

# Charnwood Primary School

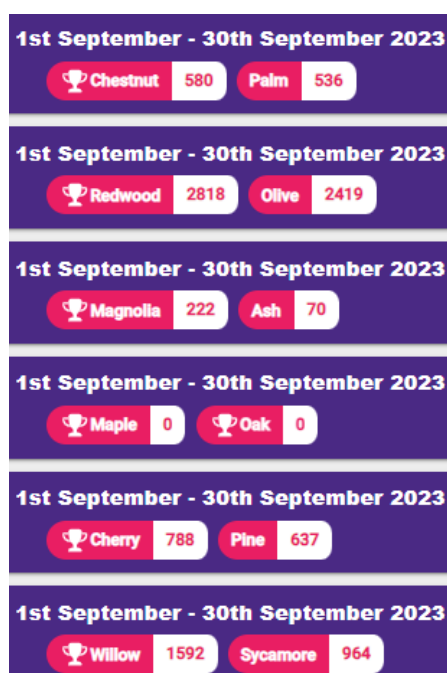
## Parents Newsletter

### October 2023

#### Timetable Rockstars



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



I would like to say well done to the top 10 fastest pupils – keep up all the hard work.

Name	Speed	Class
Zidan B	0.60	Olive
Zakir K	0.63	Redwood
Muhammad M	0.70	Sycamore
Zakariya R	0.77	Olive
Dev H	0.79	Pine
Ahmad M	0.83	Willow
Sheikh M T	0.90	Willow
Yusuf H	1.09	Redwood
Abdurrahman M	1.15	Willow
Hamza A	1.29	Olive

Keep rocking!

Mrs F.Kolia-Bhayat

## Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, our students embarked on an enriching family project during the half-term holiday. Embracing the theme of 'Saluting our sisters,' children delved into the lives of remarkable black figures, both past and present, exploring their achievements, inspiration, and global impact. It was pleasing to witness their enthusiasm as they crafted an array of creative presentations, including vibrant posters, intricate 3D models, informative leaflets, detailed fact files, eloquent speeches, and insightful information texts. The dedication and creativity showcased were truly commendable. We are thrilled to announce the outstanding work of several students who were recognised for their exceptional projects.

Raabi'ah S (1 Oak)

Ruhina A (1 Maple)

Salim S (2 Ash)

Mia K (2 Magnolia)

Fatima Sahra H (3 Palm)

Zayan S (3 Chestnut)

Aisha D (4 Pine)

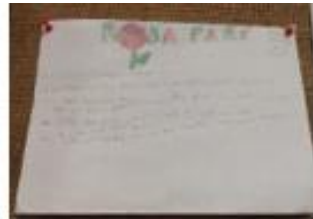
Leon A (4 Cherry)

Zaina S (5 Sycamore)

Zaheen S (5 Willow)

Hazra A (6 Redwood)

Sana S (6 Olive)





## Green fingers at Charnwood

Last term Gardening Club planted some Seed Potatoes. A super team of children watered and cared for them each playtime and before long they had grown into huge plants! Recently, we harvested them for Cooking Club to use. We were delighted with our crop!



## Cooking Club

In cooking club, the year 5 pupils made potato wedges with a herby yogurt dip. They used the potatoes and herbs (Basil and Parsley) grown in school by the Gardening Club. In Cooking Club, the pupils are learning skills, such as slicing, chopping and grating. They also have an opportunity to try out new healthy recipes.



## Could you help the school get valuable extra funding?

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 classes automatically receive universal infant free school meals. However, if you meet the qualifying criteria completing an application for benefits-related free school meals could help your children's school get valuable extra funding through the pupil premium. The pupil premium is extra funding the government gives to schools to raise the achievement of disadvantaged pupils. The amount a school receives depends on the number of pupils eligible for free school meals.

Parents are encouraged to register their children, even if:

- they do not want to eat school meals
- they already receive universal infant free school meals.

This is in order to raise extra money for the school, which can be used towards extra tuition, learning assistants or after school clubs.

If you would like to check if your child may be eligible for Free School Meals and would like to apply, please apply using the following link: <https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/>

For more information about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium, please visit the following link: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/grants-and-allowances/free-school-meals/>

## 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 came back and created their own. 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!



## Educational Visits

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

- FS2 Spinney Hill Park trip
- Selected Pupils Forest School sessions commenced
- Y5 Shree Hindu Temple trip
- Y3 Beacon Hill Country Park trip



## Calling all FS and KS1 Parents

As a school we have purchased a subscription for NumBots.

### What is NumBots?

NumBots is an online maths learning platform that helps children learn how to add and subtract, improving their fluency and recall in basic mental maths, and equipping them with maths confidence. NumBots covers subitising, number bonds, and addition and subtraction of double-digit numbers; gradually helping your pupils to build a solid conceptual understanding of number sense.

