



CHARLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

13/02/2020



Friday 14th February -

End of term

PTA – Valentines Disco

Thursday 27th February –

Year 2 – Trip to Crocodiles of the World (Willow class)

Friday 28th February –

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Year 5 – Swimming begins

Thursday 5th March –

World Book Day

Thursday 12th March –

Year 6 – Cycling day

Thursday 26th March -

VAT singing Festival

Friday 27th March -

PTA – Easter Bingo

Tuesday 31st March -

Discussion evening (4-6pm)

Thursday 2nd April -

Discussion evening (5-7pm)

Friday 3rd April -

End of term



Dear Parents,

As another term draws to a close, it is a great opportunity to reflect on another successful and busy few weeks! We have had rather a blustery and wet weekend and, although Spring is around the corner, should any snow be forecast, please remember to check the school website for any updates.

Year 3 have had an extremely busy term learning all of the lines for their upcoming performance. I have been listening to the rehearsals and I know that this is going to be a wonderful experience for the children and for their audience. The children also decided to have a cake sale to raise funds for props and costumes. Due to your huge support, they were able to run two cake sales and raised a staggering £291! As ever, we would like to thank you for helping to make this happen. The set and costumes look fantastic.

As you will read later in the newsletter, our wonderful PTA had the idea of placing a '5p jar' in each of the classrooms and at the beginning of January they were emptied and counted. A class prize has been organised for the class who raised the most.

With the support of Charlton's School Council, our Head Boy and Head Girl completed our pupil surveys. The whole process was a collaborative piece of work; putting the survey together using Survey Monkey and then the team took the lead on completing the survey with other pupils. The questions asked of pupils were put together, with guidance, by the School Council too. It was a smooth process, aided by the competency and confidence of our Year 6 pupils.

I know that as we approach term 4 there is much excitement amongst staff about the impending World Book Day on the 5th March. This is one of our favourite days of the year as the whole school come together to celebrate the world of literature.

Year 2 are now looking forward to their arranged trip to Crocodiles of the World and we have other exciting events taking place; Mr Campbell's singing festival, sporting events and further math challenge days!

Have a wonderful half-term break.

Mrs Rooke

Head of School

Foundation – 'Let's Investigate'



This term, our topic has been called 'Let's Investigate'. Each week we have had a treasure box full of things to explore, talk about and ask questions about. Clocks, Toys, Materials, Chinese New Year and Colour have all been the starting points for our journey of discovery. We have used information books and computers to find out information. We have used art, music and movement to respond to the theme of the week. A brilliant topic full of facts, wonder and creativity!



Year 1 – 'Islands and Adventures'



This term, our topic has been 'Islands and Adventures' which is a geography focussed topic with a pirate theme! We had a WOW start where we all became pirates for the day. Some of us even had to walk the plank! We've had a try at making ships biscuits (a traditional pirate biscuit) made up of flour, water and salt. The overall consensus was they were not tasty at all! We then worked on how to improve the recipe to make them tastier. The final product to come soon.



Year 2 – 'Materials'



Year 2 have come back after Christmas very busy indeed! We started our 'Materials' topic with the Bright Sparks Company visiting. The children looked at changing state and made slime. It was very exciting with many 'wow' moments. The children have since then conducted their own experiments, including exploring which material is the most water proof and which spoon is best for Willy Wonka to use in his factory. The children have also been very keen to show algorithms in computing and some children even became robots!

Our English focus has been on the crafty Enormous Crocodile and we have spent the term doing whole class guided reading and being immersed in Roald Dahl stories. We have made wanted posters to warn people about the Crocodile's clever tricks, wrote instructions on how to be disguised as a palm tree and even wrote a riddle on the animals who saved the children.



Year 3 – ‘Robin Hood’



This term, Year 3 have been working incredibly hard in the build up to their ‘Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies’ performance. Pupils have really been enjoying this topic and their enthusiasm definitely shows during rehearsals.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our cake sale which raised an amazing **£291.61**! We have begun to purchase some costumes and stage props are being created. This wouldn't have been possible without your donations and we look forward to sharing this all with you during the shows.

