



# Chisenhale Chatter

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

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



**Chisenhale**  
Primary School

Confidence • Curiosity • Kindness

31.1.2025

On Monday, Niamh from the Tower Hamlets Education and Wellbeing Service (THEWS), came to the school to do some staff training. The training was around the issue of supporting neurodiverse pupils in school. Niamh was impressed by the range of strategies already being used by staff and had some very useful additional ideas to offer. Niamh had already done some training sessions for parents last term around anxiety and behaviour management and was in school again on Tuesday delivering a workshop on anxiety for some of our pupils. If you feel that you might benefit from some more individual support around helping your child/ children with anxiety or their behaviour speak to Mairead, Gemma or Ruth, who can complete a referral to THEWS for you.

On Thursday, Year 4 enjoyed an interactive music workshop led by two professional percussionists from the Wyatt Sinfonia. They taught the children how to make sounds with different parts of their bodies, which helped them to create their own body percussion piece.

Finally, it was great to see such a good turnout for our phonics session for Reception parents today - we appreciate your support.

**Gemma Anidi, Headteacher**

These children will receive a praise postcard this week:

**Kingfisher:** George & Safwan

**Kestrel:** Frida & Zainab

**Blackbird:** Kaylan & Sonny

**Buzzard:** Abel & Bronte

**Merlin:** Adeolu & Jettson

**Magpie:** Arthur & Farhana

**Goldcrest:** Philip & Alfred

**Goshawk:** Alma & Yusra

**Swift:** Hayley & Ollie

**Sparrow:** Rueben & Sumeya

**Chiffchaff:** Gaby & Luchia

**Crossbill:** Maryam & Vitali

In another highlight for the school, the artist Jasleen Kaur, winner of the 2024 Turner Prize, chose the book *Island of Us: conversations about justice with children*, which our pupils contributed to in a collaboration with Chisenhale Gallery, as one of her cultural highlights in *The Guardian*. She said "The answers are really thoughtful. I just think young people are incredible. I learned a lot from it."

You can read the full article here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2024/dec/28/on-my-radar-jasleen-kaurs-cultural-highlights>

## Dates for your diary

**PTA Valentine's day cake sale, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 in the main playground**

**Half-term break: school is closed Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Parents' meetings: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, booking details to follow**

**School closed for Eid, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Eid celebration and food sale, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 3.30 in the main playground**

**Easter holiday: School closes at 2pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April and reopens on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

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

7<sup>th</sup> February, Goldcrest; 28<sup>th</sup> February, Sparrow; 7<sup>th</sup> March, Swift; 14<sup>th</sup> March, Goshawk; 21<sup>st</sup> March, Magpie; 28<sup>th</sup> March, Merlin – **CHANGE OF DATE**; 16<sup>th</sup> May, Kingfisher; 13<sup>th</sup> June, Buzzard; 4<sup>th</sup> July, Kestrel; 11<sup>th</sup> July, Blackbird.