

Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

23/11/18

We started the week thinking about the Unicef Outright Campaign. This was introduced by our Rights Respecting Councillors who did a great job explaining to us about Paddington Bear being a refugee and talked about Outright being a special campaign which empowers children to speak out about their rights. All of the classes then did some work during the week considering the impact of air pollution and relating that to article 24 - *children have the right to the best possible health and to live in a clean environment*. Please read a very passionate letter written by Teddy in Year 4, attached to this newsletter. This is a timely reminder to parents and carers who are still leaving cars idling outside the school to please consider the children's lungs.

Well done to Cherry Class for a very entertaining assembly with an enactment of the Norse Legends they have been studying this half-term. There are clearly some excellent comic actors in Y5. The Queen soundtrack was an inspired choice and really added to the audience's enjoyment of the performance. It was lovely to see so many parents come to support their children.

Educating our children, even around some things which we find hard to think about ourselves, is of course really important. We were lucky enough to have the team from St Giles Trust delivering the SOS+ and BRAVE (Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism), workshops in Year 5 and 6 this Friday. The projects have been highly praised for how they tackle difficult subjects such as knife crime, gangs and exploitation.

If anyone has any unwanted Christmas decorations, please can you pop them into school as ours are a little sad!

Hope you all have a cosy weekend.

Sharon Taylor-Sezgin, Headteacher

PTA parents' social evening

There is an evening meet-up for parents in the schoolhouse tonight from 8-11pm. Bring your own drinks and snacks and catch up with other parents. Ring the bell at the schoolhouse on Zealand Road for entry.

Working parents

If you are a working parent and do not pick your child up after school but sometimes need to communicate with teachers, please email Ruth on rcrossan.211@lqfmail.org to get the dedicated email address for working parents.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have finalised the date for our last INSET day of this academic year. It will be on Monday 3rd June and we will be closing for Eid on Tuesday 4th June – these dates fall right after our summer half term break so **school will be closed for children from Monday 27th May until we come back on Wednesday June 5th**.

We still have some places on courses we are running for parents this term so please pop in and sign up if you are interested.

English for beginners (ESOL) runs every Monday and Wednesday from 9-11am in the schoolhouse. The course is free and now on Mondays also includes a collaboration with a textile artist from Chisenhale Art Place: sew while you learn!

Our **Strengthening Families** course runs every Tuesday from 9am in the schoolhouse. Pop in to find out more or sign up for this free parenting course run by Jane and Ruth, which runs for 12 weeks and will give you lots of ideas for developing routines, improving behaviour and reducing conflict at home.

Also on Tuesdays at 9am is a **women-only exercise class**. £1 per session. This takes place on the roof.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 29th November Rowan Class assembly, 9.05am in the top hall

Friday 30th November Parent Workshop: UKS2 (Years 5&6) Homework, 9am in the library

Thursday 6th December Recorder Performance: parents of children who have been learning the recorder this year are invited in to see their children perform at our assembly at 3pm.

Friday 7th December, 9am, PTA meeting in the schoolhouse – come and join in with wreath or samosa making in preparation for the Winter Fair from 3.20-5pm.