

Chestnuts Primary School Newsletter



Friday 30th January 2026



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 2nd – 6th February – National Story Telling Week

Monday 2nd February – Strings Concert

Friday 6th February – Y2 Rashford Class Assembly

Friday 13th February – Y2 Seacole Class Assembly

Monday 16th – 20th February – Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd February – All children return back to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a vibrant and inspiring week it has been at Chestnuts. Our Year 5 children were treated to visits from volunteers working in a range of science careers, and their curiosity was infectious. They asked thoughtful questions, listened intently, and left buzzing with new ideas about what their futures might hold.

Our younger year groups have also been out exploring the world beyond the classroom. Year 1 had a wonderful day at the Tower of London, and Year 2 were captivated by the magic of the Little Angel Theatre. Meanwhile, Year 3 enjoyed the extraordinary opportunity to see The Lion King in the West End. They were completely enthralled by the performance—the costumes, the music, the storytelling. It was a joy to hear their excitement afterwards.

Back in school, we have been absolutely amazed by the number of entries to Ms West's Key Creative Writing competition. The quality of the stories has been exceptional; some truly deserve to be published one day. Every child who submitted a piece should feel incredibly proud. As headteacher, I am continually inspired by the imagination, talent, and hard work of our young authors.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Horwood

Attendance

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



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

WELL DONE

The Chestnuts Girls came in second place in a football tournament against 21 other local schools from Haringey. They played really well as a team and just kept on aiming high and never giving up. An incredible 36 goals were scored, with tight defending and a solid performance in goal. We are really proud of you. Well done!



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind you of the booking process for our After School Club (ASC) to ensure all children are safely and correctly registered.

- ◆ **Booking Before 12pm All ASC sessions must be pre-booked via Magicbooking by 12pm on the day of attendance.**
- ◆ Booking After 12pm If you need to book ASC after 12pm on the same day, please email asc@chestnutsprimary.com directly. This is the only accepted method for late bookings.

⚠ Important Notice Children who are not booked in through either of these methods will incur a late booking fee of £15. This policy is in place to ensure we maintain accurate registers and keep all children safe.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

What we have done this week

NURSERY

How exciting it was to have some hens visited us from the farm! They looked just like The Little Red Hen. We were so lucky to be able to touch them too. The farmers also taught us how to make flour by ourselves. We started with an ear of wheat each and ended with us all having a go at grinding the grains into flour!

Back in Nursery, we made our own bread in a bread machine. We learnt the word "ingredients" and even remembered the tricky word "yeast" as one of the ingredients! Our bread was deeeee-licious!



DONALDSON CLASS

Donaldson class made bread! We used the flour that we made when the little red hen came to visit. We put all the ingredients into the bread maker machine and we can't wait to taste it.



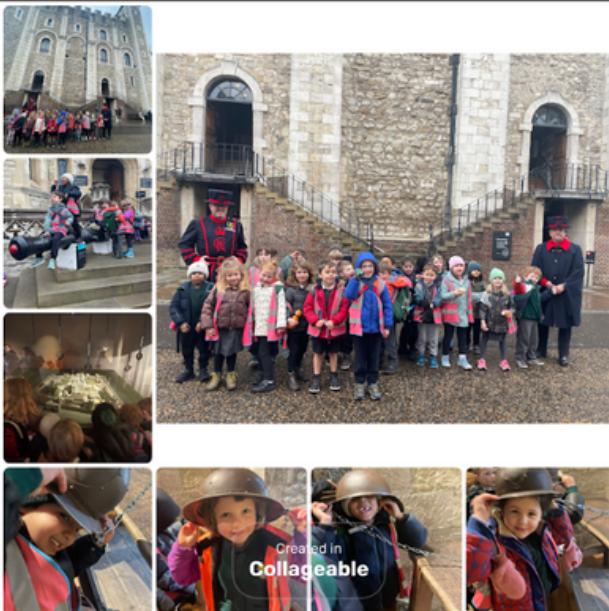
AHLBERG CLASS

The past two weeks, children in Ahlberg Class have really enjoyed bringing in their favourite books to share with the class and have been excited to use our new reading area. Thank you so much for the magazines and multilingual book donations! If you have any comics or magazines you do not need, we would be happy to take them!



HADID CLASS

Last week the children went on a trip to the Tower of London. The Tower has over 1,000 years of history and is an amazing place to visit. We saw the Crown Jewels, met the ravens, walked along the battlements, and discovered which animals were once kept in the menagerie. We also watched the sentry guards pacing as they protected their posts. It was a fantastic day.

