

Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

29/3/19

Assembly on Monday introduced the children to the upcoming World Autism Awareness Week introduced by Ms McCarthy, and Rowan Class had their visit to the Tower Hamlets Archives.

I have spent three days talking about children's progress in Pupil Progress Meetings this week with teachers and support staff, which is a lovely way to spend my days as I get to listen to how well all the children are doing and think about how we focus the teaching for next term. A couple of groups of children returned 'full of the joys of spring' from Victoria Park having planted trees - what a great legacy and we look forward to watching them grow over the years.

On Thursday, Basil Class assembly was a joy to watch. As part of their *Groovy Greeks* topic learning, they retold the Greek myth of Helen of Troy and the Trojan war. They used their best projected speaking voices, showed some fantastic acting and also some great singing and rapping, creating a new version of a famous Taylor Swift song to match the myth.

Key stage 1 recorder club gave a lovely rendition of Hot Cross Buns in their assembly - very fitting for Lent.

We send our congratulations to Ms Booth who now has a beautiful baby girl called Amelia.

On a more serious note, the Finance Committee of the Governors met this week and we looked at the budget for the next financial year. We are having to make some difficult decisions to try to make the budget balance. As I am sure you are aware, costs are rising rapidly and budgets are being stretched, and cut. Tower Hamlets are trying to make ends meet themselves and some of this means that they are charging schools more and cutting funding. However, the biggest squeeze is coming from the Government and I would urge everyone to be active in ensuring their MP is aware of their concerns about the lack of adequate funding for schools. You can write to the secretary of State for Education, Damian Hinds MP (damian.hinds.mp@parliament.uk); the Minister for Schools, Nick Gibb MP (gibbn@parliament.uk), and to the Prime Minister

(mayt@parliament.uk). Without a major change, we will have a much reduced capacity to meet the needs of your children in the future, despite our desire to do so.

It was great to see so many families at International Food Evening. Thank you for such a wonderful feast from across the globe.

Sharon Taylor-Sezain. Headteacher

Second-hand uniform and clothes recycling

We send hundreds of items of unclaimed lost property and unwanted school uniform to recycling every year. Help us to protect the environment by buying second-hand uniform so that it can be re-used. Everything has been washed and is ready to wear. Our sales will be on Tuesday 2nd April, 9am in the library and Friday 5th April 11am in the outdoor classroom after the family day session. Children grow so quickly at this age that some of the uniform has hardly been worn! Cash only, please.

Please also bring in your recycling – clothes, shoes, handbags, perfumes, bedlinen and soft toys for 25th April so that it can be collected.

The school uniform sale and recycling scheme both help to raise much-needed cash for the school.

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 for a chat.

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

Friday 5th April, Family day and Easter bonnet parade:
9-11.30am, see details above

School closes 2pm on Friday 5th April

Easter break: **Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April**

Children back to school **Tuesday 23rd April**

Parents' meetings: **Tuesday 30th April, 3.30-7pm and**

Thursday 2nd May from 3.30-5pm.

Bank holiday: **Monday 6th May**

Summer half term holiday:

Monday 27th May-Tuesday 4th June.

Children back to school **Wednesday 5th June.**