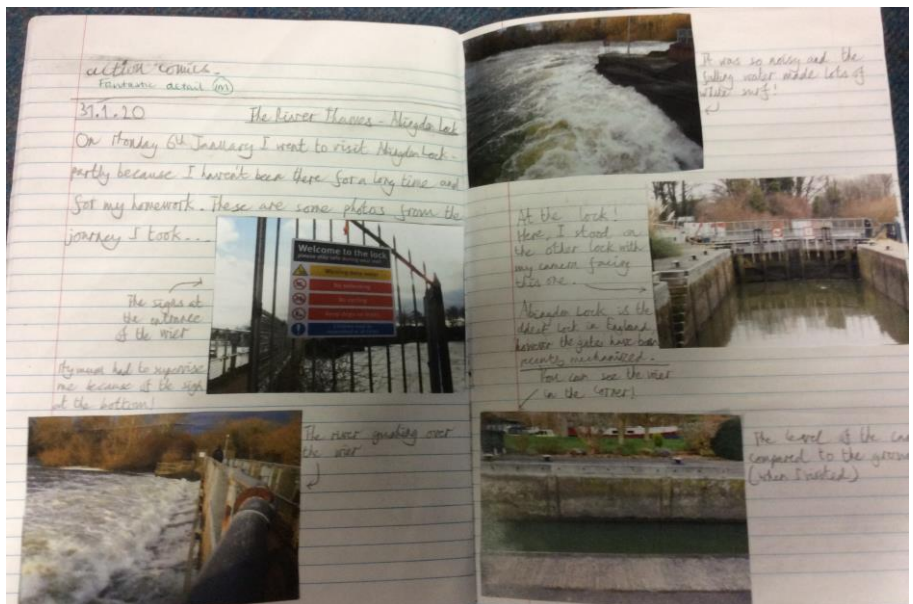


Year 4 – ‘Water, Water Everywhere!’



This term, Year 4 have been exploring States of Matter in their science lessons. We used balloons and coat hangers to investigate whether an inflated balloon was heavier than a deflated balloon.

Year 4 have been producing homework of excellent quality this term, based on their topic of Water, Water Everywhere! It includes art, cooking skills, visits to local rivers, research, poster design and shape poems.



Year 5 – ‘Why is the Nile a gift?’



Some of our Year 5 pupils have formed a 'Climate Club' and they recently gave an assembly to the whole school to talk about the importance of recycling in school to reduce pollution, improve habitats and the climate crisis. They would like to encourage other pupils to set up their own Climate Clubs and perhaps think of new ways to recycle.

This term, our topic has been 'Why is the Nile a gift?'. Pupils have been learning all about Ancient Egypt and how the Egyptians used the river Nile to create and sustain civilisation. We ended our topic with an enjoyable trip to the River & Rowing Museum and have included some of the very creative home learning projects from pupils below.



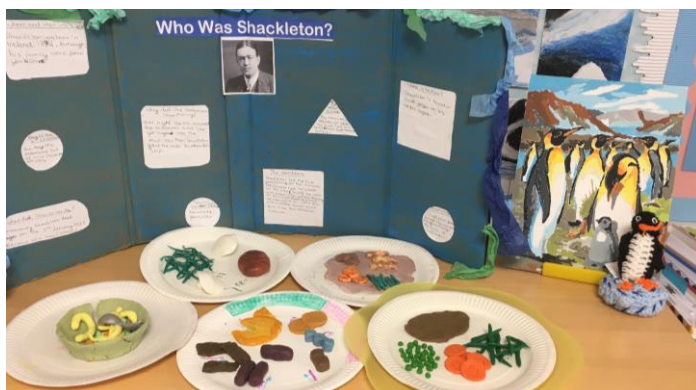
Year 6 – ‘Shackleton’s Journey’



TOY (Together Old and Young) Club

This term, eight Year 6's have been going to Stirlings once a week to spend time with the residents. The young people have thrown themselves into this opportunity and have been having a lot of fun playing games, singing songs and doing some craft together. We are very proud of how they represented the school.

Year 6 have also been enjoying their topic about Ernest Shackleton, where they have been learning about the challenges he faced during his expedition aboard The Endurance. They have produced some fantastic art work in class – they have worked hard to imitate the style of William Grill, who wrote and illustrated a non-fiction picture book called “Shackleton’s Journey”. They have also impressed us with the amazing effort they have put into their homework this term!



