

Chesnut Lodge News

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New Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of Chesnut News, the new look termly newsletter where you can find out about all the activities, projects and opportunities that pupils from Chesnut Lodge have been involved with over the course of the term.

In this edition you will find out how school is getting back to accessing opportunities in the wider community, building fun into learning activities and celebrating achievements.

This Newsletter is not only for the school to inform its readers of what has gone on, it is also here to let everyone in the school community know what is going on.

If you have an article you wish to contribute, a community event or activity that you think would be of interest to the readership or want to spread the news of any opportunities that may be available to our friends and families please get in touch, let Chesnut Lodge News spread the word for you.



Enterprising Reeve Have Bags of Fun

Throughout the autumn term, the children have been working extremely hard. Not only have they been working on their individual targets across the curriculum, they have also started their new enterprise project – ‘Up-cycling’. The children looked at different items they could produce using recycled materials before choosing to upcycle unused materials to create bags. The children began by looking around school, finding and exploring different types of materials. The children communicated their preferences of textures and explored the resources that would be used to create the bags. The children used the scissors to cut their preferred materials before pressing the switch button to activate the sewing machine. We were very lucky in Reeve as an incredible lady named Isabel came into class and used the sewing machine to create the bags! Of course the children activated the sewing machine by pressing the switch button. Isabel had to work very hard and very fast as the children did not take their hands off the switch buttons until she had finished.

The staff within class Reeve are so proud of the children. They’ve worked really hard on this project and we can’t wait to start the next one.

The children really enjoyed this project and we are currently selling the bags for £3.50 each. Please let the school know if you would like to purchase one.

IT'S CHRISTMAS !!!!!!!

Beethoven Bring Back A Tree!

Beethoven Class wanted to go that extra mile this year when celebrating Christmas at Chesnut Lodge and made it their mission to get and decorate A REAL CHRISTMAS TREE!, after all is there anything better than the smell of pine needles at this time of year?

After contacting a number of local business, Oak Tyres in Newton-le-Willows very kindly offered to donate the funds to buy our tree and Lymm metals Ltd, a local metal company, donating towards to cost of transport They believe in the magic of Christmas just as much as we do. So they jumped at the chance to help us out.



Beethoven class went to pick the tree from Rainfords Christmas Tree Land who were delighted to hear from us. They invited us down to their wood to see where the tree had been growing all year round.

Beethoven class searched through the 1000's of tree's they have. We spoke about the size of each tree; would it be too big, too small, too fat, or too thin? Until finally, buried deep in the forest we found the perfect tree for Chesnut Lodge and most importantly it had that real Christmas tree smell.

The tree was then delivered to school the following week and all classes came together for the Christmas tree decorating service to place their handmade items on the tree.

It now proudly stands in our hall for all to see and admire.

Once again thank you to Oak Tyres for their amazing donation towards our tree, and to Lymm metals Ltd for their contribution towards to transport cost.

It really is going to be a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Musical Youth



This December the whole school enjoyed a live music performance from Rachael and Ed from the Live Music Now project provided by the Accent Music Hub.

The children really enjoyed hearing Ed sing an aria from an Opera and they enjoyed joining in singing some Christmas songs too.



Live Music Now helps young people access performances delivered by inspiring specialist professional musicians. In doing so they reinforce social and personal development and give pupils the opportunity to experience a range of musical styles and genres developing cultural capital..



Jobs, Courses and Careers

Hawking class visited Myerscough college to learn about different jobs, courses and career paths that exist. We saw different areas of the college and met lots of students there.