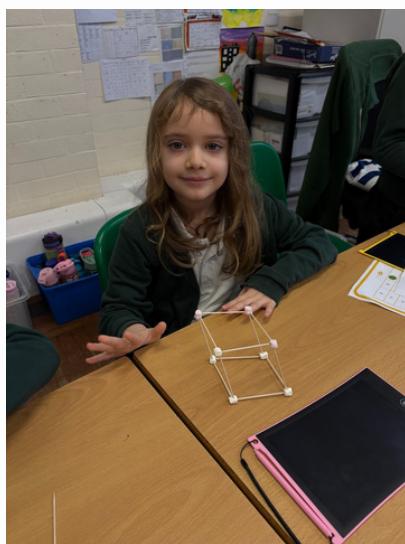
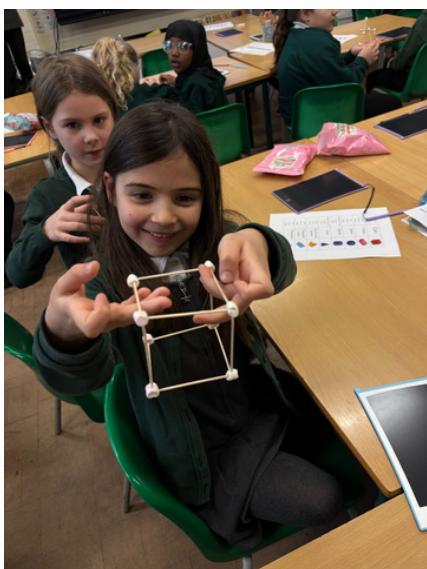


MOZART CLASS

Year 1 Mozart has had a wonderfully hands-on week in PSHE. The children learned all about the importance of clear instructions by making their very own jam sandwiches. They worked carefully through each step. From spreading the butter to adding the jam, and loved seeing how following instructions helps us complete a task successfully. It was a fun, sticky and very memorable way to bring their learning to life.



In maths, we built on our understanding of shapes by creating our own 3D structures using marshmallows and sticks. The children explored edges, faces and vertices through hands-on investigation, and the activity sparked plenty of excitement and creativity. They worked safely, shared resources fairly, and demonstrated great teamwork, upholding Article 28: the right to an education as they engaged fully and respectfully in the learning process.



BENJAMIN CLASS

ATTENBOROUGH CLASS

Attenborough and Benjamin class' recent trip to see The Lion King musical in the Lyceum Theatre in Covent Garden was an unforgettable experience for the children. The vibrant costumes, mesmerising music and captivating performances left a lasting impression on everyone. The magical atmosphere and theatrical brilliance inspired their creativity and imagination. However, seeing the pure joy on the children's faces was the best part of the evening. The children were amazed by the incredible music and larger-than-life animals brought to the stage. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience live theatre and link their learning to the story and songs they know and love. The pupils represented the school beautifully and returned full of excitement and smiles.



FIBONACCI CLASS

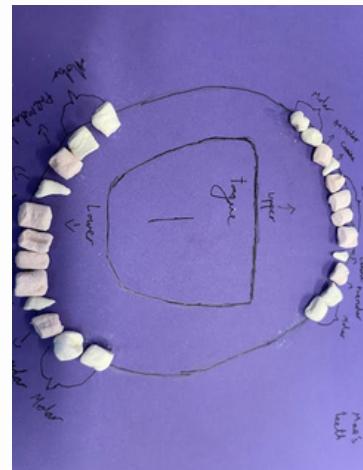
Fibonacci Class has been buzzing with energy this week as the children practise their violin and cello pieces for Monday's upcoming concert. The two photos included in this newsletter capture just a glimpse of their focus, determination and growing confidence as they rehearse together. Over the past term, the pupils have worked incredibly hard to develop their musical skills – from learning how to hold their instruments correctly to mastering rhythms, bowing techniques, and playing in harmony as a group. Their progress has been remarkable, and they should feel very proud of how far they've come.

The children are genuinely excited to perform on Monday. They can't wait to share what they've learned and we hope their performance brings you joy, makes you smile and leaves you thoroughly entertained.



GANDHI CLASS

As you know the topic for science this term is, Animals Including Humans. We have looked at the digestive system and this week the children made a model of the teeth with marshmallows. They had to make sure they put in the correct number of incisors, canine and molars. It was a very messy and sticky endeavour but the children worked hard and certainly understood the formation of the mouth better by the end of the lesson!



