



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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This week Year 4 pupils recently went on an inspiring trip to the Young V&A, where they participated in a design and technology workshop that introduced them to user-centred design. In a creative exercise, they stepped into the roles of architects and clients, developing a design brief for an animal's home and then experimenting to bring their innovative ideas to life.

We also celebrated the success of a group of pupils who won our lunchtime award and enjoyed a fantastic ice skating experience at Canary Wharf. It was a well-deserved reward for their outstanding behaviour.

This week, Willow (math co-ordinator) and I visited maths lessons across the school. We were thoroughly impressed by the mathematical thinking demonstrated by pupils in all year groups. Their problem-solving skills and enthusiasm for learning were truly remarkable.

On Thursday, Raquel, our new therapeutic lead, and I hosted a coffee morning for parents. It was lovely to chat to parents about Raquel's plans. Raquel will be available in the library for a parent drop-in every Thursday morning. Parents can refer to the attached letter for more details.

Today, Sparrow class delivered a fantastic assembly about the Maya, showcasing their deep understanding and engaging presentation skills. It was a wonderful celebration of their learning.

Looking ahead, we have Maths Week next week, and I'm excited to remind everyone about 'Dress up for Digits Day'. This will take place on Friday for most year groups, with Year 3 and 4 participating on Thursday. It's a fun way to make mathematics more engaging and enjoyable for our pupils.

I would also like to address a community concern. We have received complaints from local residents about pedestrian traffic during morning drop-offs. I kindly request that parents be mindful of cars and ensure they stand on the pavement after dropping off their children. This will help maintain good relationships with our neighbours and ensure the safety of everyone in the area.

Gemma Anidi, Headteacher

These children received a praise postcard this week:

Wren: Arry and Emmeline

Woodlark: Inaaz & Ismail

Kingfisher: Tani and Cosmo

Kestrel: Hamzah & Athena

Barn Owl: Khadija, Florence and Sebastian

Starling: Albert, Ayyub & Finley

Goldcrest: Ikram and Talha

Goshawk: Thomas & Ismaeel

Sparrow: Ifra and Margot

Dates for your diary

Thurs 5th – Y3/4 Dress up for Digits Day

Friday 6th is NSPCC Dress up for Digits day.

Friday 13th February, 2-3pm, open afternoon – come and spend some time in class with your child

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM

Parents' evenings, Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March – details to follow

Thursday 5th World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character, whole school events during the day

Friday 6th March World Book Day sale, 3.30pm in the playground

Friday 20th March – school closed for Eid

Class assemblies, all in the top hall at 9am, on Fridays – parents welcome

6th February Starling Class

13th March Barn Owl Class

1st May Kingfisher Class

12th June Woodlark Class

26th June Wren Class

Friday 10th July Kestrel Class



Innovative



Word Class	Adjective
Meaning	Using new methods or ideas
Examples	1. She was an imaginative and innovative manager. 2. There will be a prize for the most innovative design. 3. The company manufactures a range of innovative products.
Synonyms for this word	New Original Inventive Groundbreaking

Song of the week:

<https://www.youtubeeducation.com/watch?v=W4MmPFj9h18>

Wb 26 Jan: 'Gaṇanātham Smarāmi Anisham' Performed by Akkarai Sisters

India celebrates Republic Day every January 26th to show pride in their country and its special rules that help everyone live together.

This is an example of Carnatic Music which is a very old and beautiful style of classical music from South India that uses exciting rhythms and soulful melodies.

In Western music, players hold the violin under their chin while standing, but Carnatic players sit on the floor and tuck the violin against their chest to help them slide easily between notes.

These two sisters, Subhalakshmi and Sonal, have practiced together since they were little kids to become amazing masters of the violin and tour regularly - they have performed in London in venues such as the Royal Albert Hall.



Carnatic vs Western holds

