

Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter

March 2023

World Maths Day

On Wednesday 8th March we marked World Maths Day. We are a Timetable Rockstars school and decided to celebrate by dressing up as rockstars. The pupils and children were very creative. The Magical Maths Fairy was impressed and distributed certificates to all the children. Teachers planned some problem-solving activities to encourage logical and mathematical thinking in each year group.

Thank you to all the pupils who participated in the February Time Table Rock Stars competition. All the year groups were given extra play time, which they very much enjoyed! Please encourage your child/children to play, as this is a fun and exciting way to learn your timetables.

1st February - 28th February 2023



Year 4

2278

Year 3

221

1st February - 28th February 2023



Year 5

1165

Year 6

707

1st February - 28th February 2023



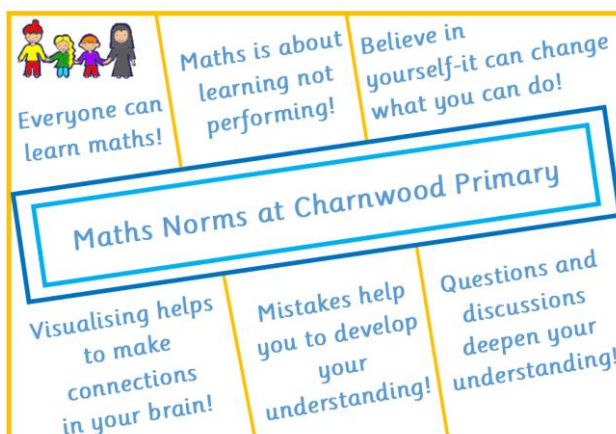
Year 2

81

Year 1

25

At Charnwood we want our pupils to have a growth mind-set and we use the maths norms to encourage that. When pupils are doing their Daily Dash at home you can ask them to recall one a day or maybe you can think of a game. How would you use them? We would love to hear about how you use the norms.



World Book Day

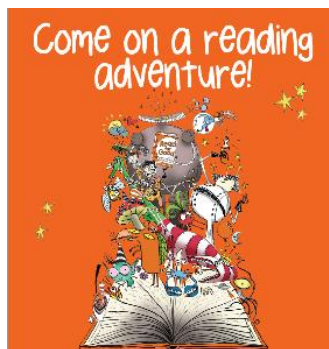
In March the children celebrated World Book Day. They enjoyed sharing their favourite books and created amazing potato characters at home! Thank you parents for supporting the children to make these.



Readathon Challenge

Thank you children and parents for participating in this year's Readathon challenge. You raised £198! Thank you so much for all your generous donations. This money will go towards paying for books and storytellers for children who are poorly in hospital.

At school, the children read for an incredible **78,082** minutes in total during the two weeks of the Readathon!! Well done children. 😊



Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service visit

Leicestershire Fire Services visited Year 1 and 5 this term and it was a very informative and useful visit for all. Children were taught how to keep safe if there is a fire and how to evacuate from a building safely. We were all reminded about the importance of fire alarms and that we should test them each month to check they are in working order. Children were taught how to keep safe at home and the cause of many domestic fires. The fire service also advised that they can visit homes to carry out a free Home Fire Safety Check for many households, they can install a fire alarm without any additional costs if you do not have one at present. Please visit the following link for more information about this:

<https://lfrs.egressforms.com/Form/HomeFireSafetyCheck>

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Creativity Hive Project – Year 3 Chestnut

As Year 3 Chestnut have been selected to be part of an exciting project this year, they have welcomed some visitors to their class.

Rap Workshop

3 Chestnut had the opportunity to work with the wonderfully talented rap artist, Xidus. He started off the session by performing a few different raps for the children to listen to. We were all so mesmerised how he pieced together a rap based on random words the children came up with on the whiteboard. The children then went on to write their own rap focussing on the theme of 'dreams and goals'. They had great fun exploring and being creative with words for a purpose. We're looking forward to continuing this in our next session.



Music Technology Workshop

The children took part in a full day music technology workshop delivered by the incredible music specialist, Eddy. The session covered many areas of music technology, including production and composition using various apps such as Incredibox, Launchpad and GarageBand. We were so impressed to see the children were confidently using musical terminology throughout the session. The workshop was interactive and enjoyable for all pupils.



