

Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter

October 2022

Timetable Rockstars

At Charnwood Primary School we are all aiming to become Times Tables Rock Stars and know our multiplication facts in lightning speed! From the 1st September till the 12th September we hosted a times table tournament on TTR. The results are: 1st place 6 Redwood, 2nd place 4 Pine, 3rd place 4 Cherry.

We will be launching a new tournament next week – keep a lookout.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a website that lets children practice their times tables in a fun, engaging and rewarding way. It lets them create and build a cool avatar, join a battle of bands against other classes and compete in times tables festivals against children around the world!

Once you are on the website you will be asked to log in. Start typing in "Charnwood Primary School" and click on the school's name when it appears. Then put in your username and password to log in. Each child will have been given their logins by their teacher.

How the site works

When you login into the website, you will be greeted by your **dashboard**, where you can play any of the four main game modes. To get back to this page at any time, click on the dashboard tab in the top left corner of the screen.

When you are in the dashboard, you will see the four main game modes at the bottom: **Garage, Studio, Festival and Arena**. Below is an explanation of each.

Garage

We recommend that children play Garage by default as it is designed to help them get faster. In this mode class teachers will set which times tables children can focus on.

The website will also work out which questions children struggle with so it will then ask those more often.

Additionally, children playing in the Garage will get 10 coins per correct answer rather than the 1 coin per answer in the other modes. This means more money to spend on their avatar!

Studio

Just like a rock star recording their next big album, children should play in the studio when they are ready to give their best performance. The questions can be anything up to 12x12.

When you play in the studio the website will work out your times tables speed, or how long it takes you to answer each question. Once you have played 10 games in the studio the website will work out your average and you will be able to see whether you are a Rock Star, Rock Legend, or even a Rock God!

Arena and Festival

The Arena and Festival are the multiplayer versions of the game. If children want to compete against each other they can go into the arena and do battle with other children!

In the Arena, children can compete against children in their class who are playing at the same time,

In the Festival, however, the games are open to anyone, anywhere!

New games start every 15 seconds. Just click on the one you want to join. It will highlight in **green**. Wait for the game to start (the timer is on the left) and crush your opponent!

Top Tips

Here is some expert advice to get yourself top of the leader board:

- If you're on a computer, use the number pad on the right of the keyboard.
- Keep your right hand on the number pad and have your left finger on the backspace to correct mistakes instantly.
- Try your hardest to figure out the answer to each question. The process of working it out will help you remember it for next time.

Timetable Rockstars



We are a Timetable Rockstars School! During September, each year group was competing with each other to win extra playtime. Can we thank all the pupils that participated – Thank you.

14th September - 30th September 2022
Ash 99 Magnolia 85
14th September - 30th September 2022
Chestnut 673 Palm 131
14th September - 30th September 2022
Maple 1 Oak 0
14th September - 30th September 2022
Cherry 309 Pine 301
14th September - 30th September 2022
Redwood 587 Olive 553
14th September - 30th September 2022
Sycamore 191 Willow 89

October the stakes are higher - the pupils are now competing against their phase. Once again can we encourage the children to play TTR, by doing so they will build their timetable speed and accuracy.

Well done to all the pupils who participated in the October TTR competition. The children very much enjoyed the extra playtime.

Year 6 Redwood, Year 4 Pine and Year 2 Ash were the winners!

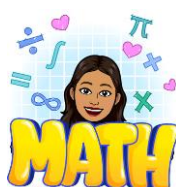
3rd October - 31st October 2022
Pine 1213 Chestnut 491 Cherry 312 Palm 195
3rd October - 31st October 2022
Redwood 505 Olive 317 Sycamore 200 Willow 112
3rd October - 31st October 2022
Ash 133 Oak 57 Magnolia 47 Maple 8

As you can see the pupils were competing within their phase, which was much harder! November they will be competing against their classes. This was the first time Year 1 took part and I would like to say well done to Year 1 Oak – they did ever so well.

Rock Stars of the month:

Dev H – 3 Chestnut, Fatimah N – 6 Redwood, Ruqayyah C – 2 Ash

Well done to the named pupils for scoring the highest within their phase – keep it up!



Charnwood School Council elections – September 2022

On Wednesday, 21 September, our school held the annual school council elections. Throughout the day, pupils voted for a class council representative who will represent their class at council meetings. The school council provides a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact them. School councils are an excellent way in which to increase participation, teaching young people about democracy, local and global citizenship and accountability.



Year 2 Update

Year 2 have taken part in an assembly about Islam this term. We will hopefully be going to visit a Mosque in Autumn 2.

They have also spent time learning new maths skills, reading interesting books and poetry.

