



Churchfields News



Quality First
Education Trust

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24th February 2023

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd March

- NEU teacher strike day, partial closure of the school – please see email sent yesterday for details

Friday 3rd March

- World Book Day celebrations, (see below)
- Last day to buy seeds for the Summer Seed Competition (see below)
- Year 6 Leavers' Party doughnuts and hot chocolate sale after school (see below)
- PTA quiz night (for adults), starts at 7.30pm

Thursday 9th March

- Year 3 - Sumac class assembly, 2.45pm in the Main Hall

Friday 10th March

- School council bake sale after school in aid of the Turkey/Syria Earthquake

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

- Proposed NEU teacher strike days

Monday 20th – Friday 24th March

- Science week

Thursday 23rd March

- ARC – Ash class assembly, 2.45pm in the Main Hall

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a relaxing half term. Please accept my apologies for the lack of a newsletter in the final week of Spring 1 - we were inundated with items you had generously donated for the Turkey/Syria earthquake that were all sorted, boxed up and sent off as you will see below.

Our trust and school ethos is to have a 'relentless drive for improvement, excellence and equality'. As part of this we invited a group of headteachers from Wandsworth, Merton and Kensington and Chelsea, along with a current Ofsted inspector, to come and spend two days at Churchfields this week to understand what we are already doing and help us to improve further.

They met with leaders from the school and the Q1E central team, they watched lessons and talked to children about their learning, they met with over 70 children over the two days to look at their work and get their feedback on a range of subjects and aspects of the school.

The group commented that the children come to school ready to learn, they were confident, articulate and comfortable to share their views with people they have never met before – a great compliment to all of the families and staff who support them.

We have clear aims and a strong curriculum on offer – we need to work further on making sure this is consistently excellent for all children and also go to the next stage of 'dreaming big' as our children have shown how capable of excelling they are and our school has the ability to offer something really special to its children, families and wider community.

I would like to invite all parents and carers to complete a very simple online feedback form so that I can gather your views to help us to improve further. It asks what is working well, what has improved and what we could do better and can be anonymous if you wish. The form can be accessed by [clicking here](#) . If you can spare ten minutes over the next few weeks it would be much appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



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World Book Day Celebrations - Friday 3rd March 2023

WORLD
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This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. There will be a range of events for all of the children to join in with across the school to celebrate reading and our love of books.

How will we be celebrating?

Come to school in your pyjamas or wear a costume celebrating your favourite book or character. No donation needed or competition – just for fun!



Dressing up ideas



PTA Book Swap – please donate no more than 2 good quality books by Thursday 2nd March for the swap during school time on Friday so that everyone has a new book to take home. Please hand donations to the class teachers next week.

Churchfields Primary School PTA celebrates **WORLD BOOK DAY**

CHURCHFIELDS BIG BOOK SWAP
FRIDAY 3RD MARCH
DURING SCHOOL HOURS

ALL CHILDREN will be participating in the Churchfields Big Book Swap
Children will be choosing one book to take home with them to celebrate World Book Day!

TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN WE NEED BOOK DONATIONS!

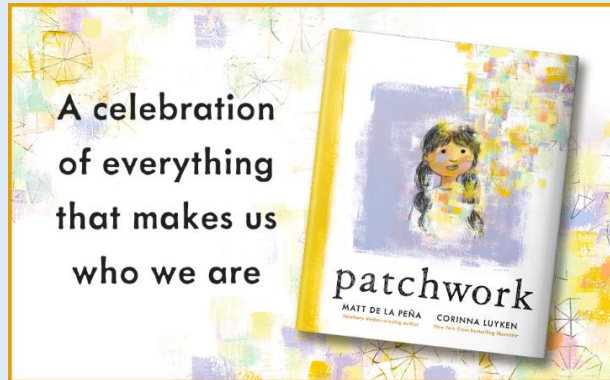
Please donate a maximum of 2 children's books (no torn pages or handwriting inside please) from 27th Feb to 2 March and hand in to your class teachers

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET UP BEFORE THE EVENT (9am-11am) AND CLEAR AWAY after the book swap email us at churchfieldspta@gmail.com



