

Chalkhill Primary School Bulletin

Boletín de noticias de La Escuela Primaria de Chalkhill

Friday 22nd March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The focus this week has been on celebrating Neurodiversity Awareness under the umbrella message of Minds of all Kinds. At the start of the week, Ms Whittingham, our Autism Champion, presented an informative assembly to raise awareness of some of the challenges faced by children (and adults) with neurodiversity, such as ASD and ADHD. Throughout the week, activities were provided to the class teachers to continue to build the knowledge and understanding of pupils and staff. We aim to create a greater sense of tolerance and respect for children and adults with neurodiversity in our community.

Our Year 5 children continue to enjoy the Aerial Workshop to experience different forces on their bodies. I am very grateful to Ms To, who organised this amazing opportunity for our children before she left Chalkhill.



Today, year 2A presented their outstanding art work related to their history studies of the Great Fire of London.

The silhouette pictures on orange, yellow and red background were very impressive and reflected what that night of the fire must have been like. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the assembly. It means such a lot to your children, when you are able to attend.

For safeguarding reasons, we are making a change to how we dismiss children from the school office. If you have to collect your child early for an appointment or if you are late collecting your child at the end of the school day, **you must sign the children out on the inventory system**. If you are not sure what this is or how to do it, ask the office staff, who can help you.

Next week is the last week of the Spring Term. I cannot believe we have made it to the end of the second school term. Just one more term to go. On Wednesday, the children are invited to come in their own (brightly coloured) clothes to take part in the fun run Sprint into Spring. We are asking for a £1 donation, which will go in equal parts to Comic Relief and towards raising awareness of neurodiversity. The children should be wearing trainers on the day to participate in the fun run. On Thursday, the last day of the spring term, Year 4 will be presenting an Easter assembly in the sports hall. You are also invited to join us for the Spring term music concert on Monday at 13:45 hours. If your child has attended the Monday Drama Club, there will be a performance after school, that you may wish to come and see.

The children are expected to return to school on Monday, 15th April 2024. The gates will open at 08:30 as usual.

On Tuesday, 16th April, Mrs Mallek will be presenting an Eid assembly. This will be followed by an Eid Celebration Breakfast. Your children are welcome to come into school in their celebration clothes, should they wish to do so. No fancy dress costumes, please, either for the fun run next week or for the Eid breakfast after the holidays.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Shanker



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Half-term

Thursday 29th March-Friday 12th April 2024

Back to school Monday 15th April 2024 8.45am

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.

School Matters!



Attendance award

Week commencing
18th March 2024



goes to:

3P
98%

Attendance



Whole school attendance

92.8%

'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

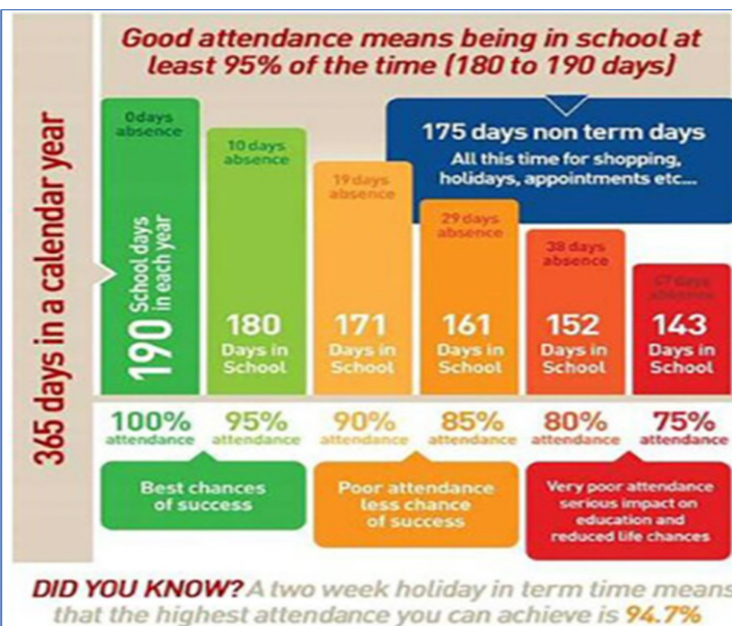
or email: **brent.lscb@brent.gov.uk**

Mrs Butler (Designated Safeguard Lead)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term Assembly Timetable

Thursday 28th March - Year 4



Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy at Chalkhill Primary School for a Caretaker/Cleaner for a zero-hour contract.

