



Churchfields Primary School News

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29th September 2023

Points to note:

Monday 2nd October

- Year 5 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Tuesday 3rd October

- Year 3 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm
- How we teach early reading and writing – for parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
 - In person, 6.30pm in the Main Hall at school

Wednesday 4th October

- Year 1 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Thursday 5th October

- Reception Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Monday 9th October

- Year 6 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Tuesday 10th October

- Year 4 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Wednesday 11th October

- ARC trip to Crystal Palace Park Farm
- Poet Karl Nova in school

Thursday 12th October

- Year 2 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm
- Year 6 trip to Chislehurst Caves

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a busy start to the year with trips, visitors and a summer fair! It was great to see so many families and friends on Saturday and a massive thanks to everyone who contributed to making this happen – the clean-up crew in particular were spectacular in making sure the school was ready for Monday morning. I met with the PTA chairs this morning to plan out more fundraising and community building events for the rest of the year – thank you all for your support. Thank you also for your feedback on various changes (hopefully improvements) we have been making at the start of the new school year – I am meeting with the caterers next week about school meals as we adjust to serving 60% more school meals every day than last year as we know this is so important to children having a successful day.

Have a good weekend,

Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



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

Can we beat our record of **345** donations in 2022?



Enter the BBC 500 Words Competition



The BBC is 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 aspens@churchfields.q1e.org.uk as we are planning to compile the best ones into a special Churchfields book of stories.



Year 2 Visit the Tower of London

Year 2 saw many London landmarks on the way and enjoyed listening to Penny, a 17th Century maid, tell them all about the Great Fire of London! They acted out the fire and saw where Samuel Pepys would have stood as he wrote his famous diary.





Year 6 Step Back to the 1940s



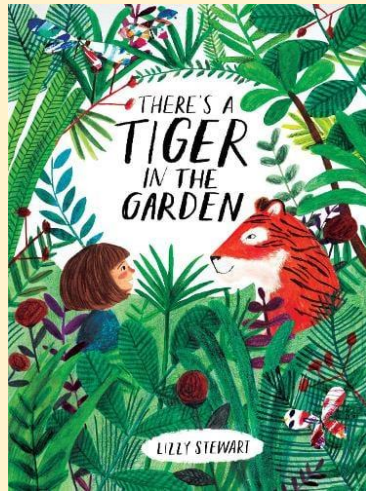
Year 6 (including the teachers) enjoyed a drama workshop from the Splatt Theatre Company who gave the children a taste of the World War 2 lifestyle. As you can see, we immersed ourselves in the time by dressing up in period costume. Experiences included ration book cooking and practising our sewing so that we could 'Make do and Mend.'



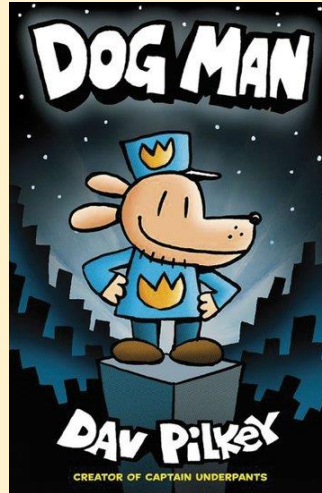
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Birthday Book Donations – Thank You!



Happy birthday to Jarvie



Happy birthday to Oliver

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](#)

Amazing Achievements



Congratulations to Leo who, along with his team, won the opening match of the basketball 2023/2024 season U12 Surrey League.

He looks very professional and proud – well done!

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

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



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.

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

02.10.23 Year 5
 03.10.23 Year 3
 04.10.23 Year 1
 05.10.23 Reception
 09.10.23 Year 6
 10.10.23 Year 4
 12.10.23 Year 2

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