



Points to note:

Tuesday 17th October

- Flu vaccination day
- Year 3 Sumac and Poplar trip to Crofton Roman Villa

Wednesday 18th October

- Year 3 Baobab trip to Crofton Roman Villa
- Parent/Carer Evening 3.45 – 6.30pm

Thursday 19th October

- Parent/Carer Evening 3.45 – 6.30pm

Monday 30th October

- INSET day – school closed to children

Tuesday 31st October

- First day of Autumn 2 term – school open at usual times

Wednesday 1st November

- **Rescheduled date:** Year 5 Open Classroom, 2.45pm

Friday 4th November

- **NEW:** Year 4, 5 and 6 swimming trials

Monday 6th November

- **Rescheduled date:** Year 3 Open Classroom, 2.45pm

Tuesday 7th November

- Year 6 Elm class assembly, 2.45pm in Main Hall

Wednesday 8th November

- **Rescheduled date:** Year 1 Open Classroom, 2.45pm

Thursday 9th November

- Individual and sibling group school photographs

Friday 10th November

- **NEW:** Boys' A/B and Girls' football teams play Alexandra Juniors at home pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a great week with lots going on – see below! We are looking forward to our first parent/carer evenings of the year on Wednesday and Thursday – remember to book your appointment by **midnight on Sunday 15th**. We know these are brief meetings - remember teachers are available to talk with you every day at drop off or pick up or let us know if you would like a call or a longer meeting. We work in partnership together and all want your child's time at school to be happy and successful. I met with the caterers this week and we welcomed a new permanent chef, Chef Sonia, on Monday. We will have a revised menu for lunches and after school club for after half term to share next week – thank you for your feedback on this. Have a great weekend,
Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



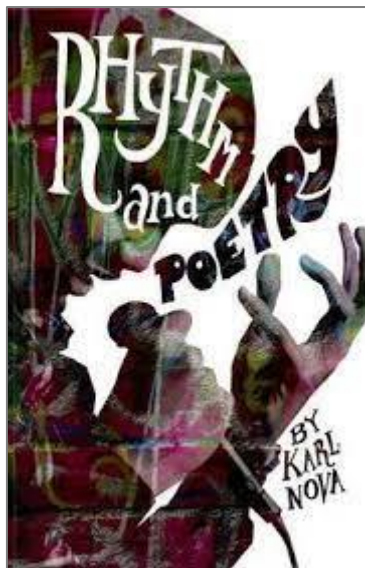
Karl Nova Wows the Crowds

Hip-hop artist, author and poet Karl Nova came to school to share his story and his work this week. He entertained us in assembly with the story of his early life spent between London and Lagos, before getting all of the children and adults on their feet for a mass performance poem.

After that, he spent an hour in each of the Year 6 classes, sharing his poetry tips and ideas in a workshop where the children wrote their own verses on their special memories from school.

In the afternoon, we received a lesson on how to perform our poems, as well as getting a special performance of one of his tracks. He left us all bouncing and smiling with the power of his positive words.

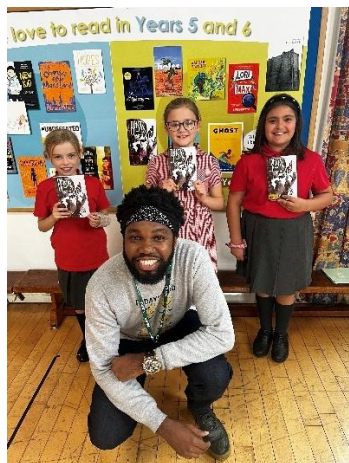
by Year 6 Oak



Karl's poetry book which won the CLiPPA award in 2018. Year 6 children have been studying and enjoying it since 2019 – they met Karl on Zoom before but never before in person!



