



## Points to note:

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
  - PTA Easter Trail and Easter Bonnet Parade during school hours
  - Scholastic Book fair in school
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March
  - Start of Culture Celebration Week
  - **Voluntary donation: £5** towards the costs of Culture Celebration Week workshops would be gratefully appreciated – please pay at office or on Schools Comms 'Culture Week Donation'
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March
  - Last day to hand in science posters for the competition
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March
  - Non-uniform day – children come to school dressed in their favourite country's colours or traditional clothing from their culture
  - Parents and carers invited in to see their children's showcase of work 2.45 – 3.10pm
  - Culture Celebration Week Fair after school on main playgrounds 3.15 - 3.45pm
  - **Last day of Spring 2 term, finish at the usual times**
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April
  - School closed for holidays
  - Childcare available on site – discounts and payment plans available, for more details [CLICK HERE](#)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April
  - **First day of Summer 1 term, school starts at the usual times**
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April
  - First offers for Reception places starting September 2024 due to be released by council
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April
  - Year 4 classes have their overnight residential visit to Frylands Wood
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April
  - PTA meeting open to all, 7pm at school
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April
  - PTA discos for children after school – tickets on sale via Classlist from 1<sup>st</sup> April – see details below
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - **School closed – Bank Holiday Monday**



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support for your children and the school. Thank you again to all of you who help organise and support the PTA events – the Quiz Night 2024 was suitably competitive! Lots more updates and upcoming event details below.

I have been in contact weekly since half term with our school meal provider to work on making sure the meals on offer are of good quality and choice with a suitable portion size. I'm pleased with the progress and improvement so far and should be able to share a new menu for the summer term in the coming weeks.

Please see the guide below about communicating with school, what to do if there is a problem and using Classlist for PTA events. We are also working on clearer guidance on use of the class email addresses which we will update you with soon.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher

## Who to talk to in school – questions, concerns, support

Most conversations about your child will be with their **class teacher** in the first instance. If you need to contact the teacher you can speak with them directly on the playground or contact them to request a phone or in person conversation.

If you are not able to resolve your question after discussion with the class teacher, we also have a number of **senior staff** who have wider responsibilities in school. Miss Saunders is the leader for children in Nursery and Reception; Ms Burnett is the leader for Years 1, 2 and 3 and Mr Matthews is the leader for Years 4, 5 and 6. For enquiries about inclusion, ARC and SEND, please see Mrs White.

If you are still unable to resolve your issue, this can then be escalated to the **Deputy Headteacher**, Mrs White. Should the issue or query continue to be unresolved, this can then be further escalated to the **Headteacher**.

We do our best to be available for all parents /carers and aim to respond in a reasonable timeframe given the commitments of staff during a busy school day.

### **Polite Reminder – If there's a problem . . .**

We do understand that when you are worried about your child or something that is happening in school it can be an emotional and difficult time for you as parents/carers. Our staff are available to listen to you and to help as much as we can by working as partners together. On (thankfully) rare occasions, we have needed to remind parent/carers about our expectations of communication and behaviour at school.

We ask that you:

- never confront someone else's child about an issue - either on site or in the local area - let school know and let us handle the problem
- avoid conflict/confrontation with other parents/carers at school – this makes others in our community, including the children, feel unsafe
- treat all staff respectfully – we may need to end conversations that are aggressive, demeaning or discriminatory
- be careful about what is posted on chat groups or similar – negative and/or personal comments about staff, children or families are rarely useful in resolving issues but do damage relationships and cause significant upset.



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The PTA will continue to communicate with parents and carers via the School Community App : Classlist. Most ticketed events will also be available via Classlist so, if you haven't already, please visit the App Store or Android equivalent and look for this symbol and download the App.



Registering your child/ren is quick and easy and will mean you have timely access to information and ticket sales.

CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# DISCO Night

FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024

KS1: 5-6PM  
KS2: 6.30-7.30PM  
(ARRIVE FROM 15 MINS PRIOR)

£5 ENTRY FEE

SET YOUR REMINDERS ...