PTA

Sincere thanks from all the PTA for the support we have received in our events and fundraising this school year so far.

The 5p challenge was amazing and those little 5'ps sure did add up...an incredible **£1,117.45** was raised for the school! It was incredibly close at the end but the winners were **Oak** class who reached **£116.80**! As their treat Oak class chose a film in class with pyjamas, slippers and a cushion with a Domino's Pizza!

We have our upcoming Valentines disco on **14th February**, this is usually a sell-out event so don't delay getting your tickets. We also have our Easter Bingo which is on the **27th March**, so please pop the date in your diaries to avoid disappointment.

We have been busy working on our other large events and we have been overwhelmed with lots of local artists wishing to perform and support us at this year's Charltonbury Festival on **27th June**. We are so excited, it's going to be another amazing day! This is one of our biggest events of the year and does incur costs for various items such as the stage, but we are looking for local companies who may like to support us and possibly sponsor the stage. Please feel free to contact me if you maybe interested. We will have limited ticket sales again this year and will let you know when tickets are due to go on sale.

So far our fundraising total for this academic year is **£3,200**. We have set our goal to be £10,000 and together I know we will try our best to make this happen.

Christmas Hampers	£976.90
Tea towels	£237.00
Christmas cards	£566.05
Christmas jumper sale	£49.50

As well as the parents and carers who have supported our events I would like to thank the other members of the PTA and our parent helpers for all their support, we are a great team, together we are making a difference!

Best Wishes,

Amber Snelling – Charlton PTA Chair

Upcoming Events

Charlton Primary School PTA



DISCO

Friday - 14th February 2020
7 – 9PM

Tickets are available to purchase via Ticket Source*

[Simply search for – Charlton primary school pta](#)

After school sales by PTA notice board on Mon 10th, Tues 11th and Wed 12th

PRICE Children £1.50, Adults £2.50
With the legendary DJ Carl,
PTA Bar - Popcorn - Hot dogs
Glow Sticks – All year groups welcome

All Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
* Online ticket sales are limited, we will keep tickets back to sell afterschool so please don't panic.

Parentkind
Member Association

World Book Day – 5th of March

To celebrate World Book Day we invite pupils (and staff!) to dress as a character from a book or come in pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. Each pupil will be given a book token to bring home which can be redeemed at a local bookseller to pick one of ten (exclusive, new and completely free) books to enjoy. Or, if they'd rather, they can use it to get £1 off any book or audio book costing over £2.99 at a participating bookshop or book club.

Information for parents

Internet Safety

The UK Interactive Entertainment Association (Ukie) has today launched the Get Smart About P.L.A.Y campaign, encouraging more parents and carers to use tools that manage screen time and in-game purchases on video game consoles.

The Get Smart About P.L.A.Y campaign provides parents and care-givers with a four-step process to help set parameters around play:

P – Play with your kids. [Discover amazing games](#) and understand what they play and why.

L – Learn about [family controls for your console](#).

A – Ask what your kids think. [Discuss ground rules](#) before setting restrictions.

Y – You're in charge. [Set restrictions that work](#) for your family.

The site is well worth a look if you have gamers in your family with advice on PEGI ratings and explanations of icons used on game boxes, plus input from game experts and advice from the VSC Rating Board, with short videos which provide a quick and clear introduction to the content that matters most to families. UKie can be found at: <https://www.askaboutgames.com/get-smart-about-play/>

School dog update

We are pleased to introduce you to Max, a school dog owned by Mr Rose. Max has had a positive phased introduction at Charlton and will be sharing his time both here and at Millbrook. Assessments had been carried out prior to this introduction but please contact the school via email to: office@charlton.vale-academny.org should your child have any allergies or concerns. We look forward to sharing further school dog news with you as Max increases his time spent at Charlton.



WIN £250 worth of chocolate for yourself and a £250 donation for Charlton Primary School Oxford this Valentine's Day! It's easy and completely FREE to enter. Just visit the competition page and click any of the listed retailers before midnight on 14th Feb. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/giveaway/valentines>