

Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

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At the time of writing last week the children had not returned from their singing at St Paul's Cathedral, so I had little to say apart from that they had gone. However, since then I have listened to parents, staff and children talk of what a special event it was to hear the voices of the children travel around such a magnificent space. The public stood and watched, the children sang confidently and it was by all accounts quite an emotive experience. Thank you to Paolo's mum (once you have children it is by them, that you are identified!), for assisting us in making this happen. We gave out more Silver Reading Challenge badges in assembly this week - keep up the good work of encouraging your children to read every day.

Well done to Lavender Class for a fantastic Spanish-inspired assembly yesterday. We could almost have been on the Costa del Sol. Who knew that we had such fluent Spanish speakers in Chisenhale? And all delivered with excellent Spanish accents! Not only could they speak Spanish but we were also treated to some lovely Spanish singing and dancing. The whole school joined in enthusiastically with the Macarena and had such fun doing it. It was lovely to see so many parents turning out to support their children. A big thanks to all of you.

Visits this week have been Cherry class to the Tower Hamlets Archives as part of their WWII work; a group of children went off to a gymnastics competition; and Thyme Class visited the British Museum for the day for their topic on the Greeks.

It was great to see so many parents at the times tables workshop this morning, where Ms McCarthy talked about the importance of knowing them, and different ways they can be learned and practiced. Have a lovely weekend. Sharon Taylor-Sezgin

Parents' meetings

We have decided to change our summer parents' evening to spring so that there is an opportunity for parents to have termly information about their child's progress. This will make our yearly pattern: parents' evenings in the autumn and spring terms and finally a written report in the summer. We realise if we make dates in-line with this for this year, it is too short notice, so we are going to have our parents' evening in the second week of the summer term on Tuesday 30th April from 3.30-7pm and Thursday 2nd May from 3.30-5pm.

International Food Evening Wednesday 27th March 5-6.30pm – we are asking families to cook a dish that reflects their cultural heritage and bring it into school to share with others. This is a free event. Plates, cutlery, drinking water and steamed rice provided (for curries etc). We hope to see everyone there!

Please don't let your children ride their bikes or scooters in the playground at the beginning or end of school – they should get on or off their bikes at the school gates. The playground is always very crowded at these times and we really do not want any accidents to occur.

We have decided to hold a 'Family Day' at the end of every term, in which family members have a chance to come in to school and share their child's learning with them. These will replace our previous bring your mum/dad to school days. **This term's family day will be held on the last day of term, 5th April.** The plan for the day is:
9-9.30 Easter Bonnet Parade (in playground, weather permitting)
9.40-11 - parents and carers can go to their child's classroom and take part in activities linked to that term's learning
11-11.30 - coffee in the outdoor classroom (again, weather permitting) and a chance to chat to other parents.
Our summer term family day will be in the afternoon of Friday 5th July at the end of our Art Week.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 27th March International Food Evening, see details above

Thursday 28th March, 9am, Basil Class assembly

Friday 29th March – 9am, Year 6 SATs and school journey meeting (Year 6 parents)

Friday 29th March, 9am – PTA meeting (instead of Friday 5th April) followed by PTA trustees meeting at 9.30am, both in the schoolhouse

Friday 5th April, Family day: 9-11.30am, see details above