Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School
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WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL
Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

20.11.2026

This week I wanted to let you know how a local charity is working with Chisenhale and to thank them warmly for their generous support. The opportunities described below are funded by the charity *It's your Life*, so our pupils can enjoy a wide range of learning experiences at no cost to families. This year, our Year 5 pupils have the chance to take part in guitar lessons, giving them a fresh way to explore music and develop new skills. Pupils in Years 1 to 3 will enjoy outdoor learning in the style of a forest school, beginning with Year 3. All of our Year 5 pupils will also take part in the CALMER learning programme, which brings together cooking, art, Lego, music, exploration and recreation. You can find out more about this programme at https://www.itsyourlife.me.uk/calmer-learning

In other news, our Year 6 pupils visited London Zoo this week, linking their science learning with their English work on the book *Animalium*. It was wonderful to see pupils connecting what they read in class with the real animals they observed.

Year 2 pupils have also explored history through a Great Fire of London tour, giving them a memorable insight into a significant moment in our city's past.

I would also like to celebrate our Bard Books fair. It is a real joy to see so many children excited about reading and eager to discover new stories. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success.

Today we were treated to a fantastic assembly by Goshawk Class. The assembly was written by the children themselves and based on the book 'Holes'. The level of work that went into making this assembly was outstanding. The children impressed us all with how confidently they acted and narrated and the songs (which were based on some Queen classics) were an uplifting start to the day! Well done, Goshawk Class!

Thank you to all of you for your continued support. These experiences are only possible because of partnerships with local charities and businesses and the enthusiasm our families and staff bring to school life.

Gemma Anidi, Headteacher

These children will receive a praise postcard this week:

Crossbill: Elisa & Mehjabin
Capercaillie: Theodore & Apolline
Woodlark: Inaaz & Oscar
Wren: Frankie & Amorae
Kingfisher: Safwan & Astrud
Kestrel: Peggy & Rohan
Barn Owl: Florence, Sonny & Philomene
Starling: Arla, Ayah & Nils
Goldcrest: Madina & Samiha
Goshawk: Jake & Thomas

Vote for us at Tesco!

Thanks to everyone who has been popping the blue tokens into the box at Tesco's to support our application for fresh fruit for the children. The vote has now been extended until January 2027 so please continue – sometimes you have to ask for the tokens if they are not immediately visible, but please do so as this really makes a difference to the school. If you pay on the self-service tills you can still get the blue voting coins from the main tills.

You can vote in the following stores:

2092 Bethnal Green Express Express E2 0AN
2152 Bromley By Bow Superstore E3 3DA
2400 Stepney Green Express Express E1 4AA
4400 Bow Gladstone Express Express E3 5GS
5898 Bow Merchants Quarter Express E3 4LU
5946 Hackney Road Express Express E2 9EG
6009 Miles End Road Express E1 4UJ
6363 Bethnal Green Express E2 6AH

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th November, 9-10.30am in the library and the playground, parent session about OPAL and our plans for improving playtimes for Years 1-6.
Friday 4th December, 3.30-5.00, Winter Fair
Thursday 10th December, 9.30am, Year 1 & 2 nativity play at St Barnabas Church, parents welcome
CLASS ASSEMBLIES, all on Fridays at 9am, parents welcome

22nd January, Starling
29th January, Kestrel
5th February, Kingfisher
19th March, Barnowl
30th April, Woodlark
21st May, Wren
28th May Crossbill
9th July Capercaillie