



Points to note:

Tuesday 12th December

- Year 4 trip to the Science Museum

Wednesday 13th December

- Young Shakespeare Company performance of 'Macbeth' to Years 5 and 6

Thursday 14th December

- Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Show, 9.45am at St Michael's Church Beckenham

Friday 15th December

- Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Show, 2.00pm at St Michael's Church Beckenham

Tuesday 19th December

- Reception Christmas Show, 9.30am in Main Hall at school
- **NEW:** ARC Holly and Magnolia perform for parents/carers in classrooms 2.45pm

Wednesday 20th December

- Children's Christmas lunch – they can wear Christmas jumpers if they wish

Thursday 21st December

- Last day of autumn term – finish at the usual times
- After school club open until 6pm as usual

Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th January

- Childcare available on site – [Click here](#) for more information and to book

Monday 8th January

- INSET day – school closed to children

Tuesday 9th January

- First day of Spring 1 term – children return at the usual times
- Breakfast and after school club running as usual

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a bumper edition of the newsletter with lots of news, events and successes to share from the last fortnight. The PTA Christmas Fair was a huge success – thank you to everyone who made this fabulous event happen and everyone who came along to support.

We had a slightly different lunchtime yesterday as the teachers were on duty so that the support staff could enjoy a peaceful break and a lunch buffet on us to show our appreciation for all that they do. Our choir have been out and about to promote the work of a local charity, The Maypole Project, which provides support, friendship, resources and also organise activities and outings for children and young people with complex medical needs, SEN and disabilities [click here to find out more](#). We look forward to seeing many of you at our concerts over the next two weeks and thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend,

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher

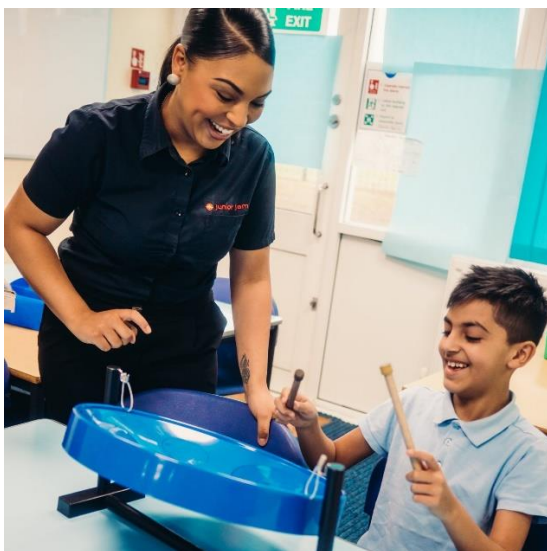


Churchfields Choir on Tour



The Churchfields Choir are honoured to have been asked to perform twice recently to support a local charity, The Maypole Project. Last week, they went down to The Glades shopping centre to perform to the public. They drew in a huge crowd including many friends and family members who kindly came along to support. On Wednesday evening, they were the opening number and also sang a rousing acapella rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. They performed brilliantly on both occasions and we thank their families as well as Miss Tarbuck and Miss McBain for training them so well and to Mrs White and Mr Matthews who came along to support.

Junior Jam Music - Coming in January



Junior Jam

We are very excited to let you know that from January until the end of the academic year we will be working with a new partner, Junior Jam, to enhance our music curriculum offer.

They will be coming into school during the day to teach classes from Reception to Year 6 with new topics and instruments to try including samba drums and keyboards. Look out for Junior Jam on your child's timetable in the Spring term.



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Chess Team Success

The Churchfields Chess team took part in their first tournament representing the school on Saturday. They played really well and finished an impressive **3rd out of 54 teams** in the 7th PCC Online Schools' Tournament.

You can see the full rankings [here](#).

They will be promoted to the 'A division' for the next competition and we are looking to organise a tournament between the QIE trust schools in the new year.

Well done to all of the players and thank you to the coach Tomer and Mr Matthews for holding lunchtime practise sessions in his classroom.



Gardening Club and Competition



The Gardening Club have been very busy preparing the flowerbeds and planting bulbs for the Spring.

