



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Families,

What a fantastic week it's been at school! From joyful learning in classrooms to laughter in the playground, there's been a real buzz of energy and warmth across the community. It's a privilege to be part of a school where the bond between families and staff continues to grow stronger—we're truly grateful for your ongoing support.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to be hosting our **International Fair on Wednesday 18th June**, a vibrant celebration of the cultures that make Chestnuts so special. Children and families will have the opportunity to explore a range of cultural traditions through stalls, games, and food prepared by staff and pupils. Children have been working hard alongside their teachers to create some wonderful displays—please do come along and admire their efforts! A few important reminders:

- **Children must be collected at 3.15 or 3.30pm or booked into after-school club (ASC).**
- Enrichment clubs run by teachers (Photography, Jewellery, Karaoke) will not run, but MGA Football, KS1 Drama, Drumming, and Street Dance will continue as usual.
- Once collected, children must re-enter with a parent or guardian. Children must be accompanied at all times unless attending ASC.
- If you're unable to accompany your child, please arrange for another trusted adult to do so.
- Children in ASC will be taken around the fair and, if they've paid for food at ASC, will be provided with meals as usual.

And finally, if you're able to bring a dish from your culture, we'd love to share it with the community—food is always a powerful way to bring us together and spark curiosity in our children.

We're also delighted to share that our **crowdfunder to replace the KS1 playground** is now up and running! Every donation, however big or small, brings us closer to creating a space where our youngest children can play, learn, and thrive. Please consider supporting and sharing it widely here.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/replace-ks1-playground-at-chestnuts-primary-school/backers#start> (<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/replace-ks1-playground-at-chestnuts-primary-school/backers#start>)

Thank you, as ever, for being such an integral part of the Chestnuts family.

Mrs Horwood



Dates for your Diary

18 June 3.30-5.30: International Evening

24 June: Sports Day for Yr1-6 (not reception/nursery) in Chestnuts Park

27 June 9.15am: Attenborough Class assembly

1 July: Nursery and Reception Sports Day in school (Parents do not attend)

1 July: Y3 Sealife Trip to London Aquarium

2 July 3.45-6.15: Art Exhibition

7-11 July: Y6 Residential trip to Pendarren (Wales)

16 July 9am-3pm: Reception celebration assembly and picnic in Lordship Rec

16 July 10am-3pm: Nursery celebration assembly and picnic in Chestnuts Park

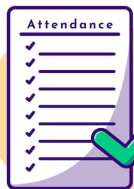
16 July 6-7pm and 17 July 4-5pm: Y6 Production of The Wizard of Oz

18 July 9-11am: (set up from 8.30am): Y6 Careers morning

21 July 6-8pm: Y6 Disco

22nd July : Last Day of Term—**1.30pm finish**

Attendance

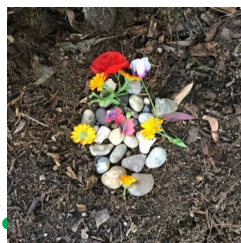


If your child is absent please could you call or leave a voicemail on the school office number :

02088002362 or email office@chestnutsprimary.com

Nursery

This week, Nursery learnt a little more about the cycles of life after one of our children discovered a baby bird that a fox had buried in the soil. The children were fascinated and with the utmost respect (and no touching from children), we had a closer look at how special the little bird was, learning some new vocabulary. We looked at the structure of its wings, had a chat about life cycles and talked about predators such as foxes. We realised that it was a baby magpie and we learnt a little bit more about this very clever bird! Finally, we had a little ceremony and buried the magpie chick in the school garden. We each collected a special stone to place on the grave, and some of us collected some flowers. Next we will make a little sign. Rest in peace, little magpie!



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Last week we learnt about Eid in Reception. We learnt that Eid is a festival celebrated by Muslims and that the date is determined by the phase of the moon. We learnt a little of the story behind it and how it is celebrated. We looked at a Qur'an and some prayer mats and also tried some dates which could be part of some of the delicious foods eaten on Eid.



Donaldson

Reception started this half term with a very exciting delivery- caterpillars! We have been learning about the life cycles of the caterpillar. We have been observing changes then writing about them in our caterpillar dairies. So far we have observed the caterpillars molting their skin as they have grown and some caterpillars have started to form a chrysalis. We are excited to watch them hatch into butterflies next week!



Mozart

This week in maths, we delved deeper into our understanding of arrays. The children used counters and whiteboards to explore repeated addition in a hands-on and visual way.

We arranged counters into neat rows and columns and practised writing number sentences to match. For example, children created arrays showing $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 10$ and discussed how repeated addition helps us understand multiplication.

The activity helped develop their reasoning and pattern-spotting skills, with plenty of opportunities to explain their thinking using full sentences. The use of concrete resources supported all learners to visualise and verbalise the concept clearly.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who supported their children with practising at home; your help made a real difference.

And thank you to everyone who joined us today. Your presence made the assembly truly special. We're so proud of how brilliantly the children performed!

This experience links to Article 29 of the UNCRC: Every child has the right to develop their talents and abilities to the full. The children showed confidence, teamwork and creativity throughout the process.

Hadid

In art/DT this half term we are learning about where our food comes from, identifying which foods come from plants and which come from animals, food preparation and understanding the origins of food.

