

# Chalkhill Primary School Bulletin

Boletín de noticias de La Escuela Primaria de Chalkhill

Friday 1st March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy Mărțișor to all our Romanian families. I was given a lovely little brooch by a colleague this morning to celebrate the start of Spring. This is such a wonderful tradition and a delightful sign of hope for new beginnings .

This week, Year 3 went on a trip to Willesden Library to experience a workshop on Ancient Egyptians. On page three, you will see the pictures and read the comments from some of the children.

Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a workshop by a Theatre Company called Whisper Me Happy Ever After. Through drama, the actors raise awareness of domestic violence and what to do if a child is experiencing upsetting situations at home or the wider community. This is done sensitively and in a very supportive manner. I would like to share some feedback from the students with you:

Year 5:

"I have learned to be brave and share worries"; "I've learned that you should tell someone when something is wrong"; "I learned that it is okay for brother and sister to fight and it is not okay to do domestic abuse"; "I have learned that you should always tell someone when you need help"; "I learned more about domestic abuse and abuse and that you can call trusted people like Childline 08001111 or if it's a website it could be Kooth.com. And please go to therapy or a trusted person if this happens to you."



Year 6:

'Whisper Me Happy' was a workshop about domestic violence that showed us that someone may look okay from the outside, but anything could be going on whether at home or at school and that you should not judge them just because they may look a certain way. If something is going on at home, you should tell someone because it can help a lot and that keeping it to yourself is not always the only option and it is not the best option either. There is always someone to talk to, whether it be, Place2Be, a family member, your class teacher, the safeguarding team, or a friend. Keeping it to yourself can make you even more stressed and the more you share, the more worries fade away and slowly but surely, you'll eventually feel better.

This morning, Year 2H presented an amazing assembly on their history topic: The Great Fire of London. They celebrated their outstanding DT work—Tudor Houses, which links directly to their History Topic. Next week, the children will be experiencing their own version of the Great Fire of London, when their Tudor houses will go up in smoke. The event has been risk assessed and will be overseen by our site manager, Mr Gracio.

Next week , the Year 5 children will be experiencing an amazing physics workshop on Monday and Tuesday.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. Your child is invited to come **dressed as a character** out of their favourite book. We are also putting on our very popular pancake breakfast. Tickets can be bought via parent pay.

On Friday, 8th March, Chalkhill will be hosting the Biggest Ever Let Girls Play Football tournament. We are expecting a number of Brent Schools to come and join us for this event. The assembly on Friday will be presented by 1Z and will celebrate Mothers Day. On Friday, after school, there are two discos taking place to raise funds for enrichment activities for the children. Tickets are available on parent pay. KS1 children do not need any additional money. A 'goodie bag' is included in the ticket. We invite KS2 children to bring in some money, as there will be snack shop arranged for them.

I would like to make Year 4 parents aware of one upcoming event: On Wednesday, 13th March, there will be a face to face meeting about the Multiplication Check at 15:15 in our assembly hall. This will be followed by a virtual meeting at 5pm.

Finally, I would like to inform you that, unfortunately, the governors were not successful at appointing a new headteacher. The job has been readvertised and there will be interviews after the Easter break.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Shanker

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## Pancakes For Breakfast

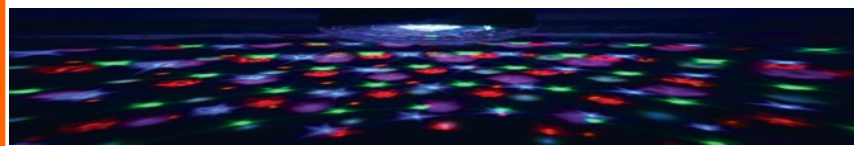
Reception—Yr 6 ONLY

**Thursday 7th March 2024**  
**@ 8.00am**



The children can enjoy delicious, scrumptious pancakes and juice with their friends. They will also be able to read a book, or listen to a story with friends and teachers.

**Tickets cost £2.00 and must be paid online by Wednesday 6th February**



**School Disco - Friday 8th March 2024**  
**3.15pm—5.00pm**

The children may get changed into their disco outfit after school.

**Tickets must be brought online by Thursday 7th March 12pm**  
**Entry Tickets for Nursery - Year 2 cost £5.00 with snacks.**

**Entry Tickets for Years 3-6 Cost £2.00**

Children can bring in up to £5.00 to buy snacks in and envelope clearly labelled with their name and class on it.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

***Spring Term Assembly Timetable***

***Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 1Z***

***Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - 5O***

***Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4***

## Attendance award

**Week commencing**  
**26h February 2024**

goes to:

**2A**  
**With**  
**95.5%**

**Attendance**

Whole school attendance  
**91.8%**



## **School Arrears**

**All Breakfast Club payments must be made on time**  
**If you wish to use this service.**

**If you are having difficulties with making payments**  
**please arrange an appointment to see the**  
**Head teacher or School Bursar.**

## **Parking outside the school**

Parents/Carers we request that you do not park outside the school gates. Stopping the car in the middle of the road to drop off children blocks the road.

