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**CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL**

*School Newsletter*

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| BULLY BUSTERS  ABA snipWe are very pleased to announce that Chesnut Lodge has just been awarded the Anti-Bullying Alliance All Together award at GOLD level. Mr Roberts and the student ambassadors have been working hard to look at policies and procedures to ensure that Chesnut Lodge stays committed to being a bully-free zone. Our students are so kind and caring towards each other and we are very proud of all their hard work. Well done everyone! | This week saw the start of our 5 week “Charanga” music project. Pupils in Secondary 3 and Secondary 2 are working with Ben and Amy from Charanga Music to learn how to create songs, write lyrics and to make music videos! Our first session was using an app called “loopesque” to create dance tracks. Everyone was amazing and we can't wait to see the finished videos. Secondary 1 and Primary 3 also took part in some taster sessions and created some wonderful group songs! | |
| ‘BENN’EFITS OF READING  Class P1 have been sharing the story of 'Mr Benn the Diver' today, book and video.  image (4)The children really enjoyed the story and Emily and Grace said that they'd like to be the mermaid in the story.  Emily noticed that Mr Benn went swimming and that he saw lots of fish. Isla said that she would like to be Mr Benn and have an adventure.  Tomorrow we are going to make some fish biscuits to take home.  Over the coming weeks we will be sharing other Mr Benn stories and sharing in his adventures. | |
| **Receiving Newsletters:**  From the New Year, we will no longer be sending the School Newsletter out in paper form. In future, the Newsletter will continue to be on the school website and we will send a text when a new one comes out. If you would like us to email you a copy of the Newsletter, please send your email address in to school on the slip at the end of this Newsletter.  Thank you. | | |
| WE NEED YOUR HELP!  This year we are fundraising to give our pupils a new, re-designed, long-lasting, multi-purpose **Sensory Garden.** The school council have worked with staff to design a brand new sensory garden. It will feature a range of areas for scientific discovery and investigation, a multi-level road for mobility and wheelchair practise, wind and water and light elements, weird and wonderful seating and planting areas and much, much more.  After a year of planning we are now ready to start some hard-core fundraising for this amazing (but large) project. As well as supporting us in school with coffee mornings and Christmas Fairs we are looking for help from the whole school community with fundraising in any form. Can you help us by…   * *Recommending us to your place of work for charity donations?* * *Taking part in a sponsored event with the school?* * *Holding your own sponsored event (run, dance, bike ride, skydive, bungee jump… anything goes!)?* * *Selling cakes or other treats to family, friends or colleagues?* * *Donating raffle prizes?* * *Sharing school posts online to raise awareness of our fundraising?* * *Signing up to “Easyfundraising” for all of your (and your family and friend’s) online shopping.*   [*https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chesnutlodgehalton/*](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chesnutlodgehalton/) *click on “support us”*  Look out for fundraisers in our newsletters, texts and online and help out where you can. Our fantastic sensory room is testament to what we can achieve together for our pupils –let’s do the same again! | | **Shoe Donations**  Thank you to everyone who has sent unwanted shoes into school for Unicef. These have now been delivered to the drop off point. |
| Nursery enterprise this half term will be bottles of melted snowmen and chocolate reindeer!!!  Image result for reindeer |

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| Reading in Foundation  This half term we will be looking at the celebration of lights through bonfire night and Diwali through the story of Rama and Sita  - we will also be putting together  our Christmas performance "The Christmas Puzzle" looking at the nativity through the eyes of a lonely donkey.  Ms Rathbone | **Interactive Space Experience**  Thank you to all parents who sent in a financial contribution towards the day.  The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience saying:  “Amazing facts.”  “Truly out of this world!”  “The graphics were stunning.”  “I learnt things I never knew before.” | Dates for your diary  **Tuesday 6th Nov 9.30am – 10.30am**  Transition Coffee morning for all parents of students in Year 9. This will be to receive all information about processes around transitioning on from Chesnut Lodge eg: what you will need to do, when things happen etc.  **Tuesday 6th Nov 10.30am – 11am**  Transition drop in for all parents of students in Years 10 and 11.  (Come along if you have any specific questions regarding transition or would like to meet the new careers advisor)  **Friday 23rd November**  Wear your own clothes day and bring in either chocolates or wine as a donation for the Christmas Fair.  **Saturday 1st Dec 10am – 12pm**  CHRISTMAS FAIR IN SCHOOL  **Friday 7th December**  Training Day for staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS)  **Tuesday 18th Dec – 10am start**  Foundation Christmas Play in the hall.  **Wednesday 19th December**  Christmas Dinner followed by Christmas Parties (students to wear party clothes all day if they would like to).  **Thursday 20th December**  10am Christmas Service in the hall (all welcome)  Break up for Christmas at **3pm**  **Thursday 3rd January**  STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL |
| **Secondary 3 Newsletter – Reading focus.**  This term in Secondary 3 we will be reading and studying spooky ghost stories, as this supports our writing project for this half term. So far in our first week back we have read two spine-chilling ghost stories by Charles Dickens, ‘The Signalman’ and ‘The Portrait Painter’. Each were about train journeys, which the students were totally enthralled by. For the rest of term we’re going to be reading a ghost story called ‘The Curse of Cogston House’. This story will be used as inspiration for the students to write their own ghost stories, to share with each other.  Mrs. Ball | |
| C:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_8279.jpg Secondary 1 have enjoyed reading their new books from the Education Library service. We chose lots of new books from the library van. Above is four of our favourite books that we have read so far.    Miss Scott | | **Remembrance Display**  The pupils of Chesnut Lodge have enjoyed creating art work which has formed part of a Remembrance display, in the Town Square, in Runcorn Shopping City. The pupils created paper doves with messages of remembrance, hope and peace inscribed on them, hand print poppies and doves, a spitfire and a collage display of a war memorial. Please take the opportunity to visit the display and see the beautiful art work that our pupils contributed.  Mrs. Ball |
| Secondary 2 have been reading The Signalman, a gothic horror story adapted from Charles Dickens original tale. We have been writing our own parts of the story using chilling adjectives.  We have been reading Mr Stink as our class book. The wretched stink of Mr Stink has not put us off reading about his and Chloe’s wonderful adventures.  Mr Roberts | | Image result for poppy clip art50p!  We have poppies, erasers, reflectors, pencil sharpeners, rulers and pencils in school, all at 50p each. Please send money in if you would like your child to purchase any of these to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. |
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