If you are interested in this position please see pages 7-9.

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.

British Science Week 2024

We are thrilled to report the incredible success of British Science Week at our school! The enthusiasm and curiosity of our pupils reached new heights as they engaged in a variety of hands-on experiments, discussions, and activities celebrating the wonders of science. A highlight of the week was the much-anticipated visit from the esteemed Michael Faraday, whose groundbreaking contributions to the field of electromagnetism continue to inspire young minds. Our students were absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to learn from such a distinguished figure, and his visit sparked a newfound passion for scientific inquiry among our school community. We are immensely proud of our students' enthusiasm for learning and exploration, and we look forward to fostering their curiosity in future scientific endeavors.



Reminder: Poster Competition Deadline Approaching!

Attention all students! Don't miss out on the chance to showcase your creativity and knowledge in our exciting poster competition! Whether you're passionate about science, art, or both, this is your opportunity to shine.

Remember, the deadline for submissions is fast approaching – **Monday, March 25th**. So, put those final touches on your masterpiece and submit your entry by the deadline. We can't wait to see your innovative ideas and stunning designs! Good luck to all participants!

The HAF programme has a variety of activities for various ages. (Link Below)

[Holiday Activities and Food Programme | Brent Council](#)

Please be aware of the referral guidelines, (Please see below).

Who can attend

To be eligible for a free place, children and young people must currently be:

- in Reception to Year 11 (inclusive); and
- a resident in Brent and/or attending a Brent school; and
- receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM) or have had their eligibility confirmed by a professional.

Please note that benefits-related free school meals are separate to the universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) scheme, which provides children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with free school meals. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive free school meals must also be **eligible for benefits-related free school meals** in order to access a free place on the HAF programme.

There are currently universal [free school meals](#) for all primary school children in state-funded schools for the 2023/24 academic year. This is funded through the Mayor of London.

Proof of eligibility

When booking a place, you will be asked to confirm your eligibility by:

- showing a copy of your school holiday supermarket voucher email (vouchers are emailed from your school)
- quoting your supermarket voucher eCode; or providing a confirmation of eligibility (such as an email, letter, or code) from your school, social worker, youth worker or other professional.

If you believe your child is eligible for the HAF programme but do not have proof of eligibility, please speak to the relevant holiday club provider when booking a place, and they will be able to assist you.

Siblings

Siblings of children who meet the above criteria may also be able to access Brent HAF programme places, please speak to the relevant holiday club provider and they will be able to assist you.

**Kindest regards,
Ato-Kwamena Carboo.**

**Inclusion Support Officer
Inclusion Service
Brent Council**

What is Cygnet?

Cygnet is a parenting support programme created by leading children's charity Barnardo's. It aims to support parents and/carers of children and young people who have a diagnosis of Autism or autistic traits. The course is delivered by practitioners who have experience of working with neurodivergent children and the programme aims to work towards supporting and developing the young person's social communication skills and behaviour.



Is Cygnet for me?

When you have a child or children who have traits of neurodiversity, sometimes it can feel lonely or isolating and you might feel you need some more expert advice.

Children's needs also change over time and information and advice received when a child is younger may need to be updated to be relevant for the child/young person today.

Attending Cygnet gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing behaviour.

It also gives you the chance to meet other people in a similar position and hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere.

Contact Us

0208 904 4508



senco@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk



www.chalkhillprimaryschool.uk

Chalkhill Primary School
Barnhill Road
Wembley
HA9 9YP



Cygnet Parenting Programme



Wednesday Mornings
9.30-12.30

www.chalkhillprimaryschool.uk

What Parents thought:

Fantastic! Really enjoyable and helpful!