Thank you to Mrs Madhavan for leading the keen gardeners and also to the PTA for donating £500 towards seeds, plants and bulbs for the school grounds as well as tools and gloves for the children to use.



London school children are invited to design the front cover of LCFS's next Annual Report 2023. This competition is open to all. Designs should be **A4 sized**, and any medium can be used such as paint, pencils & crayons. The theme is: **colourful, bright design that represents the joy gardening can bring.**

All entries should be either posted to :

The London Children's Flower Society

61a High Street

Orpington

Kent

BR6 0JF

or

scanned and emailed to:

londonchildrensflowersociety@outlook.com

The closing date for all entries is **6th January 2024.**

Please ensure all entries include details of the Child's Name, Age and School.

The winner will receive a prize and their design will be published on LCFS's website.



Sports News



Some of the cross-country competitors

The Year 5 and 6 runners who represented the school in the Bromley Cross Country Competition received their medals this week.

We gave out **33 medals** awarding gold, silver and bronze according to the place in our in-school squad.

A particular well down to the Year 6 boys' team who placed **5th out of 30** teams from schools across the borough.

Thank you to all of the families who came out to support and also to Mrs Horton who has been training the team and praised them for being very supportive of each other and hugely respectful to the runners sharing our lane. Thanks also to Miss Akhtar, Miss Hussey, Mr Matthews and Miss McAndrew who came along on the day to support and marshal the route (including the finish line!).

Year 5 Explore the Stars



Year 5 classes travelled up to Central London last week to visit the Science Museum. They have been learning about forces, gravity, levers and pulleys and about Earth and space. They had a great time and thank you to all of the volunteers who came along to help us.



Our aims are:

- To have fun and express your talents
- Give us something to look forward to in winter
- To raise money for the Year 6 disco

Years 3 - 6 can show off your talents for up to 3 minutes.

You can:

Sing
Dance
Drama
Comedy
Sports skills
Maths
Play an instrument
Do magic
Or anything else!

When is it happening?

Auditions: at lunchtimes Monday 22nd to Friday 26th January 2024

Final show: 2 – 3pm on Friday 9th February 2024. The finalists' families and all of the contestants can watch. Any donations to the Year 6 disco gratefully received.

We hope you will enjoy it!

The organising committee

Delilah and Freya – Hosts

Emeli and Vivian – Backstage managers

Ivy – Lighting technician

Ellie – Donations and refreshments manager

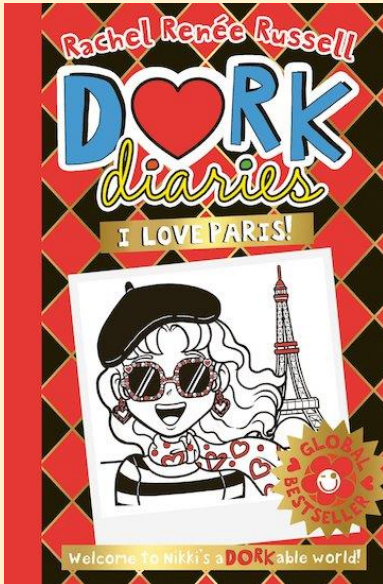
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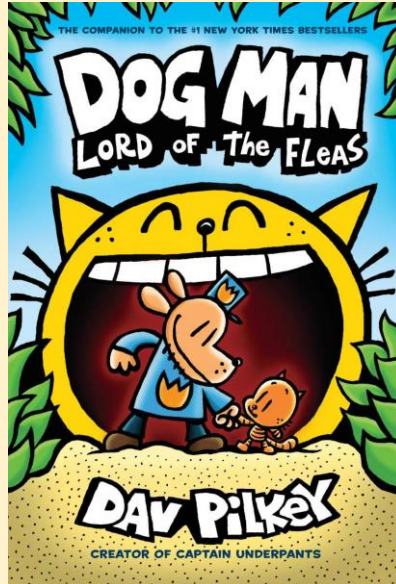
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No pets
Nothing unsafe



