



Churchfields Infants School

Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the
month
Unity

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Growing Together!

The children have been working hard to enhance our outdoor spaces by growing lots of lovely plants including tomatoes, lavender, sunflowers and potatoes.

Growing plants is part of our approach to mental health and well-being in school and as you can imagine, the children are incredibly proud of their work.

Please can we urge all parents to be careful and patient when walking past our new plants, especially the ones located near to Turtle and Butterfly classes. Unfortunately, some of our tomato plants were trampled on during drop off times this week. We know it can be frustrating to pass through this space as it is really narrow but please take extra care to not walk across the banks and through the plants. We have chosen this site deliberately as it is an optimum place to grow our plants as much of the Reception playground is covered by shade.

We would ask that parents and carers move away from this space swiftly to not block the area further.

Thank you for your support in this matter and we hope you enjoy watching our garden grow.

Philosophy Friday

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

Would you rather be left in a room full of ticking clocks or beeping horns?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

PTA Disco
27th May

Nursery & Infants 1-2 pm
Infants 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Juniors 4-5 pm

Half Term
29th May - 4th June

INSET Day
5th June

First Day Back
6th June

Summer Fayre
10th June

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



Barbican Visit

The Year 2 children had a fantastic visit on Thursday to the Barbican Centre. They travelled by tube (which was very exciting). During their time at the Barbican, the children explored space and watched a beautiful performance by The London Symphony Orchestra. The children enjoyed celebrating the creativity and imagination that the Centre represented. Afterwards, they had lunch on the lakeside terrace. The children listened with concentration to famous pieces of classical music. They joined in confidently with some songs that they had learnt in class, these were specially composed for the section of the concert called Stan and Mable and the Race for Space.



Music Workshop

The Nursery children had fun taking part in a music workshop on Monday with Sharon from Boogie Mites. We played instruments, sang songs and moved to the music. As a follow-up, we have been making our own shakers from junk.



Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all families who have paid the voluntary enrichment donation for this year. These contributions have helped to pay for the many experiences and visits that have been featured in our newsletter in recent weeks, including the ones mentioned above.

We still have a number of enrichment activities planned for the rest of the term including the Year 2 visit to Colchester Zoo, Year 1 visit to Paradise Wildlife Park and Reception visit to Southend Sea Life Centre. We really do need your contributions for these visits to go ahead and value your support greatly. Please look out for permission letters in the next couple of weeks and also consider volunteering to support.

Contributions can be paid through ParentPay. If you are unsure of how to activate your account, please contact the admin team and Miss Millar will be able to help you.

'Growing' With Reception

The children in Reception have been learning about "growth" in science and have learnt about the lifecycle of butterflies. They have looked after and watched the caterpillars start from small eggs, to caterpillars, then watched as they spun their chrysalis.

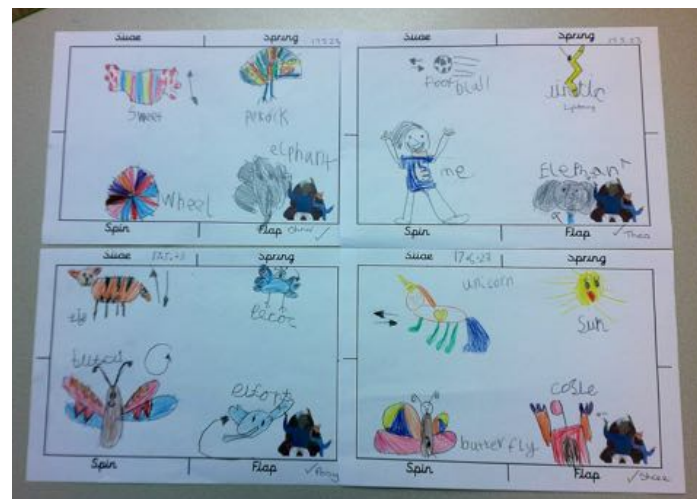
The children are very excited to watch the butterflies emerge from their chrysalis'.



Design & Technology

Following on from last week, the children in Year 1 designed their moving picture based on the story 'If all the World Were...'. Watch this space for the final product!

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Thank You!

Here is a small selection of our new high quality library books. Thanks to the PTA who contributed towards the cost. We also used rewards from the Book Fair we hosted in school.

Football With Coach Jai

As many of you will have noticed, we have recently been lucky enough to develop a partnership with Coach Jai, who splits his time between us, running his own football school and working with the academy at Arsenal FC.

At school we have started two football squads with Coach Jai. This is part of our plan to allow our children to develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities. We are planning, at some stage, to play some inter and intra-school matches, which will allow our children in these squads to experience competitive sport! Watch this space.



Attendance Bear

The winners for the week beginning 8th May are:

1st Starfish Class with 97%

2nd Penguin with 95.8% **3rd** Giraffe with 95.4%

Well done everyone!



PTA Disco

Our PTA will be holding a Half Term Disco on **Saturday 27th May** in Churchfields Junior School hall. Tickets are £4 each and can be purchased via our online ticketing system www.pta-events.co.uk/churchfields.

Session 1 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm - **Nursery & Infants only.**

Session 2 - 2:30pm - 3:30pm - **Infants only.**

Session 3 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - **Juniors only.**



Coach Jai, is offering a May Holiday Camp for children aged 4-16.

This begins 30th May, from 9 am to 3 pm. Please contact 4cornerteam@gmail.com for more information or to book your place.

4Corners MAY HOLIDAY CAMP

AGES 4-16

- 6 hours of football and team games
- Star of the day prizes
- Tournaments
- Crossbar challenge
- Dodgeball
- Skills sessions
- Plus more

DATES

Tuesday May 30th-Friday 2nd June
Time 9am-3pm

PRICE £25

LOCATION

Eton Manor rugby club
Nutter lane, Wanstead, E11 2JA

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