This has given me the tools to help with my child's communication

The support of the other group members is really valuable

Understanding out son's behaviour properly is a big step

I can now identify my child's sensory issues and have practical strategies

**If you would like to join the programme email
Ms Trenchfield**

senco@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk



What will the course cover?

ABOUT AUTISM

COMMUNICATION
AND SOCIAL
STORIES

SENSORY ISSUES

UNDERSTANDING
BEHAVIOUR

MANAGING
BEHAVIOUR

Where and when does the group run?

Cygnets will be running at Chalkhill Primary School in the community room.

The sessions will be from 9.30-12.30 on Wednesdays

Do I have to attend all sessions?

You will gain a lot more from coming to the group if you come to all the sessions. This is because each session builds on the one before. Please do not accept a place on a programme if you don't feel you can commit to the whole course.

Wednesday 17th April 2024

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Wednesday 1st May 2024

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Wednesday 15th May 2024

Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Wednesday 5th June 2024

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ZERO HOUR CARETAKER/CLEANER MAINTENANCE ROLE TO COVER HIRE OF PREMISES

The Governing Board of Chalkhill Primary School are looking for a committed and conscientious person(s) to cover a caretaker/cleaning maintenance role during any letting of the premises.

We need a competent person who is able to work in a Caretaker/Cleaner Maintenance role:

1) Term time hour:

Part-time evening (anytime from 4.30pm to 11.00pm)

And/or Saturday (anytime from 9.00am to 11.30pm.

And/or Sunday (anytime 9.00am to 11.00pm)

2) School Holidays:

Anytime between 8.00am to 11.00pm Monday to Friday and/or

Anytime between 8.00am to 11.30pm Saturday.

And/or anytime between 8.00am to 11.00pm Sunday



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You will be required to manage our evening, weekend lettings and school holiday hire. The duties include opening and closing the premises, maintaining the alarms, setting up the premises at the start of the letting and cleaning at the end of the hire, ensuring the site is secure at the end of the letting and ready to be used the next day.

You will also be required to undertake our safer recruitment process, which includes.

- Undertaking a DBS check and satisfactory references.
- Overseas check (if applicable)
- Safeguarding training
- Health & safety training

Job Types: Part-time, zero-hour contract

Deadline date :

Interview date: TBC

Start Date: TBC

Please download the application form and supporting documents from the school website.

Visits are warmly welcome. Please contact the school office on 0208 904 4508 to make an appointment or email the bursar at admin@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk.

Chalkhill Primary School is committed to the welfare and safety of its pupils and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undergo the necessary Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks.

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JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CARETAKER/CLEANER FOR A ZERO HOUR CONTRACT

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The role includes:

- Being a key holder and recognising the responsibilities that this entails such as out-of-hours. opening and locking of the venue and the ability to be the emergency 'on call' contact for hirers.
- Setting up and taking down tables and chairs as per the diary's requirements.
- Laying carpet in specific areas if necessary.
- Checking the building after hirers.
- Checking regularly for H&S or repair issues.
- Oversee the car park during and after the event.
- Undertake any additional cleaning required over and above the commercial cleaning routine.
- Demonstrating the use of equipment to hirers.
- Assisting hirers with any unplanned issues or requirements during their hire session.
- Be willing to undertake training that is appropriate to the role. For example, manual handling. training, health and safety training, fire marshals training (this list is not exhaustive).
- Being aware of and working to COSHH.
- Work to a flexible and adaptable timetable.
- Excellent time keeping.
- Knowledge of Health and Safety responsibilities.
- Knowledge of evacuation procedures for the site.
- Basic DIY and maintenance experience an advantage.
- Additional duties as determined by the Bursar and Site Manager.



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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

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



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Term dates-January-July 2024

| Spring Term | 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 |
| Second Half Term 6 weeks 29 days | Monday 19 th February 2024 | First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am |
| | 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 25th July 2024 – Monday 2nd September 2024 | Summer holidays |