

EYFS Newsletter

Spring 1
24th February 2023

Chisenhale Primary School



Learning Together for a Better Future



Events & Celebrations

This week we marked **Shrove Tuesday** with a pop-up **Pancake Café** in Sun Class. All the children in the Early years were invited to eat a pancake with their filling or topping of choice (lemon juice, golden syrup, maple syrup, jam or honey). The kitchen received very positive reviews!



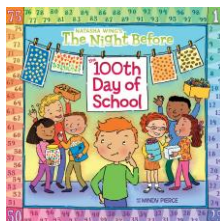
Next Friday (**3rd March**) we will be celebrating **World Book Day** when we will be dressing up as book characters and celebrating reading throughout the school. We will be having a **costume parade** in the setting. We would like your child to bring their **favourite** book into school on that day. We would also welcome photographs of your child reading in unusual places – send them to us via our email address please!

We have booked visits for our classes to visit the **Soane Centre in Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park** this half term. Nursery will be 'Environment Explorers' on the afternoon of **Tuesday 14th March**. Reception classes will be exploring 'Pond Life' on **Monday 20th** or **Tuesday 21st March**. More information to follow.

We are also going to have some very special visitors in the EYFS!!! They will be arriving on Monday 13th March.

This Week in the EYFS

Welcome Back - we are now half way through our school year!
In **Nursery** we began the week thinking about our first **100 days of school** and what we have achieved so far – and how much progress we might make by July! We have been trying to write our names all by ourselves! Our 'Word of the Week' has been '**number**' as we have been thinking about the difference between letters and numbers. We have added **Mm** to the letters that we can name and sound in our phonic knowledge.



In Reception the children have been enjoying the traditional story '**The Three Little Pigs**'. They have been constructing buildings with straw and sticks and bricks and role playing the story, including using and making their own puppets. The Reception classes' Word of the Week has been 'villain' – I wonder who they were thinking of? They have been making 'Wanted' posters in an attempt to track down the villain from their story.

In phonics, they have continued Phase 3 of the Tower Hamlets Phonics Programme and have been learning the consonant blends **nk** and **ng** which are in words like **rink** and **ring**. In **mathematics** they have been learning to use the language of comparison to compare quantities and numbers to say which is **more** or **fewer** than a given number.

Parent Partnership

We have two designated email addresses for queries:

Nurseryteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

We will be holding our second **Parent Evening** of this year next **Monday 27th** and **Tuesday 28th February**. Parents should have received notification of how to book their appointment via email and have received confirmation of the date and time that has been allocated.

Please inform your child's class teacher if you have any issues with this and we will endeavour to resolve them.

Book Bags & Reading

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day. **Please help us maintain our stock of picture books by promptly returning any books which your child has been issued with during this year.**

Reception Class teachers have provided your child with their individual **username** and **password** for our online reading resource **Bug Club**.



You will now be able to go online to access the books which each child has been allocated.

Please let us know if you have any difficulties.

End of Term Holiday

The end of the Spring Term will be on **Friday 31st March** when school will close at **2pm**.

School will also be closed on **Thursday 2nd March** due to NEU Strike.

Summer Term begins on **Monday 17th April**.

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

As the weather is now more changeable, please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothes to school including a **weatherproof coat** and **footwear**.

It remains important that your child has a **spare set of clothes** in their changing bag at school in case they get wet or dirty. This should include spare **socks** and **shoes**. If your child needs to change we will send the dirty clothes home in a plastic bag in their changing bag.

Please ensure spare clothes are replenished and returned the next day.

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day.