



Charlton House News



Letter from the Head Teacher... 15th September 2023

Good Afternoon,

It has been an incredibly busy week at school this week and there has been an array of learning opportunities taking place. On top of learning lots of new things, the children in Years 1-6 have been completing baseline assessments in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling, and Maths. These results will be used to inform planning and support for the children to ensure that every child is getting the level of support and challenge that they need in each of the core subjects.



Specialist subjects have started in earnest and it has been fantastic to see all of our rooms in use and such amazing opportunities being offered to all of the children. I sat in with Year 1 and 2 learning all about Castles and Knights in History, and Year 3 learning all about Rainforests in Geography. The children in Reception greeted me with 'Bonjour Madam Pay!' when I popped in, and were learning some gymnastic skills like balancing and rolling in PE.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 5th September
Return to school

Thursday 7th September
Back to school and cheese and wine evening

Years 5 and 6 spent some time on Roald Dahl day choosing and talking about their favourite Roald Dahl book and it was great to see the Years 3 and 4 starting to get to grips with using Google Classroom. Miss Richardson kindly took the very first Forest and Eco school lessons for me as I was off-site training and the children explored the grounds and discussed a list of rules for outdoor learning which we will display. Please remember to send into school a pair of wellington boots, waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket for these lessons, as we will endeavour to get outside whatever the weather.

Last week's 'Back to School and Cheese and Wine' night was a success and class teachers and I had the opportunity to share some important information and messages for the year ahead. If you would like a recap, or weren't able to make it, please find the notes from the night attached to this newsletter.

Yesterday in assembly the children learnt about democracy and the International Day of Democracy. They talked about what democracy means and why it is so important; the children were then able to put this knowledge to the test by voting for House Captains. Children that wanted to be considered gave speeches and the school voted. I am pleased to announce that this year's House Captains are:

St Milner - Cassidy
St Margaret - Ben
St Michael - Keyara

Well done to all of the children that put themselves forward and gave a speech - we are very proud of all of you!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the belated sunshine!

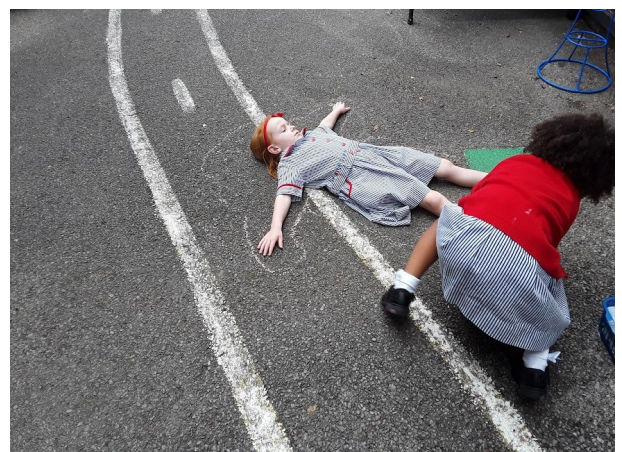
Kind regards

Lea Pay
Head Teacher

"For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

Matthew 18:20

Welcome to Charlton House Reception Class 2023/24 Gemma, Otis, Amelia, Grace, Yara, Jayan, Shaswan and Rohgan!





Mr Hoots Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 5 & 6** who gets to look after Mr Hoots the attendance owl for the week.

Year R = 99%

1 & 2 = 95%

Year 3 & 4 = 93%

Year 5 & 6 = 100%



Dear Jesus,

Thank you that you are with us on the path ahead.

Thank you that you help us up the mountains in our lives.

Thank you that you are with us when life is going well.

Thank you for helping us to follow you through every step of this school year.

Thank you that you are with us and all of our friends and family.

We will walk with you!

Amen

Awards

Celebration assemblies will start again next week - here is a little information about what they are all about!

Mission Hearts

We award mission hearts each week based on our school mission statement to 'love one another' and the Catholic Social Teachings.

Watch this space next week to see who is awarded the mission hearts.



Learning Values Award

Each week in our learning values assembly, the children learn and talk about one of our schools learning values. These are based on our motto **PRACTICE** makes perfect. **P**ride, **R**esilience, **A**spiration, **C**reativity, **T**eamwork, **I**ndependence, **C**uriosity and **E**ngagement. Our Learning Values awards are given to a child in each class that has best demonstrated the value throughout the week.

Watch this space next week to see who is awarded Learning Value awards.

Out of School Achievements

Please do send in certificates, trophies, photos or details of your child's out of school achievements. We would love to give the children the opportunity to share these with the school in our Friday celebration assembly.

Jeans for Genes Day

Next Friday, 22nd September, is Jeans for Genes Day. Children can come to school in their jeans for a donation of £1 or more. This money will go towards helping families affected by genetic disorders. For more information go to:

Jeans for Genes Week - Mon 18th to Sun 24th September