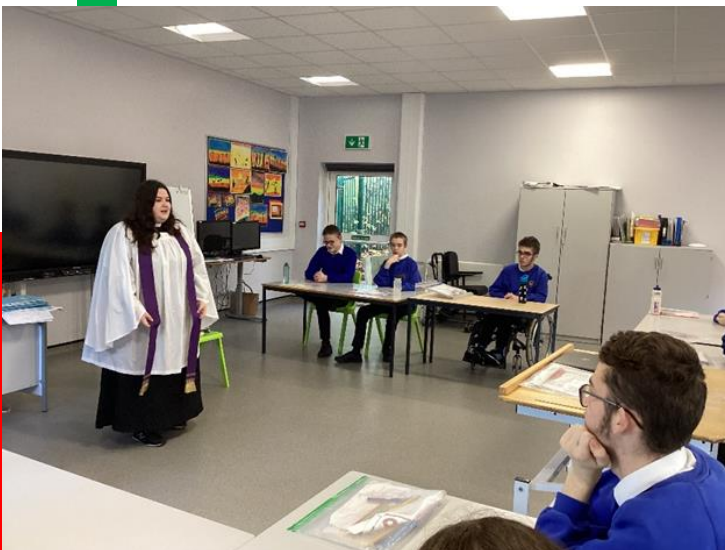
'To learn about jobs we walked to see animals. There are courses for looking after rabbits, guinea pigs and lots more' - Ethan

'I learned about different courses that people do and the college was very big. It is split into lots of different buildings' - Sam

'We went to a motorsports garage and we learnt that when the students leave some of them are really working for motorsport! We learnt that they turn a car from a dealership car into a race car and a rally car to get tested on a track' - Tyler



Reverend Kirsty Visits Hawking



Hawking class enjoyed a visit from Reverend Kirsty White. We asked lots of questions and we learnt lots. We liked learning about the robe, surplus and stoles she wears. Kirsty wears different coloured stoles to represent different things. She wears a white stole for christenings, weddings and Christmas in celebration. She has a purple one for advent and lent as it represents Jesus being king. She wears a black stole for funerals. Kirsty told us about the services and events at her church as well as why churches have stained glass windows. The visit was really interesting. This visit has helped us with our work towards our AQA Unit award about places of worship. It also helps with our careers work as we learnt all about her job.

Art Attack in Angelou

This term class Angelou have produced lots of fabulous art work that we are incredibly proud of, so we would like to share some pictures of what we have been working on.

In Autumn 1 our theme of study was 'structures' therefore we looked at various artists who have famously included structures, such as buildings and bridges, in their artwork. We learnt about Claude Monet and how he really loved to relax and paint in his beautiful gardens, surrounded by flowers and ponds and picturesque bridges. We used the technique of finger painting to create some of our own colourful landscapes. We also learnt about Vincent Van Gogh and his captivating cityscapes. We used pastels and card to create buildings and skyscrapers silhouetted against the night sky.

Finally, we finished the half term by designing and building our own 3D sculptures using a mix of materials. We are building a portfolio of stunning works of art, here are some photographs of some of our favourites.



Ollie was determined to make a replica of the Mersey Gateway Bridge. He got it spot on!



Lilly Grace carefully chose her pastels to create a sky at dusk



Ava wanted to design and build a water slide. Here is the finished product



Corey wanted to design and build the tallest tower he possibly could that would still stand strong



Peacock Celebrates!

Our theme for this half term has been "Let's all celebrate", and our amazing pupils have been doing exactly that!

We have looked at lots of celebrations both familiar and new. We have discussed birthdays and how they are special to not only us, but to our family and friends too. We have participated in celebrations including; Harvest festival, bonfire night and Diwali. Alongside this we learnt about Armistice day, acknowledging the lives of our soldiers and celebrating by producing poppies and art work in recognition. We have holistically incorporated all 7 areas from the Early year's curriculum into our learning through the use of story, rhyme and cognitive activities. Building upon the knowledge and skills we already have, has enabled us to experience, recognise and begin to respect the diversity of celebrations we have available to us within our lives.

Last of all we will be holding our class Nativity performance on the 15th December, this will also include a simple Christingle celebration which we have been working very hard on and look forward to sharing with our parents and families.