This causes danger to yourself, your child/children and other members of our community.

When you drop your child/children to school by car, please, park up somewhere safely, turn off your engine and walk your child/children into school.

We kindly request that you are respectful to our neighbours and other families in our school community.

Thank you.

## **'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 any 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)**



Currently, in history, year 3 are learning about Ancient Egypt. Therefore, as part of our history topic, we visited Willesden Library to learn about how ancient Egyptian artefacts came to be in Brent Museum and about mummification methods of 'wrapping' amulets around a doll with linen bandages. We had the opportunity to explore books and artefacts and even participate in activities related to ancient Egyptian culture and history. Studying ancient civilisations like Egypt provided valuable insights into the past and helped us better understand different cultures and societies.



My favourite part was when we made amulets using foam clay. I had made an amulet that looked like an eye which is one of the most popular amulets in ancient Egypt called the wedjat eye.

**Madeeha 3P**

My favourite part was when we had to wrapped the mummy doll in linen to represent mummification. We had placed amulets in their correct places to show how they prepared for after life.

**Islam 3P**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the [wraparound childcare programme](#) Brent is currently mapping the before and after school childcare provision available in the borough. As part of this we want to seek parents' and carers views on the childcare they currently use for their primary school aged children.

We would be grateful if you could share the survey below as part of your forthcoming newsletters and associated communications with your parents and parents of primary school aged children.

**Before and after school childcare for primary school aged children – Your views matter**

The government's ambition is that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm Monday to Friday, so that parents can access employment. This childcare will continue to be paid for by parents and carers. Some families can access additional support to pay for childcare eg. through tax free childcare or the childcare element of universal credit. We want to know your views on the childcare you currently use and how you think this offer can be improved.

Please share your views here:  
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MXIRYR/>



If you have any questions about the wrap around programme please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Jane

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Brent Council

020 8937 3270

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@Brent\_Council

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**SIGN UP FOR OUR TRAINING COURSE NOW!**

**[www.homestartbarnet.org/volunteer-with-us](http://www.homestartbarnet.org/volunteer-with-us)**

**5 -Week Training taking place: Thursdays 9:30am-2.30pm  
February 22nd & 29th, March 7th, 14th & 21st March 2024.**

**Location: Chalk Hill Primary School, Wembley, HA9 9YP**



- No previous volunteering experience needed (experience with children required)
- Visit families in their homes 2-3 hours each week (during working hours)
- Offer consistent and dependable emotional & practical support
- Help strengthen family relationships and support families to grow in confidence

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Enfield & Harrow

**Make a real difference in a family's life and start volunteering today!**

**Register on our website or email: [admin@homestartbarnet.org](mailto:admin@homestartbarnet.org)**



Give your time and make a  
difference in your community!

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!

[www.homestartbarnet.org](http://www.homestartbarnet.org)

- Help others and give back!
- Make a real change in the community
- Gain transferable skills
- Access training opportunities
- Improve your wellbeing

We train volunteers to visit our  
families in their homes to give  
support, befriending & practical  
help in **Barnet, Brent & Harrow.**



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**If you are under 18 years old and look  
after someone who cannot manage  
without your help,  
Then you are a Young Carer!**



You may be looking after someone who is ill, disabled, frail, has a mental health condition, suffers from substance abuse or an addiction!

### **Brent Young Carers**

Is here to help you with free confidential advice, a range of information, support and fun activities.

Call us on: **020 3802 7070**



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### **Brent Carers Centre**

3rd floor

Willesden Medical Centre

144-150 High Road,  
Willesden, London NW10 2PT

**Tel: 020 3802 7070**

E: [email@brentcarerscentre.org.uk](mailto:email@brentcarerscentre.org.uk)

Opening Times: Mon to Fri: 9.00am – 5.00pm





## *Chalkhill Primary School*

### *Term dates-January-July 2024*

Spring Term	Dates	Information
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>		
First Half Term 5 weeks 24 days	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024- 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Half Term holiday
Second Half Term 6 weeks 29 days	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Last day of term- school closes at 3.15pm
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Easter holidays
Summer Term	Dates	Information
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024– Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>		
First Half Term 6 weeks 29 days	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bank holiday (school closed)
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Half Term holiday
Second Half Term 7.5 weeks 38 days	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	First day of school - gates opens at 8.30am
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Last day of term- schools closes at 1.30pm ]
<b>Total 190 days</b>	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</b>	Summer holidays