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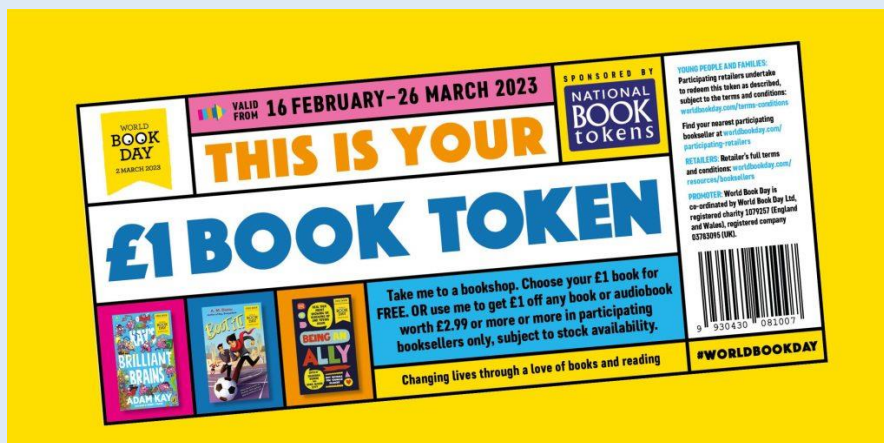
Sharing our whole school story, 'Patchwork' by Matt De La Pena, one of the New York Times' Children's Books of the Year for 2022.



Storyteller sessions - Once again, our PTA have funded a storyteller to come to school to share fantastic and dramatic tales. Emily Hanna-Grazebrook from www.dragonflytales.uk will have a session with all of our children.

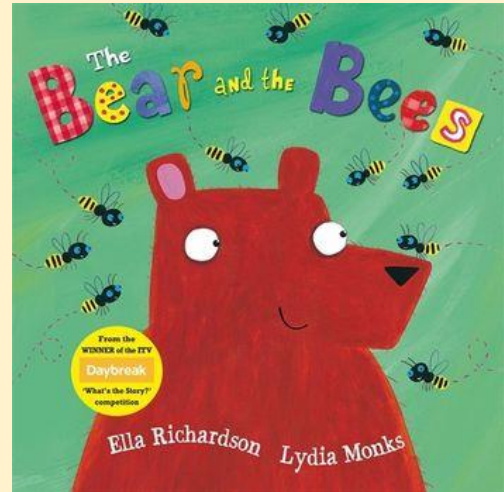
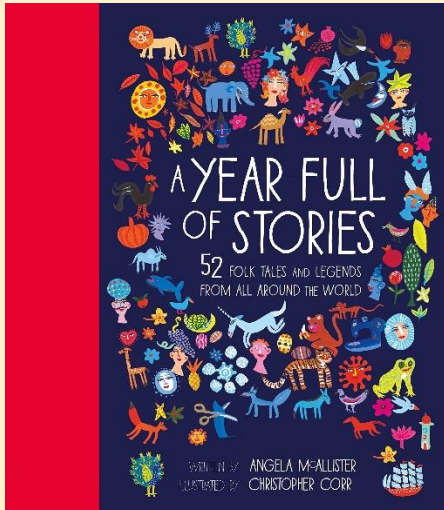


Book tokens will be sent home to buy one of the special £1 books sold in booksellers and in Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco.





Birthday Book Donations



Happy birthday to Huxley and thank you for our copy of 'A Year Full of Stories: 52 Folk Tales and Legends from Around the World'.

Happy birthday and thank you to Samuel for 'The Bear and the Bees', winner of the ITV 'What's the Story?' competition.

Book Suggestions



We really appreciate the birthday books that come into school to keep our libraries fresh and exciting.

We have been asked by some parents/carers for ideas for new and interesting books to add to our collection, especially for the older children.

In response to this we have set up wish lists on Amazon that you can use to help choose the books.

Please note: you do not need to purchase books from Amazon or only the ones on these lists - all donations are very gratefully received!

[Nursery and Reception wishlist](#)

[Year 1 wishlist](#)

[Year 2 wishlist](#)

[Year 3 wishlist](#)

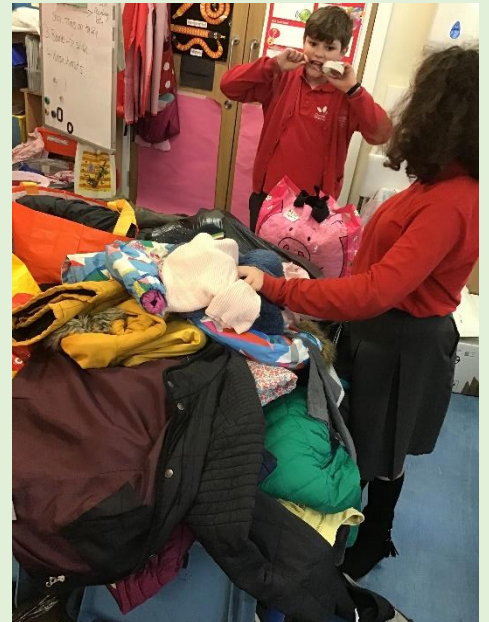
[Year 4 wishlist](#)

[Year 5 wishlist](#)

[Year 6 wishlist](#)



Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal



Thank you for all of your donations and support. Thank you to the children who volunteered their lunchtime to help sort the items, Wheel and Tyre Outlet in Beckenham for providing boxes (they will also give families a discount if you mention the school) and to the staff and families who transported 10 car loads of boxes to the appeal at the weekend. We also donated 6 large boxes of items that were not on the Turkey list to other local charities.