To continue our guest enrichment afternoons, we had two special members of our community join us to discuss their professions. First, Bridget Benelam came to discuss nutrition and her background in bio-chemistry, then Professor Sam Halvorsen introduced us to the Sustainable Development Goals. Our children are beginning to understand that there are a whole host of professions and vocations that lay ahead, and our community is very excited to share their experiences and expertise.

The UN's SDGs or 'Global Goals' are 17 shared, urgent promises made by countries to create a better, fairer, and safer world by 2030. They focus on ending poverty, protecting the planet's environment, ensuring peace, and reducing inequality for everyone.

The Goal: To make the world sustainable – meeting our needs now without stopping future generations from meeting theirs. They aim to solve big problems like climate change, poverty, and inequality, ensuring "no one is left behind".

Chestnuts is proud to be a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, as well as learning about the Sustainable Development Goalss.

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."
– Indigenous American Proverb



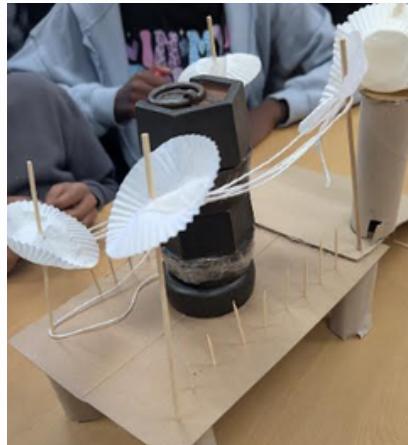
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To complement our wonderful text, and celebrate one of our STEM Heroes for this term -

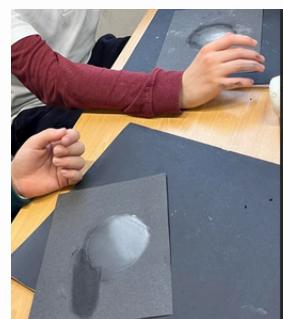
William Kamkwamba - we put our Engineering skills to the test: using recycled materials we had to design and construct a Load Bearing (5kg) bridge (distance 25cm) or a fully functioning windmill. Mandela is happy to announce that all bridges were fully load bearing.



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ART CLASSES

We are delving into light and shade in year 5, using chalk and charcoal on black and white paper to create beautiful 3D spheres. The children really grasped the concept of focussing on the light source and how that affects the highs and lowlights.



TURING GROUP

Turing Group have been shaking off the winter blues with a fresh round of cricket.

We've enjoyed two lessons so far and have already picked up some key skills, from understanding the difference between a wicket and a stump to learning how to bowl with proper technique.

The highlight so far has been putting our new knowledge into action during a full game of cricket, which everyone threw themselves into with great enthusiasm.



JOIN US FOR A COFFEE MORNING WITH



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WEDNESDAY
4TH FEB
9AM



- ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER WITH A CHILD BETWEEN 0-25 YEARS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND / OR A DISABILITY?
- COME ALONG AND HAVE A CHAT ABOUT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD IN A HARINGEY

WHAT IS
PINS?

(PINS) PARTNERSHIPS FOR
INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY
IN SCHOOLS

CHESNUTS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A PINS SCHOOL AND A PART OF A NATIONAL PROGRAMME THAT BRINGS SPECIALIST HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS AND EXPERT PARENT CARERS INTO MAINSTREAM PRIMARY SCHOOLS -

COME AND FIND OUT MORE!

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WE ARE A PINS SCHOOL

(PINs) Partnerships for inclusion of neurodiversity in schools

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OUR
AIMS

- **WORKING COLLABORATIVELY
ACROSS PROFESSIONAL
BOUNDARIES**
- **OFFERING TRAINING FOR NON-
HEALTH STAFF**

- **CREATING ENVIRONMENTS THAT
FACILITATES THE BEST
OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE**





Chestnuts Half Term Playscheme

WHY YOUR CHILD WILL LOVE IT!

- Skateboarding Lessons
- Swimming
- Gardening Club
- Spring awakening Yoga

From Feb 16th - 20th
Chestnuts Primary School N15
8am - 6pm - £35 per day
Plus Sports, Art, baking and lots more fun activities!

BOOK VIA MAGIC BOOKING OR
OFFICE@CHESTNUTSPRIMARY.COM

*SOME ACTIVITIES HAVE ADDITIONAL £6 COST