This week we have been exploring food through our senses. Developing vocabulary and sensory awareness by tasting and de-



Seacole

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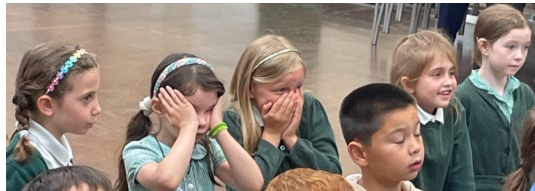
This term we will be studying the book Mr Majieka. Year 2 had the opportunity to watch a magic show.

"It was amazing, I was shocked" Cary.

"When I saw the tricks, I was amazed, I didn't know how he did them" Cass.

"I was so surprised because I had never seen magic before!" Jesse.

"My favourite trick was making the coke disappear" Dylan

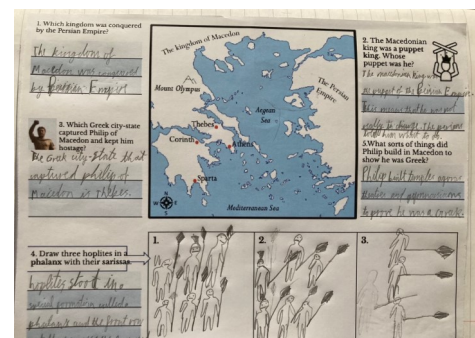
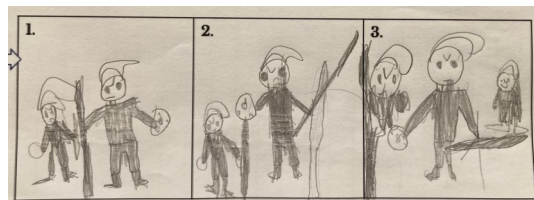


Attenboough

Benjamin

"Hoplites, form a phalanx! Front row, lower your sarissas! Attack!"

In Benjamin Class we started our new History topic of Alexander the Great with the story of his father, Philip of Macedon, who was held hostage by the Greek city-state of Thebes. Just like Philip, we studied the fighting style, formation and tactics of the Greek foot soldiers called Hoplites. Here we have a fearsome phalanx of deadly Hoplites ready for battle with their long sarissa spears.



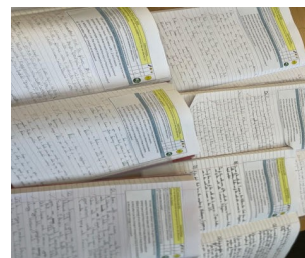
Fibonacci

This week Fibonacci class have been reading 'The Butterfly Lion' in English lessons. We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring objects and artefacts from the First World War. We have looked at letters, official documents, booklets, posters and books about the experiences of soldiers during this time. We were particularly fascinated by the letters



Gandhi

I was so very pleased and proud of the children this week as they had extra pressure on them. Not only did they have to contend with their Multiplication Times Tables Check (well done all), but they produced some fabulous work. Here you can see the results of paired research into seasons around the world and the impact a change in temperature can have on ecosystems. They worked very hard in finding a variety of countries with different seasons, the animals and plants you would find in them and what would happen if the weather cooled or rose. They also wrote about other human impacts such as pollution and deforestation. Fantastic research.



Thompson

Year 5 took part in a Shakespeare workshop, focusing on the play script Julius Caesar. The children had so much fun acting and look forward to watching the performance in the Richmond Orange Tree Theatre.

Pankhurst



Rehearsals for our end-of-year performance of The Wizard of Oz are well underway. We have assigned roles and the children are getting their acting chops around the script. We are currently focusing on adding characterisation to our parts, blocking the stage, as well as learning our songs and their choreography.

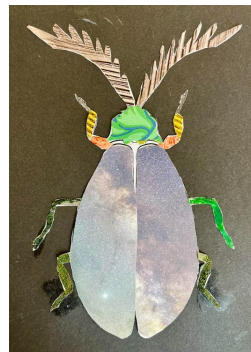
Somewhere, over in KS1 Hall - someone has dropped a house on the Wicked Witch of the East. Not to give too much away, but expect song, dance, bare drama, horror, and shoes! Oh my!



Art Classes



Beautiful Beetles and Bugs - Year 6 -collage-mixed media.



Chestnuts School

Last week the school council delegates met with Kristie Wilson, the Parks Project Manager for Haringey Council. They discussed the improvements that will be made to the play equipment in Chestnuts Park over the next few months. The children came up with some ideas for what they'd like to have. Kristie took their ideas away with her to share with her team. She will be back soon to let us know the progress.

Thank you, Ms. Mower, for putting us in touch with Kristie.



Eco Schools



Last week KS2 had a brilliant talk about climate change from a speaker from Greenpeace.

The children were very engaged and our speaker, Issy was very impressed with how knowledgeable the children were. Issy ended by inviting the children to make a poster to bring issues about climate change to the attention of our local MP, David Lammy. Posters can have a picture of anything related to climate change and should include a few words to highlight solutions and actions.

Please bring any posters to Ms Mower and she will pass them onto David Lammy.



True or False?

Climate change is when the usual weather and temperature patterns in a large area shift over many years.



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