

chisenhale Chatter

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

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

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I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It has been great to see all the children back in school this week.

Y4 started the week with a day trip to Gorsefield in Essex, where they did team building challenges and enjoyed delicious marshmallows around a campfire. "My favourite part was when we went on the countryside walk because it was peaceful" said Finlay. On Tuesday Y5 also headed to Gorsefield for their residential visit. They returned today, excited but exhausted after a very busy week!

Over the holidays, we had a sensory room installed on the first floor. Some lucky children have been trying it out this week and have really enjoyed the different elements of the room. A huge thank you to 'Action for Bow' for the funding to install this fantastic resource.

We have also had the EYFS playground renovated, although this work hasn't gone quite so smoothly! The builders are hoping to be finished by the middle of next week.

Most excitingly, we have had our new chef, David, start work this week! The food has been lovely and I have had lots of children pop by my office to let me know which dishes they have enjoyed. David will be meeting with the Rights Rangers soon, to discuss what tweaks we might make to the menu. "I like it because the yogurt is full of honey and you get quite a lot of fruit. It is a lot better than the one we had before", Ethan; "It's yummy, the vegetables are nice", Ayman; "I really like the cheese pasta because it's really cheesy", Yusra; "The new lunches are so good because they have new recipes", Thomas; and "I'm really glad David has come to our school because the food is amazing now!", Sumeya; are just a few of their comments.

Today is my last day before starting my maternity leave. I know Mairead will lead the school excellently in my absence and I look forward to seeing many of you in January, when I return to work, if not before when I pop into school. It was lovely to see some of you at today's Eid celebration and I wanted to wish good luck to all of our pupils running the mini London marathon tomorrow - we look forward to seeing the photos and the medals!

Gemma Anidi, Headteacher

These children will receive a praise postcard this week: Blackbird: Kaylan & Clarence Buzzard: Armaan & Philomene Magpie: Charlie & Farhana Merlin: Holly & Jack Goldcrest: Henry & Aleina Goshawk: Deen & Thomas Sparrow: Finlay & Milind Swift: Riona & Fatimah Waxwing: Al-Yasa & Ajmain Woodlark: Aiden & Carys

News and events

Have you heard of the word **Oracy** but wondered what it meant? Have your children been talking about Oracy assemblies and you want to know more? Did you know that Chisenhale is a Tower Hamlets Oracy Bronze Award School but we want Silver? The answer to all these questions and more, and a little bit of fun, are all available at the Oracy parent meetings. Please come along to one of the meetings:

EYFS and KS1 Friday 26th April 9am KS2 Friday 3rd May 9am

NEW – higher level free English class for parents. Our new ESOL class will run on Thursday mornings from 10-12. Please come for an assessment on 9th May if you think this might be the right class for you.

Join us for the launch of Migrate Journey at Chisenhale Gallery, from 26-28 April, a collaboration between Mile End Community Project, Shahed Saleem and Rehan Jamil. A new installation displaying untold stories of migration to Tower Hamlets will be unveiled alongside a weekend of events connecting diverse migration experiences across generations and cultures - with talks, family-friendly workshops, food and more. For the full programme and to book free tickets, follow this link: <u>https://t.co/7DrJ4S5mSg</u>

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th April, 9am in the library, Oracy workshop for EYFS and KS1 parents SCHOOL CLOSED ON THURSDAY 2ND MAY FOR POLLING – EXCEPT FOR YEAR 6 Friday 3rd May, 9am in the library, Oracy workshop for KS2 parents Saturday 6th July, from 11am, Summer Fair Class assemblies in the top hall at 9am: Goshawks, 10th May; Goldcrests, 24th May; Merlin 7th June; Magpie,14th June; Blackbird, 21st June; Buzzard, 28th June.