

Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy New Year to you all. Welcome to the first newsletter in 2024. It has been a chilly week, weatherwise, and hats, scarves and gloves are getting lost. Where possible, please make sure that all items of your child's clothing are marked with their name and class. This will help us to help your child (and you) to reunite them with their lost items.

The week started with a whole school assembly focusing on some wise words from the Dalai Lama, who encourages us to consider that we are all one family, connected through our innate human nature, our wish for kindness, empathy and care for each other. At Chalkhill, we continue to focus on growing our school community, bringing us closer together and recognising that we should celebrate our unique places within the human family.

It was my pleasure to hand out some special awards that children in Year5 received. A number of pupils in Year 5 took part in a story writing competition. Ms Oti was notified that a number of the stories are going to be published in a book. To give you a flavour of the stories, I am including three stories here for you:

TRICK

By Dinara Nasir

Once there was a penguin who was dressed as a vampire and she was trick or treating. Then she saw a door. She knocked and said, "Trick or treat?" A bear answered. He said, "Trick." She didn't have a trick. The bear said, "You're too slow," so he grabbed her and started poking her until the costume got sewn onto her. Spookqueen, the penguin, was furious, so she shouted, "Let me go." No one heard her until her mother started to worry that she'd not been home for three days. She asked the police. Eight days later they found her.

Emmile's Fantastic Surprise

By Kashmala Khan

Hello, my name is Emmile and I went to the beach. I was walking through the soft, oozing, golden sand and it felt like heaven. I made an enormous sandcastle. It could fit two of me! I decided to jump into the water because it looked mouth-dropping. I jumped into it and it felt so good. I looked up from the water and I saw something moving in my castle. I peeked inside and found a monster and I named him Norman. I took him home and we had the best time ever.

Holiday Monsters And Halloween

By Ahlem Hussein

Once upon a time there was a monster. Its name was Halloween. Halloween was green and orange and it loved sleeping. One day, Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah knocked on its door and said, "We need to go to the park." It said, "Oh yeah." But when they arrived, Christmas and Easter stopped them from playing, but then Eid and Diwali reminded them: "Even though we are different we are still the same in all different ways."

On Friday, Ms Butler's assembly focused on Safeguarding, sharing with children how a Huge Bag of Worries (book by Virginia Ironside) can come about and who to talk to if they feel overwhelmed. The assembly also reminded children about types of safeguarding issues they might experience (bullying, neglect, physical abuse and emotional abuse) and re-iterated the important message that their bodies belong to them and what to do if someone or something was making them uncomfortable.

On page 3 will you find information about a new parenting programme that the local authority are offering to all parents of pre-school aged children. Take a look and see if it is something relevant and interesting for you. I would also like to remind all parents of Nursery aged children, that you need to apply for a reception place by the end of Monday, 15th January. This is an online application process. Please, do not delay. If you do need help, contact the school for support.

On Tuesday, Year 6E and next Wednesday, Year 6K are on a trip to the RAF museum. This visit is linked to their history topic about World War 2.

On Thursday, 18th January, I invite you to join us for a parent forum meeting. We will be meeting in the KS1 Hall (assembly hall) at 9am. I hope that you will be able to join us.

Kind regards
Mrs Shanker



Boletín de noticias de La Escuela Primaria de Chalkhill



Viernes 12 de
Enero
2024

Dates For Your Diary

Parents Forum

Thursday 18th January - 9am in the KS1 Hall

School Matters!



Attendance award

Week commencing
12th January 2024

goes to:

2A
With
%
96.4%

Attendance

Whole school attendance

91.6%

We always aim to be above 96%

Children must come to school wearing the **Chalkhill Primary School Uniform**.
The uniform can be purchased from
Rumbles.



Breakfast & Afterschool Club - Y-tec

Is available at Chalkhill Primary School.

For further information/register you may contact Y-Tec directly.

Moji contact number is 07459 339 445 / 07440 204 540

School Arrears

All Breakfast Club payments must be made on time.

If you are having any difficulties please arrange an appointment to see the School Bursar.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Permission slips/Consent forms must be completed within the time specified, and not on the day of the trip.

This is to avoid delays and disappointments on the day..

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

Here at Chalkhill Primary, we are committed to keeping our children and school community safe. If you have a concern regarding a children or adult please contact us immediately.

For urgent Child Protection matters, outside of school hours, please contact:

Brent Family Front Door - Tel: 020 8937 4300

or email: brent.lscb@brent.gov.uk

Mrs Butler (Designated Safeguard Lead)

Chalkhill Primary School Motto

—LEARNING TOGETHER TO ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE.

Our new school values;

Respect, Empathy, Aspire, Courage, Honesty.

The initials of the five values chosen form the word **REACH**, an acronym that will help us all to remember what we are aiming for within our school community .

— Reach for the stars.

Parents as first teachers



You are your child's most important teacher

Babies are born to learn, but, they don't come with a set of instructions.

What you do at home really matters

This voluntary programme is free to all parents and carers of babies and pre-school children (0-5 years), and is designed to enhance child development and school achievement.

You can be involved as soon as you know you are pregnant.

By accessing PAFT you will:

- Have one to one support with a practitioner who will play and learn alongside you and your child in your home.
- This outreach parent support programme helps get children ready to be able to access school/nursery through one-to-one support sessions with parents and encouraging learning through play.

If you are interested complete an online application at www.brent.gov.uk/parenting or call 0208 937 5974



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S**SAFE**

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

**M****MEETING**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

**A****ACCEPTING**

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

**R****RELIABLE**

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

**T****TELL**

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

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You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk



Brent Children and Families Information Service



• Childminders
• Nurseries • Schools

Wraparound before
and after schoolcare

Holiday schemes
including the Holiday
Activity and Food
Programme (HAF)

Family Wellbeing
Centres

Support for all the family

Careers in childcare

15/30 hours free
entitlement to early
education for 2, 3
and 4 year olds

Help with the
costs of childcare

Inclusive activities
for children with
special needs

Activities for
children and young
people

Parenting programmes

www.brent.gov.uk/cfis
0208 937 3010
cfis@brent.gov.uk



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Chalkhill Primary School

Academic Year: 2023-2024



Autumn Term	Dates	Information
Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 22nd December 2023		
First Half Term 6.5 weeks 33 days	Monday 4 th September 2023	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Wednesday 6 th September 2023	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	23 rd October 2023 – 27 th October 2023	Half Term holiday
Second Half Term 7.5 weeks 37 days	Monday 30 th October 2023	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	Friday 24 th November 2023	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Monday 27 th November 2023	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Thursday 21 st December 2023	Last day of term- school closes at 1.30pm
Spring Term	Friday 22 nd December 2024- Friday 5 th January 2024	Christmas holidays
	Dates	Information
Monday 8th January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024		
First Half Term 5 weeks 24 days	Monday 8 th January 2024	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Tuesday 9 th January 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	12 th February 2024- 16 th February 2024	Half Term holiday
	Monday 19 th February 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
Second Half Term 6 weeks 29 days	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of term- school closes at 3.15pm
	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024	Easter holidays
Summer Term	Dates	Information
Monday 15th April 2024– Wednesday 24th July 2024		
First Half Term 6 weeks 29 days	Monday 15 th April 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	Monday 6 th May 2024	Bank holiday (school closed)
	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024	Half Term holiday
Second Half Term 7.5 weeks 38 days	Monday 3 rd June 2024	First day of school - gates opens at 8.30am
	Wednesday 24 th July 2024	Last day of term- schools closes at 1.30pm
Total 190 days	Thursday 25 th July 2024 – Monday 2 nd September 2024	Summer holidays