

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the
month
Trust

Nursery Animal Workshop

Philosophy Friday

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

Where would you rather live? In a shed or in a tent?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Inset Day
4th July

Reports Out/Class Transition
9th July

Meet the Teacher
10th July- after school

Nursery Concert
10th July- 11am
11th July- 2:45pm

Reception Concert (pm)
15th July & 16th July

Year 1 Concert (am)
15th July & 16th July

Year 2 Leavers Concert
17th July & 21st July

Big Dance
18th July

Last Day of Term
22nd July

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

This week, we had an exciting animal workshop in Nursery! They brought lots of animals for us to meet, including: a tortoise, a rabbit, a skunk, a gecko, a stick insect, a skink, a scorpion, a tenrec, prairie dogs and even a snake! The children learned some facts about each animal and were even able to touch many of them! See more photos on our website, [here](#).



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

1st Octopus 100%

2nd Starfish & Giraffe 99%

3rd Panda, Koala, Turtle & Penguin 98%

Well done everyone!



Sports Sessions

This week, all the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 took part in our Sports Sessions. They participated brilliantly in a range of games, races and events, which used a combination of team work, athleticism and motor skills. Everyone was rewarded for their hard work in the sun with a delicious ice lolly. A great morning was had by all!

Please click on the following links to see the photo albums (found on our school website) for plenty of pictures from the sessions! [Reception](#) - [Year 1](#) - [Year 2](#)



Year 2 Barbican

This week, the Year 2 children were lucky enough to visit The Barbican to take part in a schools concert performed by the London Symphony Orchestra! They listened to a range of famous classical pieces around the theme of magic, and also performed two songs that had been written especially for the occasion with the other schools there! Children were fascinated to see (and hear!) all the instruments of the orchestra and were excited to hear the pieces they have been learning about being performed live! As always, children were beautifully behaved and represented the school well! Thank you to all the parents and staff who accompanied the children and ensured they were safe and happy! Please see more photos from the trip on our website [here](#).



Humanist Assembly

On Monday, we had a special visitor (Paul Kaufman) from the East London Humanist Society. Paul explained what being a Humanist means and how this can look. As a Humanist, Paul believes in asking questions to find out about the world, making other people happy, looking after our world and living a happy life himself. He talked to us about empathy, putting yourself in someone else's shoes, and was impressed that the children were able to name and explain many of our school values.



Octopus & Starfish at the Discovery Centre

Octopus and Starfish Classes had a fantastic time on their school trip to the Discover Children's Story Centre in Stratford, as part of the Year 1 English curriculum. This was the children's first school trip travelling on the tube, and they were excited to explore the 'Monster Fairground' that had been set up in the Discover Centre for them! They enjoyed role play activities and took part in a Drama session where they worked together as a class to design their very own monster to visit the Monster Fairground! Children were able to use an impressive range of descriptive language to explain their monster in more detail! We would like to thank the children for representing our school so well, and also the adults who accompanied us and kept the children safe and happy throughout! Thank you everyone! For more photos, have a look on our website, [here](#).



Year 1 to St. Mary's

This week, Year 1 children visited St Mary's Church as part of the RE curriculum, where they have been learning about special places for followers of different religions. They met the Rector, Elizabeth, who told them all about why a church is important to Christians and shared some of the history of St Mary's with them. She also explained how church leaders support the local community more widely. The children were excited to be able to ask questions about the church and what Elizabeth's job entails as a church leader. We would like to thank Elizabeth for hosting our visit; and well done, Year 1, for being impeccably behaved as always!



Mini English Champs

As you will have seen previously, our Mini English Champions have been busy working on a project to purchase new books for our reading corners. Following visits to each class, where the Mini English Champions had spoken to the children about which books they might like, they were allocated a budget from Mrs Anderson. With this, they selected a variety of books to further enhance the classroom and reading spaces.

Last week, many of the books were delivered to classrooms. The children have since been enjoying listening to their teachers reading the books at storytime, and they have also had the opportunity to explore the texts with their friends as part of provision.

Thank you to our Mini English Champions who have demonstrated excellent leadership and promoted a love of reading!