Creativity Hive Project – 3 Chestnut continued

Drama Workshop

3 Chestnut enjoyed their first drama session with the wonderful drama specialist, Sue. The children were introduced to the fairy tale story of Little Red Riding Hood. Working around the circle, the children had to act out different parts of the story. They also had the chance to work in small groups and act out something that one of the characters in the story might do e.g. woodcutter chopping down a tree. The rest of the class had to guess what they were doing. We have already seen such a huge progress in children's spoken language, imagination, engagement and confidence!



Year 3 Museum Visit

Year 3 visited the New Walk museum this month to look at the Ancient Egypt exhibitions as part of their learning in History and English this term. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at some actual artefacts and learning more about this ancient civilisation.



Improving our school grounds and gardening

We have received funding as part of our participation in the 'Leicester Urban Wildlife Project' to purchase planters, barrels, shrubs and plants. Mrs Shenton and Mrs Platt have spent time weeding and planting shrubs, trees and flowers in order to encourage wildlife into our school grounds. Enjoy looking at the plants as the weather improves and the wildlife flourishes. Mrs Shenton will restart the Gardening club with a group of children in the summer term. Thank you to those children who gave up their playtime to help with the planting.



Red Nose Day

Thank you for helping us donate towards the Comic Relief supports projects in the UK and around the world via <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>

We appreciate your support.



This newsletter can be provided in large print format on request and is also available on the school website.

Charity during Ramadhan

Thank you for helping us raise money and show our support for the communities who have been affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We raised £430. Donations will be sent to One Nation Charity.

More information about the charity can be found on the following link:

<https://onenationuk.org/turkey-syria-earthquake>



We wish all those celebrating Ramadhan Mubarak!



Clubs

Clubs for summer term will start week commencing Monday, 24 April 2023* with the last session being week commencing Monday, 03 July 2023. We have lots of new, exciting and FREE clubs this term so don't miss out! Parents signed up for clubs during Parents Evening. There are some clubs that still have spaces, please check your emails for more information. If your child is selected for an academic club, it is important that they do attend. This is to support your child to make academic progress.

*with the exception of Year 1 Phonics Club and some Year 5 academic clubs.



Parents Evening Meetings

Thank you for attending the parents' meetings this term.

Trips

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

- Year 1 Coventry Transport Museum

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust - Free online parenting courses

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust are delighted to announce that a range of free online parenting courses are available for all residents of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The Solihull Approach courses cover concerns that parents often face with children, from before they are born to early adulthood, including physical and mental health, understanding their feelings and how to build better relationships.

The courses include the same content as you would receive in a typical face-to-face parenting group run by health visitors. They are available in 108 languages, with voiceovers in English and Urdu. Each course has a number of different components, and they can be accessed at any time and any place.

The courses include:

- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child - 0-19 years
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your teenager
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding your brain
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your relationships
- *Further courses are currently in development, including a specific course for supporting children and young people with possible neurodevelopmental conditions.*

All courses are free to access for anyone with an LLR postcode – it just requires users to create an account to access them – and they are available for the next two years. More details, including how to register and access the courses, are available at:

<https://solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-leicestershire>

For more information please see:

<https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/news/new-free-online-courses-for-parents-in-leicester-leicestershire-and-rutland/>

School Dinner Arrangements

Lunchtime time arrangements must be agreed for the beginning of each term. Lunchtime arrangements **cannot be changed** during the half term.

Any changes can only be made for the following term.

If your child will be having school dinners, please ensure payment is made by **Monday** morning for the commencing week. Payments can be made weekly, monthly or termly via **Pay360** on the following link:

<https://www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home>

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year to date is: 93.6%

Our School attendance target figure is 95.2%, unfortunately, we have not met our target so far.

Well done to 5 Sycamore for having the highest attendance this month of 96.8%

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. You may phone the school office on **0116 251 6574**.

Teachers 2 Parents Texting Service

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

07786 208 889

Term dates 2023/2024

Please find attached with this newsletter the Leicester City Council term dates for the academic year 2023/2024.

End of term

The last day of the half term will be Friday, 31 March 2023. We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on **Monday, 17 April 2023**.

We hope you have a lovely and restful break. We wish all those celebrating a Happy Easter!



Future Trips/Events

Date	Trip/Event
Wednesday, 26 April 2023	Year 1 Bradgate Park trip
Thursday, 27 April 2023	Science Open Day