Celebration Time



JURASSIC DETECTIVES

This term, Beethoven class have been enjoying the work of Author Julia Donaldson, and have read, 'Stick Man' 'The Hospital Dog', 'The Detective Dog', 'What The Ladybird Heard' and 'What The Ladybird Heard Next' Our Literacy work, art work and cookery have all been based on this theme as well as creating an art display based upon characters from the stories.



An exciting time was had for all in Beethoven Class when they were visited many times by an intruder in the night.

The Intruder had big sharp teeth, an extra-long tail, loved to eat plants and had the biggest roar you had ever heard. Classmates turned into detectives to try and find out who our visitor was.

Pupils designed posters and placed them around the school asking for help. In the end we checked the CCTV cameras in class to discover it was only a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Not only had he been in our class but he had been in the hall and even in the pool. When he was found him through the woods, the young detectives gave chase.



After many weeks of searching and a class visit to the World Museum in Liverpool we received a mysterious letter pinned to the class wall. "Dougie the dinosaur" had written to tell us that he was friendly but very shy and he was moving on to visit somewhere new. We will miss you Dougie!

Keeping with the Jurassic theme, class built modrock volcanoes in science creating eruptions with Bicarbonate of soda and vinegar and cola with Mento's – all explosive fun!

Diet Coke + Mentos Volcano

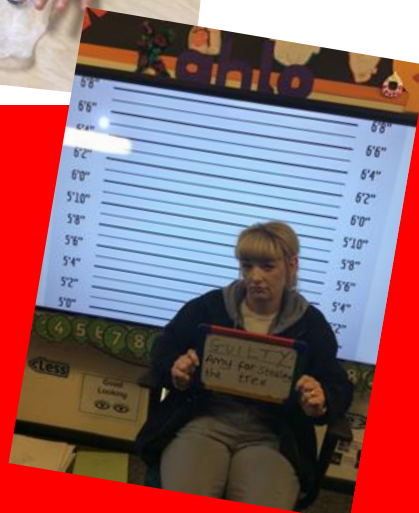


STARRY STARRY NIGHT

Our Topic in Keller class has been 'Starry, Starry Night' and we have enjoyed being artists by creating our own versions of the famous painting by Vincent Van Gogh 'The Starry Night'.

Class used cotton buds to paint swirls onto foil using yellow, blue and white paint. We cut our own pieces of wool using adapted scissors to add detail and texture to a special raised outline picture of the famous painting.

Keller class love being artists and are proud of the work produced – next stop The Tate!



Special Branch

When Clare K-S came into Khalo class very upset, because someone had stolen Twiggly the Christmas Tree there was only one thing for it turn detective to help Clare find the stolen tree. Class went to investigate her office, there were lots of baubles and changing equipment with fingerprints all over them. The young investigators gathered the clues and named the likely suspects - hygiene, nursery and Khalo class TA, Clare C. The detectives interrogated them and checked fingerprints, before concluding who the Twiggly the Tree crime culprits were! The very shifty hygiene team was guilty!

Class had a really fun day pretending to be spies and detectives to solve the clues and use lots of literacy to find out who the culprit was!

Fun In Fox

BUSY BUSY BUSY

Fox class have had a fantastic term and we can't wait for a well-deserved break this Christmas.

In Autumn the class topic was 'structures,' which gave pupils the opportunity to write stories in English, make different structures in DT, find out about the iron age and explore a wide range of associated learning activities

Class topic at the moment is 'music', we have learnt a song from the movie 'Nativity' that we will be performing.

Being a talented bunch we have been writing different types of poems in English, printing using musical instruments in art, and learning about Mumbai, to name just a few subjects.

On this page you can just how busy class have been this term!

Following last years visit to 'The Wonky Garden' Fox class insisted they had to go again. Again, everyone in the class loved the visit. Angela and Mary welcomed us back with open arms and had planned fantastic gardening activities for the pupils.