TICKETS GO ON SALE  
VIA CLASSLIST  
ON 1 APRIL



## World Book Day Celebrations

Last week we celebrated our love of books, culminating in World Book Day. On Tuesday we welcomed back professional storyteller Emily Hanna from Dragonfly Tales who entertained all of the classes with tales which were funny, magical and sometimes a little scary. The school burst into colour on Thursday as the children came in dressed up in amazing and imaginative costumes. A huge thank you to the PTA who, as well as organising the whole school book swap where all children were able to choose a new book to take home, also funded the storyteller.





## British Science Week

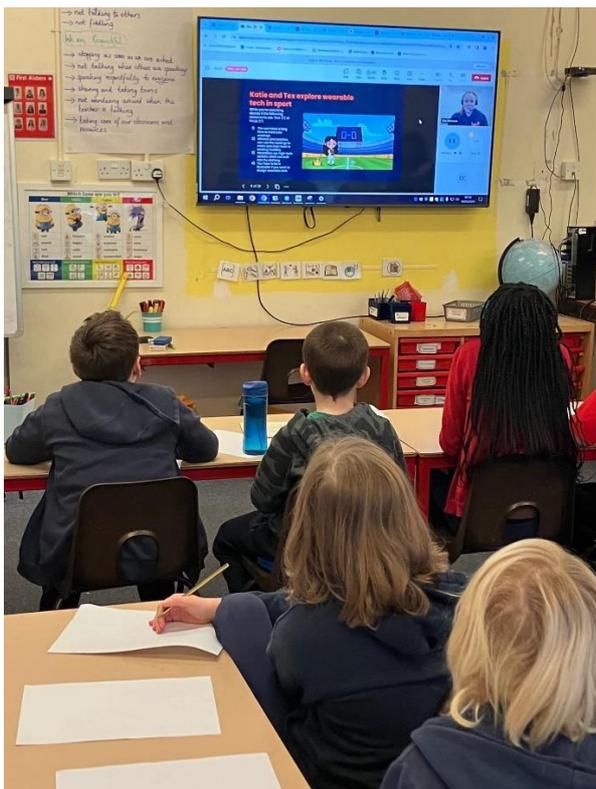
Have you ever dunked a biscuit in a cup of hot chocolate, milk or another drink? Has the biscuit ever broken? Why do you think biscuits break when they are left in the drink for too long?



Each class carried out a comparative test to investigate the 'dunkability' of four different biscuits - a digestive, a chocolate digestive, a bourbon and a chocolate chip cookie. The children recorded each biscuit's dunks in a table and then presented their results in a pictogram or bar chart. Ask your child about their investigation and what their results were.

Other activities that have taken place this science week with STEM ambassadors:

- Year 3 have celebrated with storytime from Kate, a civil engineer, about bridges.
- Year 4 have looked at the vital role that technology plays in sport with Zoe who also highlighted some of the tech careers that pupils may wish to explore in the future.
- Year 6 worked with STEM ambassador, Liz, who looked at how Earth as a planet has changed hugely over time and continues to change.





## Year 3 and 4 Cross Country

A huge congratulations to the 42 cross country runners from Years 3 and 4 who ran at Crystal Palace Park on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. They showed determination, resilience and a strong team spirit. They were against 60 schools from across the Borough of Bromley. A special mention must go to Maya Ward-Horner who came an outstanding 5<sup>th</sup> out of 375 runners and Regan Kidd who came an amazing 7<sup>th</sup> out of 497 runners. Our Year 4 girls team also produced a brilliant team display finishing 8<sup>th</sup> out of 41 teams. Churchfields came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the medium-sized schools overall team positions. Thank you to all the adults who supported the event: Mrs Horton, Mr Sweeney, Mr Matthews, Miss Luker, Miss Burnett, Miss Soanes and Carys Morgan.



Year 3 Boys



Year 3 Girls



Year 4 Girls



Year 4 Boys



## Amazing Achievements



Billy in Year 6 won the National Schoolboys Boxing Championships for his weight, under 30kg. This means he is the new England champion – what an achievement!



Any good news, something to share or celebrate with the Churchfields community?