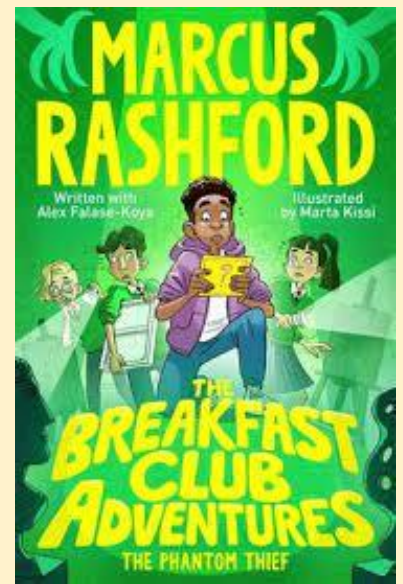
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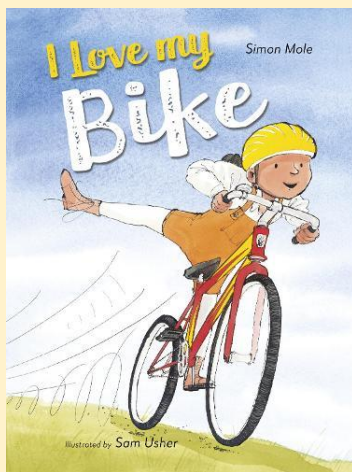
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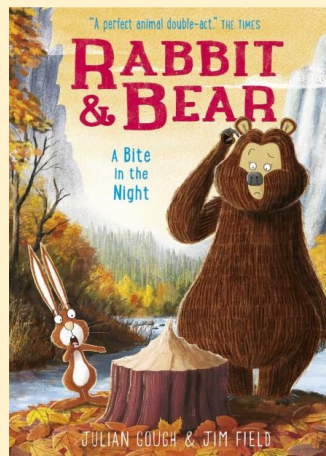
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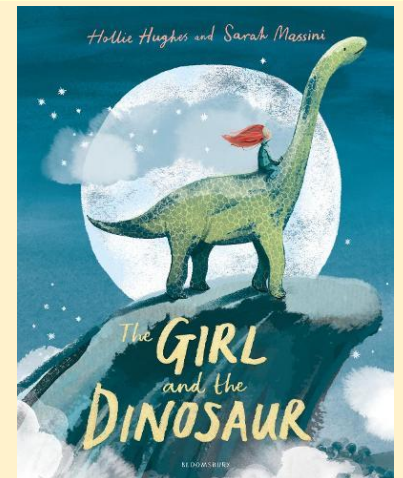
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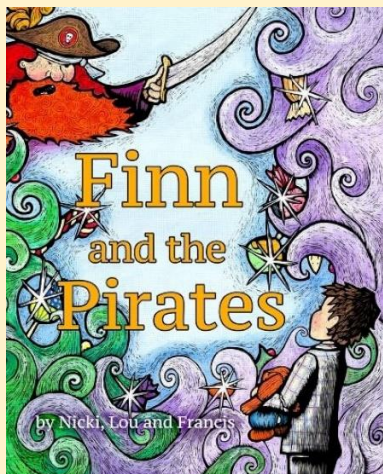
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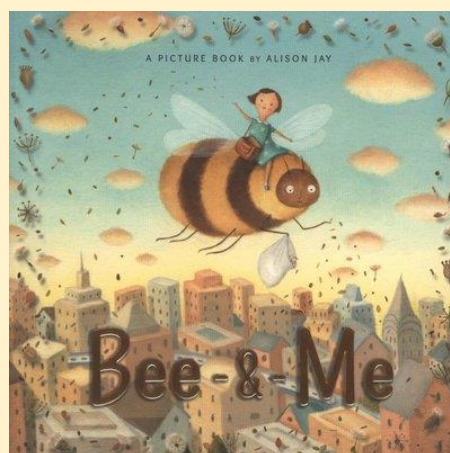
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Rosa



Finn



Isaac

Thank you to all of the birthday girls and birthday boys!

