chilli Con Carne	Baja Spiced Chicken Strips with Cheese MILK
Option 2	Pesto Pasta GLUTEN	Chana Masala Curry COCONUT MILK	Lentil Bolognese LENTIL	As above	Oaxaca Style Vegetables and Beans
Vegetables	Honey Roasted Carrots	Roasted Cauliflower	Green Beans	Broccoli	Fresh Mixed Peppers
Salad Bar	Mixed Italian Salad or Beetroot Salad	Mixed Salad and Coleslaw Rita EGG, MILK, MUSTARD	Mixed Salad, Spinach Salad with Pomegranate	Mixed Salad, Beetroot Salad	Sour Cream, Cheese, Mixed Salad, Coleslaw MILK, MUSTARD, EGG
Dessert	Fresh Fruits and Yoghurt MILK	Fresh Fruit and Jelly MILK	Yogurt and Fresh Fruits MILK	Carrot Cake EGG, MILK, WHEAT	Fresh Fruits and Yoghurt MILK
Others	Penne Pasta , Garlic Bread GLUTEN	Rice, Naan Bread WHEAT	Spaghetti WHEAT	Rice, Slice Bread WHEAT	Tortilla Wrap GLUTEN,



Chestnuts Menu Summer 2025



Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese WHEAT, MILK	Peri Peri Chicken	Lentil and Sweet potato Curry LENTIL	Chicken Sausages GLUTEN, SULPHUR, DIOXIDE,	Fish and Chips WHEAT, FISH
Option 2	Pasta with Tomato Sauce WHEAT	Peri Peri Cauliflower Bites	Lentil Bolognese WHEAT	Vegetable Sausages GLUTEN,	Potato Cheese Balls with Vegetables CHEESE, GLUTEN
Vegetables	Green Beans	Sweetcorn with Garden Peas	Green Beans	Baby Carrots, Baked Beans	Garden Peas
Salad Bar	Mixed Salad,	Mixed Salad, Coleslaw MILK, EGG, MUSTARD	Mixed Salad ,Spinach Salad with Pomegranate	Mixed Salad, Beetroot Salad	Mixed Salad, Tartar Sauce, Ketchup, Coleslaw EGG, SULPHITES, MILK
Dessert	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt MILK	Beetroot Chocolate Cake and Fresh Fruits WHEAT, MILK, EGG	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt MILK	Biscuits OAT, MILK, WHEAT	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt MILK
Others	Macaroni, Garlic Bread WHEAT	Jollof Rice or Plain Rice , Whole Meal Bread WHEAT, SOYA	Couscous, Slice Bread GLUTEN	Potatoes	Chips


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OF ENGLAND

COME CELEBRATE EASTER AT ST ANN'S CHURCH

Good Friday All Age

Fri 18 April 3.30pm

St Ann's Church

An interactive service for children and all ages considering Jesus' journey to the cross.

Community Easter

Egg Hunt

Sat 19 April 2pm

Bridge Community Hut

Tiverton Estate

An event for everyone starting at the Bridge Community Hut, Tiverton Estate.

Easter Celebration

Sun 20 April 10.30am

St Ann's Church

Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with worship, Communion, Easter egg hunt and more.

Choosing a Secondary School Family Workshop

SEND

Providing guidance and support for parents/carers of children with SEND in year 5 or below transitioning to secondary school.

- Thursday, 15 May 2025
- 10am to 11.30am
- Online via Microsoft Teams

Join us to learn about:

- How secondary schools support children with SEND
- How to choose the best school for your child's needs
- The transition process and what to expect
- Hear from a range of speakers about their experiences



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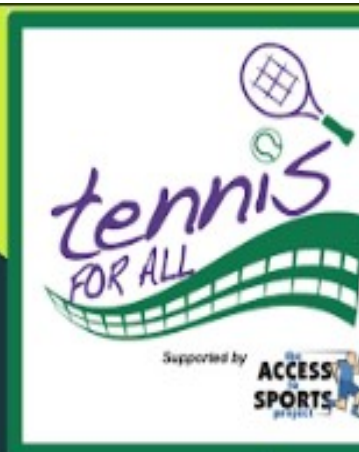
Thank you all for your support this term. Treat Fridays, a quiz night, hoopdance classes, a sound bath, artists residencies and the fabulous golden ticket game raised a wonderful **£3,099**.

The PSA gave the school **£1,406**. This was spent on reading books, a STEM workshop and a book festival. (And some paint for the fence!)

Next events (on Classlist):

Chestnuts zen garden - April 22nd
Forest school - April 26th & May 6th
Jumble sale - May 11th
Life drawing evening - May 13th

TENNIS FOR ALL



HARINGEY PARKS COMMUNITY TENNIS PROGRAMME

- CHILDRENS COURSES
- ADULT SESSIONS
- FREE HOLIDAY CAMPS
- TENNIS LEADERS COURSE

Email:

hello@tennisforall.org.uk

Register online:

clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennisforall1



Haringey

UPLIFTING PARTY TUNES
raising money for the PSA

HOOPDANCE

Mondays in term time 4.45-5.30pm

Chestnuts Primary School

La Rose Lane, N15 3AS

hoops provided

hulahooping tips & tricks by Katharine

Adults £5

this class is NOT for children

free for staff members

**buy tickets in advance on Classlist or pay
at the class by card**

AN EVENING OF

Life Drawing



TUESDAY 13TH MAY
LEAD BY FRANCES COSTELLOE
CHESTNUTS SCHOOL
(ADULT ONLY WORKSHOP)
BOOK VIA CLASSLIST

Forest School



29th April & 6th May

All children will get to take part in Forest School Workshops
funded and ran by the PSA