Please do email us on

[admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk)

## Need some help?

### Local Services

[Dyslexia Association of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich & Lewisham](#)

[Bayswater Support Group](#) - Gender Dysphoria Support for parents & carers

[Bromley Local Offer](#) - SEND services in Bromley Borough

[Kent Association for the Blind](#) - Children & Families Support Service

[Bromley Downs Syndrome Support Group](#)

[Bromley/Orpington Samaritans](#)

[Bromley Homeless Shelter & Foodbank](#)

[Bromley Living Well Foodbank](#) - Foodbank & a free community cafe in Penge

[Bromley Brighter Beginnings](#) - provides donations of clothes, toys & household goods for those in need. Referral needed.

[Bromley Foodbank](#) - referral needed

[Hays Community Foodbank](#) - no referral needed

[Bromley Citizens Advice Bureau](#)

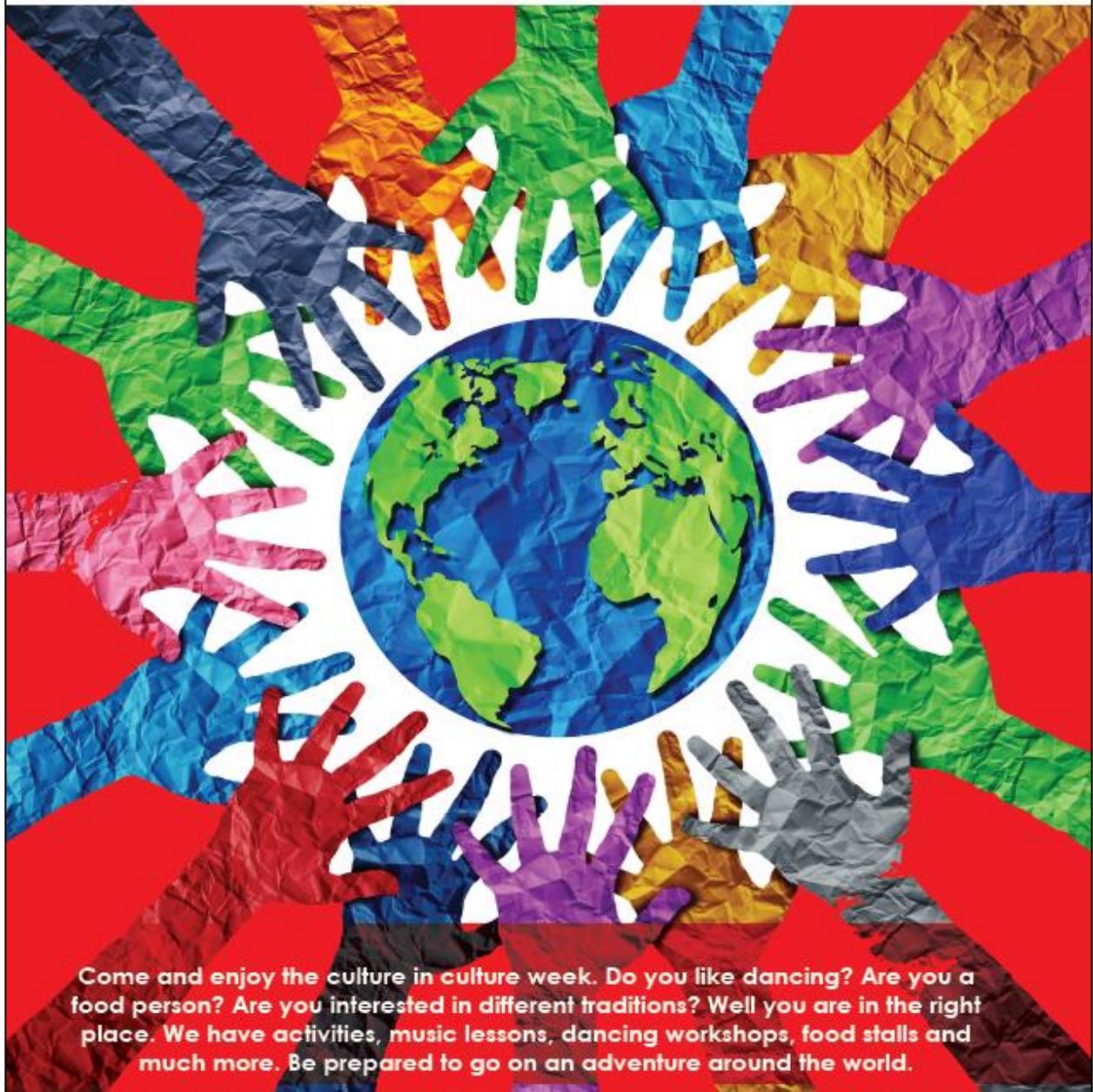
[Bromley Healthcare 0-19](#) - Health care advice for children/young people in Bromley between 0-19 years of age