It is such a wonderful tradition at Churchfields to donate a book for the library instead of bringing sweet treats on our birthdays – the book doesn't need to be new, just something you think others would enjoy!



We are part of the Penge School Uniform Hub

Penge School Uniform Hub



Save money and the planet: buy preloved uniform!

**Sense charity shop,
104 High Street, Penge
(next to the Post Office)**

General uniform suitable for all schools available, as well as specifics for Alexandra, St John's and Churchfields Schools, with more coming soon!

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun 10am-4pm

Organised by Alexandra Junior School PTFA.
For more info, contact: treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk
Supported by Penge BID



Penge School Uniform Hub!

Pre-loved Churchfields school uniform in sizes age 2 to 15 is now available 7 days a week from the Sense charity shop on Penge High Street. 100s of items in stock - so much it won't all fit on the shop floor, so please ask if you cannot find the size you need. **Dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers and cardigans all £1. Polos shirts 50p.** This new collaboration between Sense Penge and multiple local primary schools means that parents now have a single one-stop-shop to find affordable second-hand school uniform for their primary age children.
All proceeds to the Sense charity.



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Class Assemblies 2023/24

Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting promptly at 2.45pm.

Spring Term

16.01.24	Year 4 Sycamore
27.02.24	Year 4 Hazel
05.03.24	Year 3 Sumac
12.03.24	Year 3 Poplar
19.03.24	Year 3 Baobab

Summer Term

23.04.24	Year 2 Hickory
30.04.24	Year 2 Maple
14.05.24	Year 1 Rowan
21.05.24	Year 1 Silver Birch
11.06.24	Reception Palm
18.06.24	Reception Beech

Open Classrooms 2023/24

Come along to the classroom at 2.45pm so the children can show off their learning.

Spring term

22.01.24	Year 3
23.01.24	Year 2
24.01.24	Year 1
25.01.24	Reception
29.01.24	Year 6
30.01.24	Year 5
01.02.24	Year 4

Apple class, ARC Holly and ARC Magnolia will write to you separately about when the children will share their learning with you.

Parent/Carer Evenings 2023/24

Spring term

Wednesday 7th February, 3.45 – 6.30pm

Thursday 8th February, 3.45 – 6.30pm

Summer term

Wednesday 17th July, 3.45 – 5.30pm

Please note – in the summer term you will receive your child's end of year report before the parent/carers evening.

Special Events 2023/24

- See above for Christmas concert dates and times
- World Book day – Thursday 7th March
- British Science Week – 11th – 15th March
- Churchfields Culture Celebration Week – 25th – 28th March
- Sports day – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and ARC on Friday 24th May, 9 – 11am
- Sports day - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 on Friday 7th June, 9 – 11am
- Nursery Sports day, Wednesday 10th July
- PTA Circus on site, Friday 19th July



Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 20 th October 2023	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October 2023	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	First day of Autumn 2 term
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Last day of Autumn 2 term – break up at usual times

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 th January 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	First day of Spring 1 term
Friday 9 th February 2024	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2024	Spring half term holiday
Monday 19 th February 2024	First day of Spring 2 term
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of Spring 2 term - break up at usual times

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 th April 2024	First day of Summer 1 term
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Bank Holiday, school closed
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last day of Summer 1 term
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May 2024	Summer half term holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	First day of Summer 2 term
Wednesday 24 th July 2024	Last day of Summer 2 term – all classes break up at 1.30pm After School Club 1.30 – 4.00pm (must be pre-booked)



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Autumn Term 2024	Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 3rd September 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 1
	Friday 25 th October 2024	Last day of Autumn 1
	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024	Holidays
	Monday 4th November 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 5 th November 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 2
	Friday 20 th December 2024	Last day of Autumn 2
Spring Term 2025	Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025	Holidays
	Monday 6th January 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 1
	Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of Spring 1
	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025	Holidays
	Monday 24 th February 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 2
	Friday 4 th April 2025	Last day of Spring 2
Summer Term 2025	Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025	Holidays
	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 1
	Monday 5th May 2025	School closed – Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last day of Summer 1
	Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025	Holidays
	Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 2
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Last day of Summer 2	