



# Churchfields Infants' School

## Weekly Newsletter

**Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way**

Value of the month  
**Cooperation**

### Big Read

This afternoon is our first Big Read of the year (for Reception, Y1 and Y2) and we hope that you all have a wonderful time reading with your children.

Please remember that if you have children in more than one class, to split your time between them as the children are not allowed to leave their classroom bases until home time. Make sure you visit the website and newsletter next week to see the photos.



### Philosophy Friday

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

**Would you rather hear the worlds best song or the worlds best story?**

**Why?**

#### DIARY DATES:

**Parent Consultations**

w/b 13th Oct

w/b 20th Oct

**Phonics Workshop**

(for Reception families)

20th October 9am

**PTA Cake Sale**

17th October

**Half Term**

27th October - 31st

October

**INSET Day**

3rd November

**Phonics Workshop**

(for Year 1 families)

7th November 9am

### National Poetry Day

This week was National Poetry Day, and to celebrate, Years 1 and 2 worked together in assembly to write their own poem! We read the poem 'Through My Magic Telescope' by Sean Taylor and used his idea to think about what someone would see if they looked closely at what happens in our school! Children discussed what they would look through and chose a magnifying glass, and then thought about what a visitor to our school would see and enjoy! We hope you'll agree they have used our value for October, cooperation, to create a wonderful poem together!

#### Through Our Super Magnifying Glass

Through our super magnifying glass  
We see  
Joyful children playing carefully in the playground,  
Through our super magnifying glass  
We see  
Clever children learning enthusiastically,  
Through our super magnifying glass  
We see  
Musical children singing beautifully in the Hall,  
Through our super magnifying glass  
We see  
Happy children reading confidently in Phonics.



**Years 1 and 2**

## Mini English Champions

Our English Champion Mrs Osborne is pleased to announce the new Mini English Champions for the year. These children have been selected because they are passionate about books and reading. They will have a range of responsibilities - being role models, recommending books to peers, tidying the libraries, ordering new books and lots of other important jobs.



"I love Roald Dahl books and my favourite is Matilda. I loved the Reading Scrapbook and I reviewed children Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, as that is also my favourite. I am really looking forward to tidying the library."



"I like reading Princess books because they excite me and it's really fun reading them. I am really looking forward to being a Mini English Champion and reading with the younger children."



"When you are grown up you need to read to your children. If you don't practise as a child, you won't know what to do. I really like The Gruffalo because it has got rhyming words. I am looking forward to tidying the library."



"I really like Roald Dahl books because I have got lots of his books at home. I read with my mum. Reading is fun. I can't wait to read to the younger children."



"When you learn to read you learn lots of words new words and it is also really fun. Julia Donaldson books are my favourite, especially The Gruffalo. I read lots, sometimes at night but sometimes in the morning. I love reading."



"I love story books. I love sharing books with my little sister and we read at night time. I am looking forward to reading to the younger children and also tidying the library."



"I like reading fairy books because they are chapter books. I read every day after school and at the weekends. I am looking forward to reading to the children in Reception."

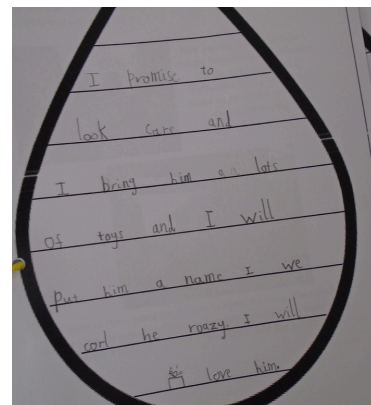
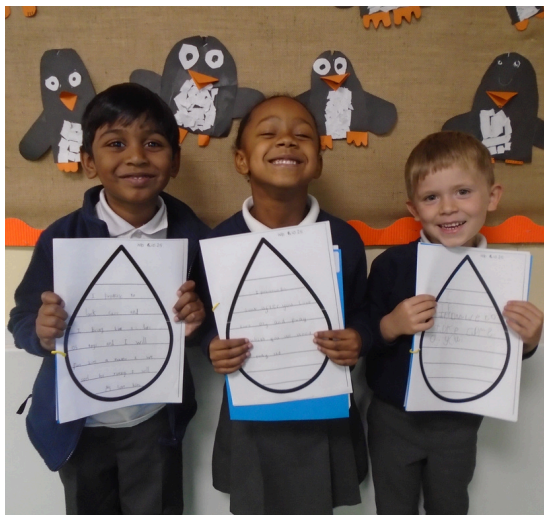
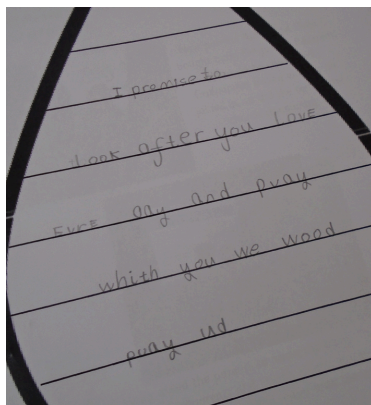


"I like reading because it helps me understand the words. Sometimes I read to my mum and sometimes I read to myself. I like books that have chapters because I read one chapter each night. I am really excited to read to the Reception children."