PTA News

Following our recent Summer Fayre, we are delighted to announce that an incredible total of £4293 was raised on the day! We would like to extend thanks to all that attended and helped, and in particular, the sponsors for the event: Improve Your Smile Woodford Dental Practice and Stow Brothers Estate Agents.

In addition to this, the PTA Father's Day sale raised a huge amount of £2038 for the schools! Thank you to everyone who volunteered; we hope that you all enjoyed your gifts and the day!

Both of these successful fundraisers, along with the valuable work of our PTA, support our school in providing the children with equipment and resources to enhance our bespoke curriculum.



Concert dates

Nursery

AM/Full Time- Thursday 10th July- 11.00am

PM/Full Time- Friday 11th July- 2.45pm

Year 1

Penguin/Turtle- Tuesday 15th July 9.15am

Octopus/Starfish- Wednesday 16th July 9.15am

Reception

Hedgehog/Ladybird- Tuesday 15th July 2.30pm

Butterfly/Squirrel- Wednesday 16th July 2.30pm

Year 2

Giraffe/Koala- Thursday 17th July 2.15pm

Jaguar/Panda- Monday 21st July 2.15pm

Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

Over the course of this week and last week, we have been exploring the concepts of grouping and sharing (as the foundations for multiplication and division). We have been sharing between different amounts and using the terms 'equal' and 'fair'. When grouping and sharing, we have been working hard to apply our understanding of subitising with small numbers.



5 in each group

Can you share food items for a picnic, or another idea of choice, between you and the people at home? We would love to see your grouping and sharing work in action!

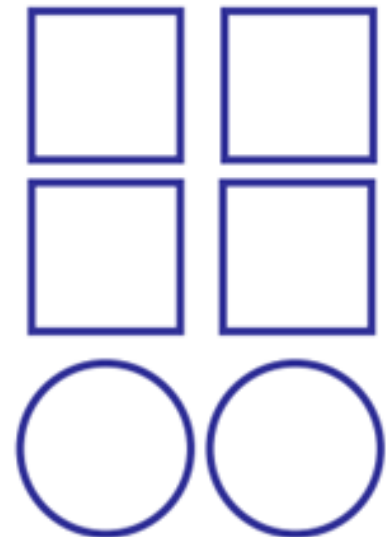
Years 1 and 2

Can you work out the correct answers to the below challenge? We'd love to feature the solution on next week's newsletter; please do send in your response (to the office) for us to celebrate your work!

What colour is each shape?
Write it on the shape.

Clues

- ◆ Red is not next to grey.
- ◆ Blue is between white and grey.
- ◆ Green is not a square.
- ◆ Blue is on the right of pink.



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Thank you so much to those who attended our e-safety workshop last week; we hope that you found it informative and useful. If you were unable to make it, don't worry because the slides can now be accessed on our school website:

<https://www.churchfieldsinfant.com/page/?title=Computing&pid=27>

Following a couple of requests within the workshop, please see below a link to a useful article about the benefits of technology for children:

www.saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parenting-in-a-digital-age-what-are-the-benefits-for-my-child-of-using-technology

In terms of child-friendly search engines and the ones used in school, we recommend:

<https://swiggle.org.uk/> or <https://www.kiddle.co/>

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Churchfields Infants' School



Important Summer Dates

PTA Summer Fayre

7th June - 12-4pm

Online Safety Workshop

13th June - 9am

PTA Fathers Day Sale

13th June (in school)

INSET Day

4th July

Reports Out (YR, Y1 & Y2)

9th July

Meet the Teacher (New Y1 & Y2)

10th July 3:30-4:45pm

Concerts

10th July - 11am

Nursery

11th July - 2:45pm

15th July - 2:30pm
Hedgehog & Ladybird

Reception

16th July - 2:30pm
Butterfly & Squirrel

15th July - 9:15am
Penguin & Turtle

Year 1

16th July - 9:15am
Octopus & Starfish

17th July - 2:15pm
Giraffe & Koala

Year 2

21st July - 2:15pm
Jaguar & Panda

Big Dance (P.E. kits - YR, Y1 & Y2)

18th July (in school)

Last Day of Term

22nd July