In Art, children have enjoyed starting a new revamped curriculum and learning new artistic skills.

Special Time

This term, children have been given the daily opportunity to reflect on the following 'Special Time' themes:

- New Beginnings
- Together
- Making choices
- Respect – environment
- Determination
- Inspiration
- Giving

Year 5 Trip to Root's Farm – Thursday, 22 September 2022

30 Year 5 children will make a follow-up visit to Roots Farm in Barkby Thorpe. The children involved in this project will learn about the activities that take place at the farm throughout the farming calendar. The visits will also provide children in schools within Leicester a broader understanding of farming and nature that surrounds them.



Year 3 Trip to Beacon Hill Country Park

This term, Year 3 enjoyed a sunny and breezy trip to Beacon Hill Country Park as part of our Science and Geography topics. The children learnt about the rock formations; using the four points of a compass; how to locate features on a map and enjoyed sketching the countryside which they had some fantastic views of. After the trip, the children have written some fantastic recounts in their English lessons.



Year 6 Trip to New Walk Museum

The Year 6 pupils visited the New Walk Museum's Victorian exhibitions as part of their art unit. Walking to the museum allowed the pupils to take in the beauty of Leicester and they spent a few minutes admiring the autumnal views of New Walk. Children had the opportunity to be inspired by the art displays - we want our pupils to admire and appreciate art. Having analysed John Constable, Kandinsky and Van Gogh's oil paintings of various landscapes, the year group will be creating their own soon. By exposing the pupils to various artwork and techniques we are hoping they will be able to produce their landscapes with confidence. As we believe it is vital to convey your individuality, the pupils will decide what landscape they want to paint and if they want to produce a representational, impressionistic or abstract piece. Keep an eye out at Parents' Evenings, you may just spot a masterpiece by one of our resident artists – a Bhayat, a Makda, an Amod or even your child's! Finally, can we thank the three parent volunteers who aided our walk – Thank you!



Educational Visits

This term our children have had the following opportunities to enhance their learning on educational visits: -

- Y5 Shree Hindu Temple and Community Centre trip
- Y3 Forest School Programme
- F2 Spinney Hill Park trip

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

We welcome Mr R Khunti as one of our Co-opted Governors.

Staff leaving /joining

Sadly this term, we say farewell to the following staff members:

- Mrs R Bhana - Reprographics Assistant
- Mr S Amadmia – Cleaner

We thank them for their unreserved commitment to the school and wish them all the best for the future.

We welcome Miss S Timol this term, our new Administrative Assistant.

Parent School Travel Survey

Parents and carers of pupils attending a school in Leicester City are being asked to complete a survey by Sustrans, about how they travel to school each day.

The survey has been developed by Sustrans, a local charity working with Leicester schools to help more pupils to walk, scoot or cycle for their school journeys, in partnership with Leicester City Council. The results will help shape future travel plans and infrastructure around local schools.

To say thank you for taking part, one lucky winner will be chosen at random and will receive a £50 Leicester gift card. The closing date for this survey is **Saturday 19 November 2022** and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Please click on the following link to complete the survey:

<https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/leicester-schools-parent-survey-2022>

Diwali Celebrations

We wish all those celebrating a Happy Diwali and a Happy New Year.



Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year to date is: 95.2%

Our school attendance target figure is 95.5 %, so as you can see so far we have met our target.

Well done to 6 Redwood for having the highest attendance this month of 97.2%

Please visit our school website for further information about attendance:

<http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

Please could parents inform the office before 9.00am if your child has an appointment and will be absent or is arriving late by calling the school office on **0116 251 6574**

If your child is going to be absent for any other reason, please contact the school office and provide sufficient information about their absence.

If your child is going to be absent for reasons relating to coronavirus, please inform the school office.

Teachers 2 Parents Texting Service

If you wish to send a text message to the school please use the following number:-

07786 208 889

Future Trips/Events

Date	Trip/Event
Monday, 07 November 2022	Y1 Walk around the local area trip
Monday, 07 November 2022	Y5 Highfields Library trip
Tuesday, 08 November 2022	Y5 National Space Centre trip
Tuesday, 08 November 2022	FS1 – Y6 Parents Evening
Wednesday, 09 November 2022	FS1 – Y6 Parents Evening

NHS Health for Kids

If you have any concerns regarding your child's health, you may text a Public Health Nurse for confidential support and advice on:

07520 615 381 (Leicester City Council)

07520 615 382 (Leicestershire and Rutland)

Data Collection

If there is a change to your contact details, you must inform the school office or via the SIMs Lite app. It is the responsibility of the parent to update the school of any changes to contact details.