## RE with Year 1

As part of our RE curriculum, Year 1 have spent the last few weeks exploring the ways in which people welcome new babies. The children have considered appropriate things which we might need to have ready for the birth of a baby and then learnt about how Christians welcome new babies into their church communities through christenings. This week, we discussed promises that parents would want to make to their newborn babies. The children were very thoughtful in their responses, thinking about love, care and support! Well done Year 1.



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## PTA Halloween Cake Sale

Calling all bakers! We need your help. The PTA are organising a Halloween cake sale on the **17th October from 3pm.**

Please bring your baked donations into the school office starting from **Monday 13th October**, and make sure to include an ingredients list with your homemade donations (see attached flyer).

All cakes must be **NUT-FREE.**

- The school gates will open **from 3pm** to ease congestion and so our younger children can choose their cakes safely with an adult.
- You may buy cakes before collecting your children, if easier.
- Please be patient as it may get busy. There will be a **queueing system** in-place to help with the business of the sale.
- Please remember to donate cakes as we can only sell what we have.



If you would like to volunteer to help on the day, please contact the PTA via their email address: [pta.churchfields@gmail.com](mailto:pta.churchfields@gmail.com)

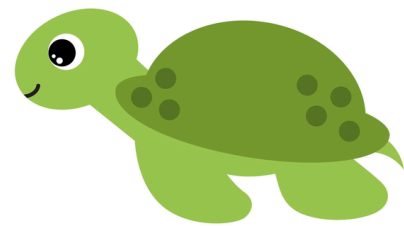


## Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Turtle 99%
- 2nd** Starfish 98%
- 3rd** Giraffe 97%

Well done everyone!



## Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Mrs Osborne is inviting you into school to learn about our exciting Phonics Scheme - Little Wandle. Information will be given on the daily phonics lessons and you will also find out about reading practise sessions.

The workshop is for all Year 1 families.

It will be on **Friday 7th November at 9am.**



## Letter Formation Whiteboards

Non-cursive letter formation whiteboards are now available for Reception families to purchase from the school office.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £4, but anything extra is greatly appreciated as all profits will go towards new books for the school.

They will also be on sale at the Reception Phonics Workshop, where Mrs Osborne will discuss the importance of correct letter formation.



## Nursery Tours

We will soon be hosting tours for prospective families for September 2026 entry. The dates are as follows:

- Thursday 6th November at 10am
- Thursday 20th November at 10am
- Thursday 4th December at 10am
- Thursday 8th January at 10am
- Thursday 22th January at 10am

Please contact the school office to book a place on 0208 505 0386 or email [tours@churchfieldsinfants.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:tours@churchfieldsinfants.redbridge.sch.uk). Further information about our Nursery and an application form can be found on the school website [here](#).



## Weekly Maths Challenge

Have a go at one of the below challenges:

### Reception

Can you collect a range of items (e.g. leaves, conkers, stones...) from the outdoor environment and make a repeating pattern using these?

Can your grown up make a new pattern for you to continue?



### Years 1 and 2

Ask an adult if you can look at some coins in their purse or your money box.

1. How many different coins can you find?
2. How many 10p coins have you got?
3. Can you put the coins in order of size or group them into the same colours? Which coins are not the same shape as the others?
4. Practise writing the numbers on the coins. Are there any numbers that you do not have coins for?
5. Are there any other types of money that are not coins? You could try putting the coins under the page and making rubbings of them.



## E-Safety Tip of the Week!

### Talking about E-Safety

Start a conversation with your child/ren about using the internet safely. Perhaps you could use these question prompts below:

How do you stay safe online?

What tips do you have and where did you learn them?

Do you know where to go for help and where to find the safety tools on your favourite apps and games?

What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?

What could you do if you saw that a friend online needed some help or support?



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# HALLOWEEN CAKE

## SALE

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

INFANT SALE - 3PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR NUT-FREE DONATIONS TO  
SCHOOL OFFICES FROM MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER!  
REMEMBER TO INCLUDE AN INGREDIENTS LIST.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE GET  
IN TOUCH [PTA.CHURCHFIELDS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PTA.CHURCHFIELDS@GMAIL.COM)

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