Class got to plant blubs, see how compost is made and can't wait to visit again and get stuck in!!



Enjoying typical Mumbai food



Class really enjoyed their trip to Ditton Library



Aimee gave a speech on why they should vote for her to be in the student council.



Den building during the 'Structures' topic

The author, Layla Gibiliru visited Fox class. Layla read the class a book called 'The Scary Sunflower.'

Layla's son wrote the book when he was 6 years old and Layla illustrated the book. Fox class enjoyed predicting what was going to happen in the story. After listening to the story everyone wanted to have a go at writing their own stories.



Rhyming poems

The cat was wearing a hat,
It was sitting on a mat,
It got scared away by a bat,
Until the dog squashed the bat flat.



There was a green frog,
Who jumped on a big log,
That fell into the stinky bog,
And got saved by a big dog.



There once was a tall man,
Who was cooking a flan,
It was for his beautiful nan,
And everything went to plan.



Kamron's fantastic rhyming poems.

FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE



The whole of Tubman Class visited the Halton Stadium where we joined other schools to meet the author Frank Cottrell-Boyce. We had the opportunity to listen to him read some extracts from his books, ask him questions and we could also purchase a book and have it personally signed. Everyone really enjoyed this experience.



Elf Help



During maths lessons Tubman Class have been learning about using money Pupils were given the perfect opportunity to put their lessons into practice during Elf Day. The children were fabulous serving at the 'Elf Tuck Shop' and they helped make Elf Day a roaring success.

Thank you to Debbie in Tubman for organising this joyous day and to all the staff and children - the money raised (£245) was donated to the Alzheimer's society.

Tubman would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for contributing!!

Getting Creative

In music class members learned and performed the song 'Sky Full of Stars' on glockenspiel for Beethoven class and in return were treated to their rendition of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'.

Working in teams, class members made impressive structures in D.T applying the knowledge we had gained to make a strong structure out of many different materials.

Everyone donned their aprons and made some culinary delights. One of which was a curry dish, about which some had reservations though after braving a taste most were soon tucking in and enjoying it.

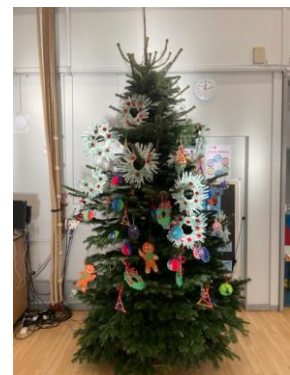
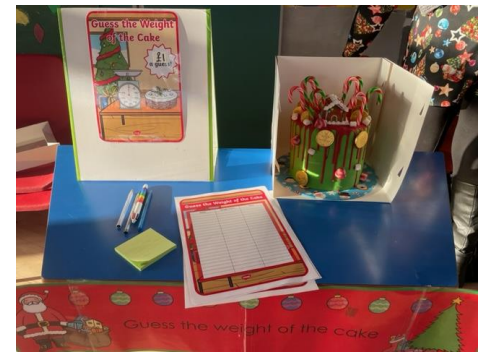
Tubman have really enjoyed this term, we have been working hard in all subjects and now we're ready for Christmas. Have a fantastic Christmas everyone, we will be back in the New Year with the rest of the school to update you with more news.



All Go – All the Time

Chesnut Lodge School as you can tell is never boring – as well as all the activities mentioned already the school hosted a Children in Need Coffee Morning, a Christmas Fayre (thanks to Sue Rathbone and her team for these), an Elf Day (Thanks to Debbie Gates and her little helpers) and had a visit this week from the Police – luckily they didn't arrest anyone! We even have Everton in the Community running a course during the Christmas Holidays!

Many thanks to those who have helped make this term a success and we all wish you a very merry and restful break – remember school resumes on the 4th January 2023!



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Merry Christmas from everyone at Chesnut Lodge School