

Chestnuts Chronicle



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A World Class School

**Encourage, Enable, Empower
The Chestnuts Way!**

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A note from the Headteacher...

Welcome back to another half term. Although it has only been a short one, we have been up to lots of different things!

The children have enjoyed different trips, a play in a day, Chinese New Year and more. We hope that you enjoy reading about all of these things in this months Chronicle.

We hope that you have enjoyed finding out all about your child's accomplishments at our Parents Evenings. If you were unable to attend, please see your child's class teacher to make an appointment as it is vital that we work together to ensure the best for the children. It would also be beneficial to us if you could complete the parent questionnaire online to help us continue to improve.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Mr Sear and Miss Tierney who got married during the half term break. I'm sure you'll join with me in wishing them all the best for a happy married life. Miss Tierney is now known as Mrs Sear.

Thank you

Curriculum News



Absorbed

Growth Mindsets and Learning Skills



Making links

We have introduced our next two learning skills. These are absorbed and making links. We hope that the children will be able to tell you all about them.

If you are absorbed, you are engrossed in what you are doing, you may not be aware of the passing of time, you find being absorbed satisfying and rewarding and you like the feeling of being stretched in your learning.

If you are making links, you look for connections between experiences and ideas, you find pleasure in seeing how things fit together and make patterns, you connect ideas to how you think and feel already and you look for analogies in your memory that will give you a handle on something complicated.

Our parent survey is still open and we would very much like to hear from you. If your children are using the language of growth mindsets at home, please let us know.

Mandarin

Welcome to a new term of Mandarin! In February, we celebrated Chinese New Year in school. The children took part in some Chinese related activities to celebrate the Year of the Dog.

Some children even had the opportunity to learn some Kung-Fu!

The children will also be continuing their learning within Mandarin lessons.



Sports News

Sport

Dodgeball!

Chestnuts have won the dodgeball tournament that they took part in recently at Sir Herbert Leon Academy which means we have qualified for the county finals.

The team went through the competition unbeaten which was amazing.

There was amazing sportsmanship shown by all players throughout the tournament. Ryan Asryan was named Man of the Match



Easter Egg Hunt

The Parks Trust are organising an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 29th March from 11am-2pm.

Join the rangers for Easter fun and games.

Park in the pay and display Peace Pagoda car park on V10 Brickhill Street. Parking charges apply. The cost is £5 per child. You must book online at

theparkstrust.com

TheParksTrust
MILTON KEYNES



TEACHER RECRUITMENT EVENT

Two Mile Ash Initial Teacher Training Partnership - alongside our Trust and partner schools - are holding a Teacher Recruitment Event to bring together schools who have vacancies now or anticipate future recruitment opportunities with NQTs, established teachers and those exploring leadership progression.

The event will feature career options through:

- Initial Teacher Training Partner Schools: schools dedicated to hosting, supporting and developing excellent trainee teachers, NQTs and future leaders.
- Initial Teacher Training options including pathways into teaching: BA (Hons) Primary Education, Early Years Initial Teacher Training and PGCE with QTS.
- Inspiring Futures through Learning (IFTL): an established Multi Academy Trust of six schools whose values of collaboration, development of excellent practice and system leadership create engaging environments with exciting career development opportunities at all levels.

**COME ALONG AND MEET WITH A WIDE RANGE OF SCHOOLS
AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR TEACHING CAREER!**

Thursday 8th March, 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Whitehouse Primary School, Whitehouse, Milton Keynes MK8 1AG

To register your place please visit: www.mkitt.co.uk

Two Mile Ash Initial Teacher Training Partnership has been delivering excellent Primary teacher training for 15 years, the most established provider in Milton Keynes. We are proud to have supported over 500 trainee teachers as they start their successful careers.

**NOT ALL SUPERHEROES
WEAR CAPES...SOME TEACH!**



Inspiring Futures
Through Learning





FOC Update



Valentine Disco

FOC thank everyone who attended the Valentine's Disco. It was a great evening and everyone who came had a lovely time. They have more events planned soon.

FOC have organised lots of events so far this year and have lots more planned, including a boot sale starting in April!

If you would like to become a member and support them, please leave your details at reception and a member of the team will contact you. They are always looking for new members.

Are you having a clear out? Do you have toys you no longer need? Then we need you!

