



Churchfields Infants School

Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the
month
Fairness

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Percussionist Visit

The children of reception, years one and two had a real musical treat on Monday. Professional percussionist, Dominic Sales, visited the school to show the children some of his collection of tuned and untuned percussion instruments from around the world.

Dom taught the children a traditional African welcome song, Funga Alafia. He then wowed the children with a marimba performance, playing first with two and then four mallets (sticks)! To finish, he played the drum kit with the children singing Grand Old Duke of York.

The children were really excited and inspired by the visit and we look forward to further explorations of percussion in our music lessons.

Please see our website for more photos!



Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown up!

Who would you invite to your party?

An astronaut, a footballer, your favourite author?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Nursery Stay & Play
22nd March

Online Safety Workshop
24th March - 2:30 pm

PTA Easter Egg Hunt
31st March

Easter Holiday
3rd April - 14th April

First Day Back
17th April

Bank Holiday
1st May

The King's Coronation
8th May

PTA Mother's Day Sale

Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising the Mother's Day Sale!

We know how much hard work goes into running the event and appreciate the efforts of all who volunteered, both on the day and beforehand.

As you know, our PTA is very much part of the Churchfields team, providing opportunities to meet new people and make new friends with other families, and also to raise much appreciated funding that supports our school.



For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

Safer Internet Day

Did you know a recent Ofcom report showed children as young as 7 have their own social media profile? 33% to be exact.

Do you know what you can do at home to support your child's understanding of keeping safe in this ever changing world online?



On **Friday 24th March at 2:30 pm**, our computing champion and deputy DSL will be discussing tips to help support you at home as well as share what we teach the children in school about being safe online. Please come and support the next generation keep safe online.

We are delighted to introduce you to Parent Zone, a social enterprise working to improve outcomes for children by helping parents feel more confident, safer and in control online. **Parent Zone Local** is a free service of media literacy support in Redbridge, offering parent workshops, support for professionals, and an extensive library of resources – including information, activities, guides, games, and more.

[Parent Zone Local - Redbridge | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](https://parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal/redbridge)
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Attendance Bear

For the third week in a row Starfish Class have the highest attendance score! Well done Starfish class. The results are:

1st Starfish Class with 99%

2nd Penguin Class with 98%

3rd Turtle Class with 97%

As our value of the month is 'Fairness' we celebrated the success for Starfish class but decided that Turtle class would keep our Attendance Teddy as they had the most improved attendance. Well done everyone!



PTA Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is getting ready and is very excited to visit our Nursery and Infant children, on **31st March**, to help with their Easter Egg Hunt.

If you would like your child to take part in the Easter egg hunt, please go to our online events page to buy your ticket:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/churchfields>.



International Women's Day!

Last week was a very busy one for us in school and you have seen some of the wonderful things we did for World Book Day already. We spent the week thinking about International Women's Day which was on Wednesday 8th March. In our special assembly we thought about, and celebrated, women's achievements and discovered why it is important to raise awareness about discrimination and to take action to drive equality.

In our assembly some of the children talked about women who are an inspiration to them. Here are just three of the women that they talked about and why...



Rosa Parks

"She has inspired me to be strong and to stand up for myself."



Mrs Beck

"She has inspired me to sing."



Queen Elizabeth II

"She did so much for our country."

Three members of staff thought about women who have inspired them. Each week we will ask three more members of staff to nominate their inspirational women, so keep a look out for the women they choose.



Mr Morgan – **Leah Williamson**
(Arsenal Women and England Lioness)



Mrs Mehmet – **Maya Angelou**
(Author, Poet and civil rights activist)



Miss Pullen – **Kristen Bell**
(US Actress, voiced Anna in Frozen)

Mr Morgan - "Leah captained England when they won the Euros and has been campaigning for girls to have the same access to football in schools as boys."

Mrs Mehmet's favourite quote from Maya is "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

Miss Pullen - "Kristen Bell is an inspirational woman because she is open and honest about her struggles with anxiety and depression, and she uses her platform to tear down the stigmas surrounding mental health, letting everyone know that it is okay to not be okay sometimes."

Who would you pick as an inspirational woman for you? A special auntie, mum, scientist, doctor, engineer, writer, artist or a friend? Have a think and let us know in school.