



Churchfields News



Quality First
Education Trust

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11th November 2022

Points to note:

- **NEW: Dress up/own clothes days**
 - **Monday 14th November** – come to school wearing odd socks (socks that don't match), to celebrate being unique as part of anti-bullying week. No donation needed.
 - **Friday 2nd December** – wear own clothes day and bring a bottle (unopened, in date if a food or drink item, can be anything you already have at home) to contribute to the PTA Christmas Fair bottle raffle
 - **Thursday 8th December** – wear a Christmas jumper – doesn't need to be new (pre-loved ones for sale at the Christmas Fair on 3rd December) or bought, just decorate a jumper you already have. Donations (£2 suggested) will go to *Save the Children* charity and it will also be the children's Christmas lunch day in school.
- **Reminder:** Deadline extended to midnight on **Monday 14th November** to order online for Christmas cards designed by your child – see separate email from Mrs Holland for details
- **Reminder:** PTA 'Coffee, Cake and Sticky Tape' mornings on **Tuesday 29th November and Friday 2nd December**, straight after drop off. Meet other parents/carers, have a drink and a cake on us whilst wrapping up prizes for the Christmas Fair. Everyone welcome!
- **Reminder: Thursday 17th November**
 - ARC Acer coffee morning, 8.30 – 9.30am
 - Baobab class assembly, 2.45pm start, Main Hall
- **Save the date(s):** Christmas Performances for Parents/Carers
Reception:
 Tuesday 13th December, 9.30am in the Main Hall at school
Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Acer class:
 Wednesday 14th December, 9.30am at St Michael's Church, Beckenham
Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 and Ash class:
 Wednesday 14th December, 1.45pm at St Michael's Church, Beckenham
- **Do you know anyone who may be interested?**
 Midday supervisor vacancy – find out more here: <https://www.churchfields-q1e.org.uk/our-school/work-with-us/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

A really busy week, as you will see in the rest of this newsletter, with all sorts of things happening to bring learning to life! I'm looking forward to supporting our Year 5 and 6 Cross Country runners at Crystal Palace Park tomorrow morning. The first race starts at 9.20am if you want to come along and cheer extra-loudly for the children in the red vests! Have a lovely weekend,
Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



If you are worried about something
If you are worried about someone else.....



You can talk to
ANYONE who works
for the school

Safeguarding is the
responsibility of EVERYONE



Our first priority is to ensure all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



Remembrance Day 2022



Thank you for your donations to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal - we will let you know how much we raised later in the year.



The children have learned about the meaning of Remembrance Day this week and held a respectful silence today at 11am. Children thought about people affected by war and /or their hopes for a more peaceful future.

Did you know that there are different types of remembrance flowers?



The children in Years 1 – 6 learned in assembly this week that people wear poppies as personal choice, and some people wear them in different colours.

The red poppy remembers British soldiers who have died, as well as civilians and the emergency services.

The black poppy is a special way of remembering African, Black and Caribbean casualties of war.

The white poppy remembers those who died all over the world, as well as people who died because they did not want to fight. It is worn by people who want a bigger focus on peace.

The purple poppy commemorates animals who died in war.



They also learned that the marigold is a symbol of Remembrance, helping us remember that the UK wasn't alone.

Millions of people from pre-partition India (including the areas that are now Pakistan and Bangladesh) served alongside Britain in WWI and WWII.

The marigold is particularly special in India, where it is often used at important occasions like weddings and religious festivals. The saffron colour of the flowers has been described as 'the colour of sacrifice'.



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WE DID IT!

Thanks so much for all of your generous donations of chocolate advent calendars, we have smashed our target of 250 with **302** collected in total!

The **very last chance to contribute will be on Monday** so that they can be packed in time to go out to families and have the first window opened (and chocolate eaten!) on 1st December.



**Bromley
Brighter
Beginnings**



Year 3 Welcome Visitors



On Tuesday, Year 3 were visited by a Roman centurion. He told us about his equipment and how it helped him fight. He also told us about what life was like as a soldier. It looked like hard work conquering countries!

by Thea and Natalia



On Friday, Pastor Matt came to talk to Year 3 about his faith and the importance of the bible as part of our topic on Christianity. We found it interesting hearing about how it gives him advice and guides him when he is unsure.

by Poplar class



Eco-Committee News

We are excited to have started our very first Eco Committee this year. The children were elected by their class mates and have kicked off the first term to a really positive start. Find out what we have been up to below:



Green Flag Award

So far we have completed an Environmental Review of the school to ascertain what we are currently doing well and which areas need improvement. From this the children have suggested an abundance of ideas for us to feed into our action plan for gaining **Green Flag Status** with Eco Schools.

The children's suggestions are currently being voted on by the Committee and we look forward to sharing the results with you in next week's newsletter. It is fantastic to see how passionate the children are about their local environment, as well as wider global issues. Their enthusiasm and determination to become more environmentally friendly is truly inspiring.

Asthma + Lung UK have donated **nitrogen dioxide monitors** to the school. These have been fitted around the school grounds to gain an understanding of our pollution levels. The Eco Committee decided on 6 locations to place them. We wonder if you can spot any of them?



A big thank you to the School Council for raising money for the British Legion by selling poppies. It's great to see so many supporting this charity.