Starting the day with an amazing assembly for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 and ARC Magnolia



Year 6 workshops, sharing poetry and with books signed by the author himself



ARC Visit the Farm



ARC Holly and ARC Magnolia visited Crystal Palace Park Farm yesterday. We met lots of interesting animals including a bearded dragon called Mango, some meerkats, a corn snake and a 70 year old tortoise! We learnt what different animals eat and what they need to keep them healthy. We got to stroke some rabbits too. Thank you to our families for coming with us on the trip.

by ARC Magnolia



Year 1 Explore the Local Area

Year 1 visited our local area today as part of our Geography topic. The children and volunteers braved the rainy weather this morning to see the local train station, shop, dentist, pre-school, spa, library and more. Lots of notes were made on the clipboards - they had a wonderful time! With many thanks to the parent/carer volunteers who supported us - we couldn't do it without you!





Brilliant Bread-Makers



Children in ARC have had a great time mixing, kneading, proving and baking their own bread over the last few weeks.

They have made rolls, breadsticks and loaves shaped like hedgehogs so far.

It smells delicious when it is baking and tastes even better!



Year 6 Explore Chislehurst Caves



Yesterday year 6 had an exciting trip to Chislehurst Caves, the largest public air raid shelter in London, as part of our learning about World War 2. It was amazing to feel the atmosphere change as we descended into the darkness with just paraffin lamps to light the way. The musty smells, the cramped spaces and the booming echoes as they recreated bombing will stay in our memories as we imagine what it was like staying there during the war.

by Year 6



Pupil Protest Brings Chips Change



The delicious, golden chips served today by Chef Sonia

When the number of school meals increased, the kitchen team thought there would not be enough oven space to cook all of the chips on a Friday and served mashed potato instead.

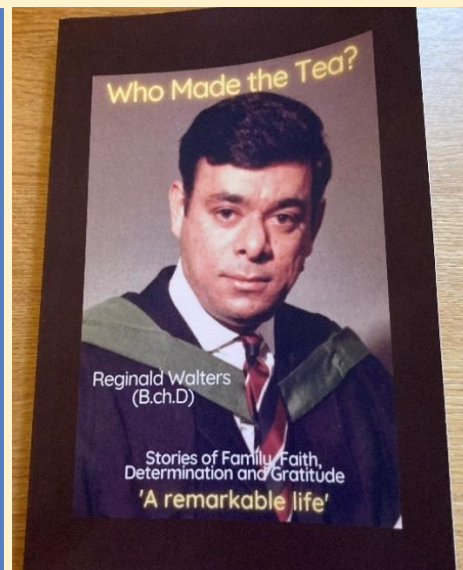
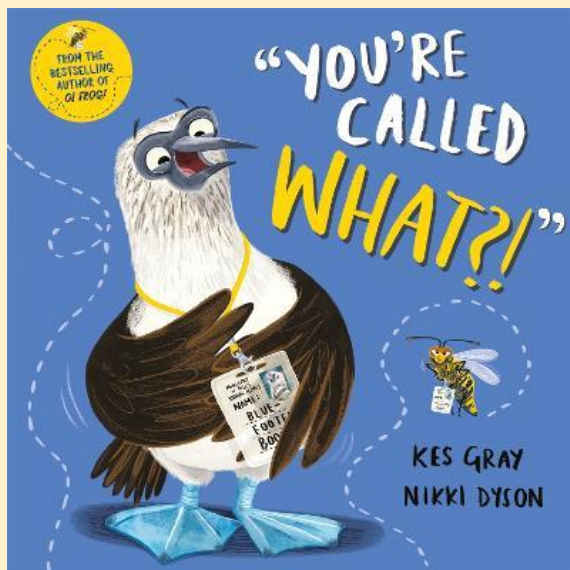
One determined pupil in ARC Magnolia wrote a letter and got over 60 signatures before leaving it on Ms Atherton's desk. It said:

As you know recently, fish and chips has been replaced with fish and mashed potatoes. This is unacceptable, as everyone loves fish and chips. It's the perfect meal to end the school week. If we want to change this sign the petition. Fish and mashed potatoes is not good to taste, unlike fish and chips. They may be unhealthy, but at least they taste wonderful. WE WANT CHIPS!