Year 4's Hair-Raising Electricity Workshops



We started by making circuits with our bodies and we had a machine that beeped when the electricity went all the way round. We used a platinum ball that sends a thick beam of light when your finger is near it but it was in a globe so it couldn't hurt you. We made static electricity with balloons which could then stick to things and move paper fish. We also used a Van de Graaff machine that made our hair go static when we touched the metal on the top. It was a really fun and funny experience and we think Year 3 should get to do it next year when they are in Year 4.

By Sycamore Class





Churchfields vs Marian Vian Football Match



We were really pleased to welcome the boys' teams, staff and parent/carer supporters from Marian Vian to Churchfields just before half term for friendly matches on the field. The children and supporters were both competitive and supportive with strong sportsmanship. The B team played first and battled hard to finish with a last minute 2-1 victory. The A team followed their lead and there was a fast-paced and goal-heavy game ending with a 6-6 draw.

This is a great achievement for our teams who have never played together competitively before and against the teams who are currently top of the local schools' league!

We are in the process of finalising a date for a girls' team match against Valley Primary School, hopefully before Easter, and more fixtures for all teams over the summer term.

Delicious Doughnuts on Sale Friday 3rd March



Year 6 will be selling doughnuts and hot chocolate after school on Friday 3rd March to raise money for their leavers' party in the summer (they will be real ones, unlike these ones created by Hazel, Sycamore and Ash classes in art).



Summer Seed Competition



Summer Competition

Would your child like to enter the London Children's Flower Society Summer Seed Competition?

The seeds will need to be sown and grown in pots at home and should be brought to school clearly labelled on the judging day which will take place sometime from late June to early July 2023 - this date will be confirmed closer to the time.

The LCFS Judges will only judge seeds that have been purchased from LCFS through the school.

They will award each participant with Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate for their efforts. If your plant has flowered early, a photograph of the plant at its best, along with the plant can be submitted on judging day.

Judging Criteria

Gold will be awarded to a fully grown plant in good condition that is in flower/bud/fruit.

Silver will be awarded to a fully grown plant without a flower/bud/fruit.

Bronze will be awarded to a seed that has been planted properly and with some indication of growth.

(If the plant matures early - photographic evidence will suffice)

Please order your seeds by **Friday 3rd March** using the Pay360 online or by paying through credit card in the office. A minimum purchase of £1 is needed.

Mrs Madhavan

Summer Seed Competition Coordinator

Seeds available to order	Price per item
Nasturtium - Jewel mix	65p
Alyssum – Snow Carpet	65p
Sunflower – Giant	85p
Tomato	90p
Courgette	£1.20
Runner Beans	£1.65
Luffa Seeds	£1.80
Collection of Vegetable seeds (5 packets) <i>Carrot, Lettuce, Radish, Beetroot, Spinach</i>	£2.70
Collection of Herbs (5 packets) <i>Basil, Coriander, Chives, Parsley, Thyme</i>	£2.70
Collection of Bee & Butterfly Friendly flowers (5 packets) <i>Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Cosmea, Cornflower & Californian Poppies</i>	£3.20



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Class Assembly Dates 2022/23

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

Spring Term

09.03.23 Year 3 - Sumac
23.03.23 ARC - Ash

Summer Term

04.05.23 Year 5 - Cherry
11.05.23 Year 1 - Rowan
18.05.23 Reception - Palm
25.05.23 ARC - Acer
15.06.23 Reception - Beech
22.06.23 Year 2 - Hickory
29.06.23 Year 5 - Olive

Term Dates 2022/23

Spring Term 2023

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 31 March

Summer Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 17 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Tuesday 18 April

Bank holiday: Monday 1 May – school closed to children

Bank holiday: Monday 8 May – school closed to children

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 26 May

Spring half term holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset Day: Monday 5 June – school closed to children

First day of Summer 2 term: Tuesday 6 June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 21 July



If you are worried about something ...
If you are worried about someone else.....



You can talk to
ANYONE who works
for the school

Safeguarding is the
responsibility of EVERYONE



Our first priority is to ensure all
children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of
staff if you have any worries for
yourself or others in our
community.

Term Dates for 2023/24 on the next page



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Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th September 2023	INSET days, school closed to children
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	First day of Autumn 1 term
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	First day of Autumn 2 term
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Last day of Autumn 2 term

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

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 th April 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 16 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