[Home-Start Bromley](#) - provides practical help & support for parent/carers of young children under the age of 5

[Talk Together Bromley](#) - Counselling Services



# Culture week is back!



Come and enjoy the culture in culture week. Do you like dancing? Are you a food person? Are you interested in different traditions? Well you are in the right place. We have activities, music lessons, dancing workshops, food stalls and much more. Be prepared to go on an adventure around the world.

## 25th March – 28th March



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## Streetwise Youth Hub

Attendance is FREE for every young person!



**NEW**  
Where to find our new venue!  
123 Anerley, Anerley Town  
Hall, Anerley Rd, SE20 8BD



**Join  
us!**

If you are aged 10 to 19 and live in Bromley come and join us for games, arts / crafts, sports, cooking and more!

**Open  
Times**

Wed = Ages 12 to 16 (6:30pm to 9pm)  
Thurs = Ages 13 to 19 (7pm to 9:30pm)  
Fri = Ages 10 to 12 (6pm to 8:30pm)

[www.bromley.gov.uk/youthsupport](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/youthsupport)



We are part of the Penge School Uniform Hub

## Penge School Uniform Hub



**Save money and the planet: buy preloved uniform!**

**Sense charity shop,  
104 High Street, Penge  
(next to the Post Office)**

General uniform suitable for all schools available, as well as specifics for Alexandra, St John's and Churchfields Schools, with more coming soon!

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,  
Sun 10am-4pm

Organised by Alexandra Junior School PTFA.  
For more info, contact: [treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk)  
Supported by Penge BID



### Penge School Uniform Hub!

Pre-loved Churchfields school uniform in sizes age 2 to 15 is now available 7 days a week from the Sense charity shop on Penge High Street. 100s of items in stock - so much it won't all fit on the shop floor, so please ask if you cannot find the size you need. **Dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers and cardigans all £1. Polos shirts 50p.** This new collaboration between Sense Penge and multiple local primary schools means that parents now have a single one-stop-shop to find affordable second-hand school uniform for their primary age children.  
All proceeds to the Sense charity.



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## Class Assemblies 2023/24

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

### Spring Term

19.03.24 Year 3 Baobab

### Summer Term

23.04.24 Year 2 Hickory

30.04.24 Year 2 Maple

14.05.24 Year 1 Rowan

11.06.24 Reception Palm

18.06.24 Reception Beech

25.06.24 Year 1 Silver Birch

## Parent/Carer Evenings 2023/24

### Summer term

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 3.45 – 5.30pm

*Please note – in the summer term you will receive your child's end of year report before the parent/carers evening.*

## Special Events 2023/24

- Churchfields Culture Celebration Week – 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Sports day – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and ARC on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 9 – 11am
- Sports day - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 9 – 11am
- PTA Circus on site, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

## Term Dates 2023/24

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Last day of Spring 2 term - break up at usual times

First day of Summer 1 term

May Bank Holiday, school closed

Last day of Summer 1 term

Summer half term holiday

INSET day, school closed to children

First day of Summer 2 term

**Last day of Summer 2 term – all classes break up at 1.30pm**

**After School Club 1.30 – 4.00pm (must be pre-booked, no ad hoc bookings)**



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## Term Dates 2024/25

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>INSET – school closed to children</b>
	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>INSET – school closed to children</b>
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 1
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Last day of Autumn 1
	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>Half Term Holidays</b>
	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>INSET – school closed to children</b>
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 2
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Last day of Autumn 2
	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>INSET – school closed to children</b>
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 1
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Last day of Spring 1
	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>Half Term Holidays</b>
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 2
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Last day of Spring 2
	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 1
	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>School closed – Bank Holiday</b>
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Last day of Summer 1
	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Half Term Holidays</b>
	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>INSET – school closed to children</b>
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 2
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Last day of Summer 2