Sign your name on the back of the paper.

The protest worked and the chefs cleverly found a way to use the oven space to put chips back on the menu!

Birthday Book Donations



Thank you to Leo for the copy of 'You're Called What?' - your class enjoys the first read of it in story time this week.

Thank you also to Joe who has brought a copy of 'Who Made the Tea?' which is an autobiography written by one of his own family members!



Amazing Achievements



Reggie brought in an ENORMOUS trophy to show us last week that he and his football team had one in a recent competition. The plaque at the bottom said 'AFC Lewisham Pre-Season Premiership Cup Winners'. Well done Reggie!

Any good news, something to share or celebrate with the Churchfields community?

Please do email us on
admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk

School Council Campaign: Harvest Collection – Thursday 19th October



The newly elected school councillors have decided to organise a harvest collection for Living Well Bromley and Bromley Borough Foodbank. All donations gratefully received!

Found at The Fair



A very special looking backpack was handed in – if it belongs to you, please let us know!

Lost Uniform

We already have a massive amount of lost uniform, including coats, as well as numerous water bottles.

Please label your child's possessions so we can get them back to you as soon as we can.

We will put out unlabelled uniform during the parent/carer evenings next week to take if you have lost an item.



Supporting Bromley Brighter Beginnings

Churchfields are proudly supporting Bromley Brighter Beginnings 'Christmas in a Bag' Appeal again this year. BBB is a local charity who help local families.

You can see all their great work here
<https://www.bromleybrighterbeginnings.org.uk/>

This year we have been asked to collect:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shower Gel

There is a box in the office if you would like to donate.

They would like all donations in **by half term** so they can calculate how many they have.

Thank you so much for your support

248 bottles collected –
one week left for
donations!



Enter the BBC 500 Words Competition



The BBC has launched its 500 words story writing competition!

Open to children aged 5-11 years, it's a chance for them to let their imaginations run wild and write the kind of story they would love to read. We know that we have some fantastic storywriters at Churchfields and we would love them to enter!

Information about the competition and how to enter, along with lots of helpful tips and ideas, is available at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words> The closing date is **10th November**.

Stories must be typed up and submitted online; we would be happy to help with this in school if children are not able to do this at home.

Please also send a copy of your child's story to aspen@churchfields.q1e.org.uk as we are planning to compile the best ones into a special Churchfields book of stories.



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.



Churchfields News



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Class Assemblies 2023/24

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

Autumn Term

07.11.23	Year 6 Elm
14.11.23	Year 6 Oak
21.11.23	Year 5 Cherry
28.11.23	Year 5 Olive
05.12.23	Year 4 Aspen

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.

Autumn Term

Re-scheduled due to Ofsted:

01.11.23	Year 5
06.11.23	Year 3
08.11.23	Year 1
15.11.23	Reception

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

Autumn term

Wednesday 18th October, 3.45 – 6.30pm
Thursday 19th October, 3.45 – 6.30pm

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

- Christmas concerts and fair dates TBC
- World Book days – 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 summer fair date TBC



Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Last day of Autumn 1 term

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023

Autumn half term holiday

Monday 30th October 2023

INSET day, school closed to children

Tuesday 31st October 2023

First day of Autumn 2 term

Thursday 21st December 2023

Last day of Autumn 2 term

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January 2024

INSET day, school closed to children

Tuesday 9th January 2024

First day of Spring 1 term

Friday 9th February 2024

Last day of Spring 1 term

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024

Spring half term holiday

Monday 19th February 2024

First day of Spring 2 term

Thursday 28th March 2024

Last day of Spring 2 term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April 2024

First day of Summer 1 term

Monday 6th May 2024

May Bank Holiday, school closed

Friday 24th May 2024

Last day of Summer 1 term

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024

Summer half term holiday

Monday 3rd June 2024

INSET day, school closed to children

Tuesday 4th June 2024

First day of Summer 2 term

Wednesday 24th July 2024

Last day of Summer 2 term