If anyone has any unwanted toy cars, Velcro throwing and catching games, skipping ropes, buckets, bubble equipment or any other games that our children may like to use outside at lunchtimes, we would love to put them to good use. If this applies to you, please either contact the office who can put you in touch with an FOC member or send in donations directly to the office.



Thank you in advance for any support you can give.



Dates for your diary

01/03/18 – 31/03/18

8th March – Teacher
Recruitment Fair –
Whitehouse School 4-6pm

9th March – Science Dome
(in school) Years 1 and 4

12th-16th March – Science
Week

16th March – Science Fair

19th March – Year 1 phonics
mock

19th - 23rd March – Year 3&4
Enterprise Week

23rd March – Sports Relief
Day

23rd March – Tea Party

23rd March – Last day of
term

Digital Leaders

We have recently appointed new Digital Leaders. These are children who have volunteered to take the lead on matters concerning technology and computing.

The names of the children who have been appointed can be found below:

Oscar Simpson-Markey - Elm

Lewis Turner - Cypress

Jade Brown - Cypress

Sinov Matongo-Kaya - Cypress

Keira Harris - Cypress

Emily Goodwin-Coote - Elm

Damien Sage - Cypress

Clea Hvass - Cypress

Ismail Zaffar - Eucalyptus

Jaydn Kaye - Eucalyptus

Caroline Bere - Sycamore



Year 1 MK Tour

The Year 1 classes had an exciting trip out in the minibuses to visit some key sights around Milton Keynes and learn more about the history of our city. Our favourite places were the MK Dons Stadium and the concrete cows.



Year 4 at Verulamium

Year 4 visited Verulamium to continue learning about the Romans. The children explored the museum and saw lots of Roman artefacts. In particular the children enjoyed seeing the skeletons. The children were challenged to spot the deliberate mistakes in the 2000 year old mosaics. They were absorbed in their task. We also took part in an artefact handling session where the children were allowed to touch items from the past. These had to be handled very carefully.

Good questioning skills were used by the children to develop their understanding further. We took a short walk across the park up to the hypocaust, the underground heating system.



Kidzania!

On 24th January, Year 6 took the train to Kidzania in Shepherds Bush. They experienced what it's like to work in various different jobs such as a dancer, doctor, fire fighter and baker. It was a great day and the children's excellent behaviour was commented on by numerous members of the public!



Play in a Day

Some of our Year 2, 3 and 4 children joined with children from five other schools to create a Play in a Day. This was then performed at each of the schools the following week. The work that was produced was very impressive, the children were a credit to Chestnuts and the other children really enjoyed seeing the play that was produced. Well done!





Fun Friday!

The children have been allocated their new groups and got their first taste of their new sports last week. The atmosphere around school was very calm and they all seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Please remember that the children should be wearing the red Chestnuts t-shirt, dark jogging bottoms and, in the cold weather, a warm jumper. They also need trainers suitable for outdoor sports.

MK Lightning!

Chestnuts were lucky enough to attend another sponsored match with MK Lightning on the 3rd of February. The game was against Guildford Flames and, although MK Lightning lost, it was enjoyed by all who attended. The match raised £114 for school so thank you to everyone who came along.



MK LIGHTNING





Year 5 Viking Day!

Year 5 had a wonderful Viking day with our own Viking visitor - Sir Teach-a-lot! The children participated in Viking warfare, with their very own shields and spears; played Viking games; used a Viking long sword and took part in many other fascinating activities. The children loved the experience and learnt so much. A huge thank you goes to all who were involved, especially the children who were a credit to Chestnuts School.



Make Lunch!

Volunteers from Make Lunch were busy during half term cooking up delicious meals in schools across MK. Chestnuts were lucky enough to play host to the scheme. Over the two days, 418 meals were served which is a fantastic achievement!



Well done to the team at Chestnuts for pulling off their first Make Lunch superbly (despite having no pans!) and gaining a level 5 food hygiene rating in the process!
Whoop Whoop!



Wonder Work



Year 1

Work by Lydia Hendrick in Ash Class

Friday 23rd February 2018
 To write a letter

Dear Dad,

I'm sorry for being mean.
 I didn't mean to be sorry.
 Sorry for blowing you out
 dad I am really sorry,
 I been ^{nice} mistreated ^{every}.
^{year} ago I am here.
 you did ^{build} your house.
 I was able still I am
 still sorry & I am
 can I play with you
 from The Uo 1 s.

February 2018 in photos...



Year 4 Verulamium



Year 5 Viking Day



Dodgeball Team