Your child's class teacher would have given them a username and password. Please spend some time supporting your child to log on and explore the site.







### Join the Secret Monster Society and help us win a great prize for the school!

In October, the children received Move It Boom bookmarks. Throughout the Autumn term, our school is supporting the Move it Boom physical activity competition for children organised by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. By taking part in physical activities (anything from running and swimming to dancing, martial arts, ball games or yoga), children will get points for our school, helping us to be in with a chance of winning some great prizes. The more activities they log, the more points we get!

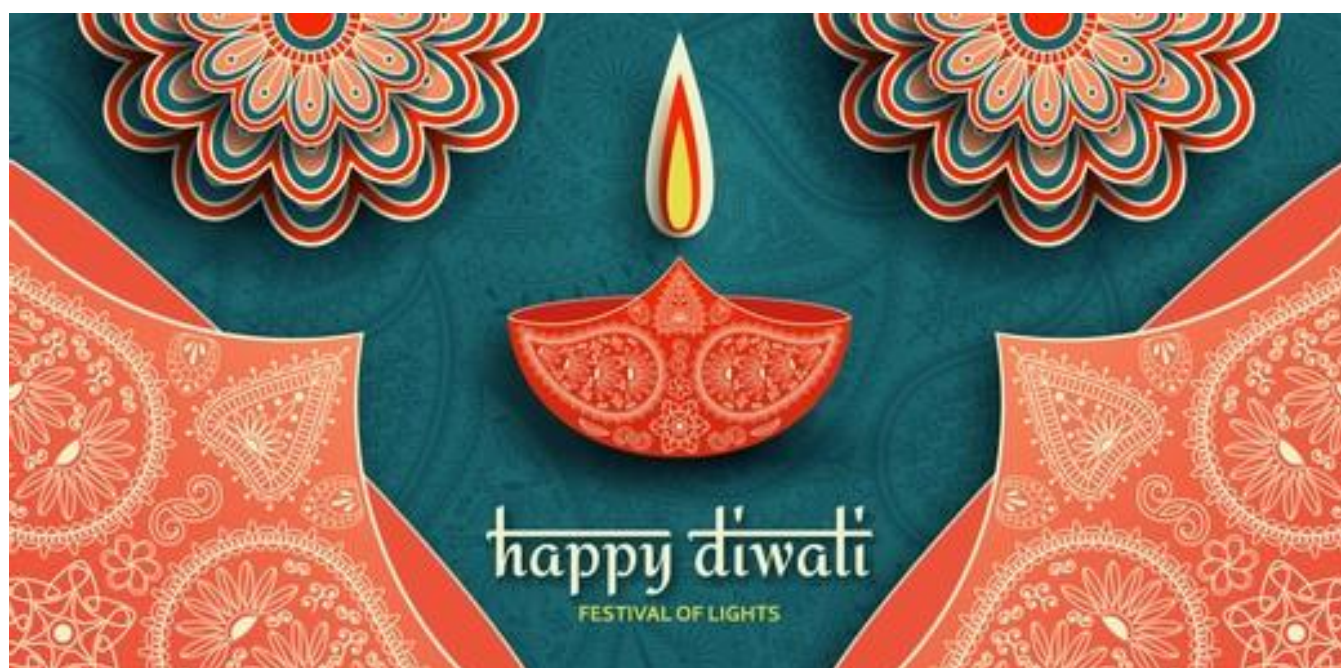
Please encourage your child to take part in this exciting initiative. Children can create their own account on the Move it Boom website ([leicester.moveitboom.co.uk](https://leicester.moveitboom.co.uk))

### Diwali Celebrations

The Festival of Diwali will take place on Sunday, 12 November 2023 and New Year on Monday, 13 November 2023.

As this is a special day for many in our school community, your child may come into school wearing non uniform on **Friday, 10 November 2023**.

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 95.4 %, so as you can see so far we have met our target.

Well done to 4 Pine for having the highest attendance this month of 97.6%

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**

## School Nursing Team

If you have any concerns regarding your child's health, you may ring the School Nursing Team for support and advice on:

0300 300 3001

## Future Trips/Events

Date	Trip/Event
Wednesday, 01 November 2023	Year 5 Hinduism Assembly
Wednesday, 08 November 2023	Year 5 Vue Cinema Trip
Tuesday, 07 November 2023	FS1-Y6 Parents Evening (no clubs on this day)
Thursday, 09 November 2023	FS1-Y6 Parents Evening (no clubs on this day)
Thursday, 09 November 2023	Year 6 Showcase Cinema De Lux Trip
Tuesday, 21 November 2023	Year 5 National Space Centre Trip

## 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.

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