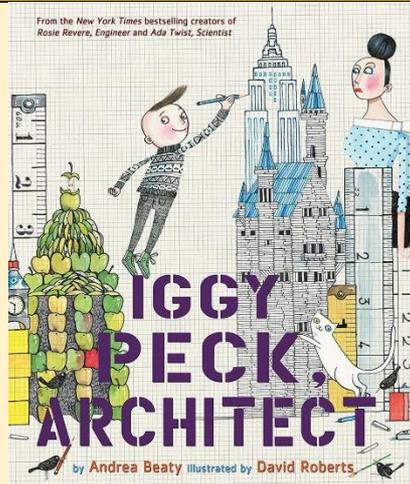
In a bid to be more environmentally friendly we kindly ask you to **recycle your poppies**. You can do this at any Sainsburys store where they have poppy recycling boxes.

If you are interested in supporting our Eco Committee you can contact our Eco Committee Leader (Miss Saunders) on her class email page palm@churchfields.q1e.org.uk

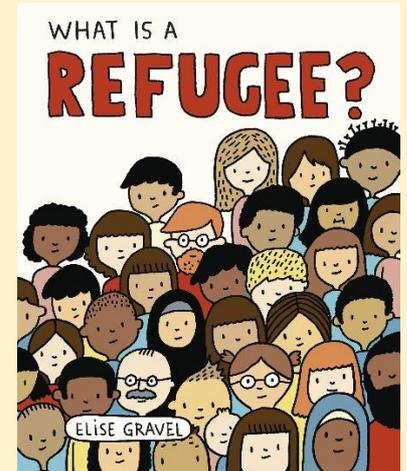


Birthday Book Donations

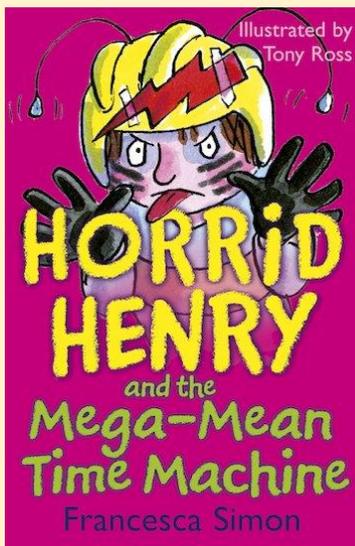
A busy week for birthdays, happy birthday and thank you for all of our new titles!



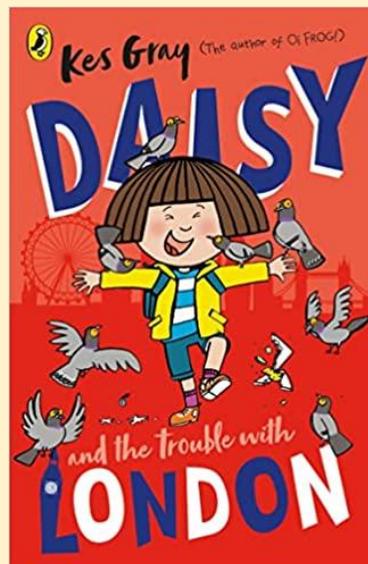
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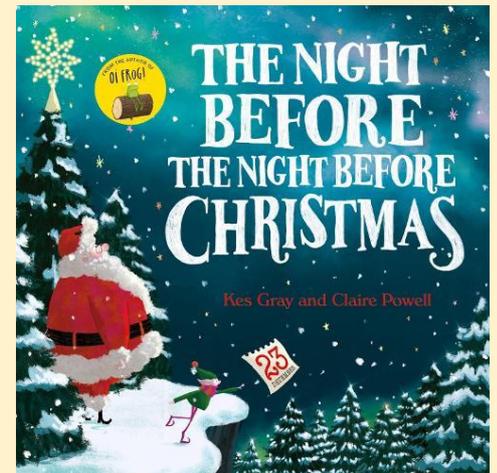
Grayson



Rosie



Menna



Brodie

Winter is Coming – Can you Help?



The magnificent planting displays, created by parents, are starting to lose their bloom as the weather changes. We are looking for donations if you have any of the following going spare:

- Bulbs
- Plants (especially winter-flowering plants)

Please bring donations to the space outside Silver Birch classroom or the school office.

Thank you for your support.



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Class Assembly Dates 2022/23

Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting at 2.45pm.

Autumn Term

17.11.22 Baobab
24.11.22 Elm

Spring Term

26.01.23 Oak
02.02.23 Silver Birch
02.03.23 Hickory
09.03.23 Sumac
16.03.23 Olive
23.03.23 Ash

Summer Term

04.05.23 Cherry
11.05.23 Rowan
18.05.23 Palm
25.05.23 Acer
15.06.23 Beech

Term Dates 2022/23

Autumn Term

Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 16 December

Spring Term

Inset Day: Tuesday 3 January – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 4 January

Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 10 February

Spring half term holiday: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February

First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 20 February

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 31 March

Summer Term

Inset Day: Monday 17 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Tuesday 18 April

Bank holiday: Monday 1 May – school closed to children

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 26 May

Spring half term holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset Day: Monday 5 June – school closed to children

First day of Summer 2 term: Tuesday 6 June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 21 July

