



Chisenhale Chatter

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Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



Chisenhale Primary School

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This week, our Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable experience when animal workshops came into their classrooms. The children had the opportunity to get up close with a range of fascinating creatures, including a tarantula, chinchilla, and sugar glider. It was a truly engaging and educational experience that brought learning to life in a very real way. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Oliver Jacques Estate Agents for generously funding these workshops. Their support enables us to provide the kind of experiences that our pupils will remember for years to come.

Year 3 also had a wonderful visit from Liberty at the Migration Museum, which marked the beginning of their new unit on migration. Liberty shared insights into why people migrate from around the world and encouraged pupils to reflect on migration within their own families. Through listening to personal stories and hearing about countries from which people have emigrated or to which they have moved, our pupils developed a deeper understanding of this important topic. What was particularly special was discovering the migration stories of the adults in our classrooms and the thoughtful questions our pupils asked throughout the session.

We have also had a bumper week of success in our competitive events. I am delighted to announce that four of our pupils have won in the Tower Hamlets creative writing competition. Congratulations to Nina (Goshawk), Dylan (Barn Owl), Lily (Goldcrest), and Enid (Kestrel) on this impressive achievement. Their creativity has been recognised at borough level, which is something to be truly proud of.

Our swimming team performed exceptionally well at the Tower Hamlets swimming gala, securing a number of medals. Pearl achieved first place in the Year 6 girls freestyle, whilst Oliver won first place in the Year 5 boys freestyle. Ayra came second in the Year 5 girls backstroke, Olivia secured second place in the Year 6 girls breaststroke, and Nina achieved third place in the Year 5 and 6 girls butterfly. Our girls team finished second overall, and the boys team finished in sixth place. This was a tremendous effort from all involved.

At the Tower Hamlets athletics festival, our team continued this winning streak, securing three medals. Margot achieved silver in the Year 6 girls long jump, Reuben won bronze in the Year 6 boys 1500 metres, and Riona secured bronze in the Year 6 girls high jump.

Finally, this week David, myself, and our food council were invited to the Town Hall to receive our healthy schools awards. We were delighted to be presented with both a bronze and a gold award in recognition of our work to improve food provision here at Chisenhale. This is a testament to the commitment of our team and the positive changes we have made. **Gemma Anidi, Headteacher**

These children received a praise postcard this week:

Wren: Maria & Elliot

Woodlark: Ben & Agnes

Kestrel: Enid & Hamzah

Kingfisher: Cosmo & Astrud

Barn Owl: Caleb, Hasan & John

Starling: Talia, Layla & Arthur J

Goldcrest: Albie & Oliver

Goshawk: Kyla & Ayman

Sparrow: Hilaal, Olivia, Pearl,
Sumeya & Margot

Swift: Riona, Joe, Finlay & Hayley

Mathletics awards

Platinum: Aahil (Y6), Archie (Y2), Ayla C (1), Zakariya (Y3), Lily (Y4), Luca (Y4), Eesa (Y2)

Emerald: Arham (Y5), Rahma (Y1), Aleina (Y5), Savannah (Y5)

Diamond: Alix (Y3)

Epic: Safwan (Y2), Jonjo (Y1),

MYTHIC LEGEND!!!: Nina (Y5)

Warm weather clothing and uniform

With the warm weather due to return next week we just wanted to remind you about uniform expectations. All children should be wearing school uniform Monday to Thursday except on their PE days when they can wear the PE uniform of royal blue or white t-shirt and navy shorts or tracksuit trousers. In summer, school uniform consists of a plain white shirt or t-shirt and navy blue skirt, shorts or trousers, or a blue and white gingham school dress.

If the weather is predicted to be hot please send your child in with a sunhat and apply sunscreen. Please make sure shoulders are covered so no strappy tops, no hot-pants style shorts, flip flops or crocs please. Personal fans are not allowed as they are too much of a distraction in class: all classrooms now have two tower fans each, thanks to the PTA.

And please ensure your child brings a water bottle every day!

Dates for your diary

Friday 19th June, 9am, parent workshop on changes to the PSHE curriculum, all welcome

Sports Days, from 9.30am in Victoria Park

Wednesday 24th June – Years 3-6

Thursday 25th June – Years 1 & 2

Friday 26th June, 9am in the library, parent workshop from the school nurse - minor ailments.

Saturday 27th June, PTA summer fete, 11am-3pm

Friday 3rd July 2-3pm Parents' open afternoon

Friday 17th July, 4-6pm, PTA disco for years 3-5 more info soon

Parent workshops with Raquel, school counsellor, all on Thursdays, 9-9.30 am

18th June, behaviour as communication

2nd July, understanding autism

16th July, understanding ADHD

Class assemblies, all in the top hall at 9am

26th June Wren Class

10th July Kestrel Class

Leavers' events for Year 6

Thursday 9th July after school, Year 6 disco

Thursday 16th July 6pm, Year 6 play for parents

Wednesday 22nd July, 9am, Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – parents welcome



Art week – can you help?

We would love some parents to get involved with Art Week (29th June -3rd July) again this year. Our theme is birds and we will be working on projects including giant bird sculptures, feather mosaics, hanging bird installations and giant bird dioramas but we are always open to other suggestions too. If you could spare sometime to help please email artweek@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk and let us know which class you would like to work with.



Summer fete – more help needed

We are looking for a team to **run a barbeque** for the summer fete and someone else to **take charge of the bar** as well as the usual bakers, cooks, face painters and helpers. If you can help at all please email Ruth on rcrossan.211@lqflmail.org or let the PTA know on the whats' app groups. We've got lots of great plans for the fete including a bouncy castle, a visit from a fire-engine (unless they get a call-out), a Dr Bike stall (offering free bike repairs) and hopefully pedal-powered scalextrics as well as lots of other stalls but we could do with a bit more help!

Song of the week: <https://www.youtubeeducation.com/watch?v=zK62uUqcNyo>

Wb 8 June: 'Aerials' By System of a Down

You might know "Aerials" as a loud, energetic rock song with heavy guitars, but underneath all that noise is a really beautiful message about how we relate to one another and the world around us.

Here are the two big lessons the song teaches us:

1. The Waterfall: We Are All Connected

One of the most famous lines in the song is: "Life is a waterfall, we're one in the river..."

Think about a giant, rushing waterfall. It isn't just one big block of water; it is made up of millions of tiny, individual drops.

2. The Aerials: Aiming High and Being Yourself

An "aerial" is another word for an antenna. Antennae stand up straight and reach high into the sky to catch signals from far away.

The song uses this to remind us not to get stuck looking down at our feet or ignoring the world.

