



Charlton Manor

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General Notices

School Timings

Whole school - 8:55am – 3:30pm

Nursery AM – 8:55am – 12pm

Nursery PM – 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Dates

22.12.23-05.01.24 Christmas break

08.01.24 Inset Day (No School)

**Children return to school –
Tuesday 9th January 2024**

09.01.24 Open Day (Reception 2024 starters)

19.01.24 Attenborough Class Assembly

26.01.24 Year 1 Horniman Museum Trip

26.01.24 Curie Class Assembly

02.02.24 Numbers Day

02.02.24 Ahlberg Class Assembly

05.02.24 Year 3 Royal Observatory Trip

(Provisional)

09.02.24 Blake Class Assembly

12.02.24-16.02.24 Half Term

**Children return to school –
Monday 19th February 2024**

01.03.24 Rosen Class Assembly

04.03.24-08.03.24 Year 6 PGL

11.03.24-15.03.24 British Science Week

11.03.24-08.03.24 Individual/sibling Photos

29.03.24-12.04.24 Easter Holidays

**Children return to school –
Monday 15th April 2024**

A Note from Mrs Goold

September seems like a distant memory. It has been a long and busy Autumn Term. We are all looking forward to Christmas and our whole staff team would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

This term has been packed with activities, visitors into school, educational visits outside of school and of course our annual Christmas celebrations. The KS1 Nativity show was amazing and a huge well done to our talented year 2 performers. It was great to see the confidence in our children and the smiles on their faces. Well done too to our angelic Year 1 singers and the staff for putting together another triumph. Our annual KS2 carol concert was another highlight and it was lovely to see so many of our parents and carers joining us for the service. Our Nursery and Reception classes put on a fantastically festive show which continued the growing festive cheer. All of these festivities have been in addition to our staff and children working extremely hard to cover the national curriculum and to ensure our children all fulfil their potential.

Another particular highlight was our Autumn term KS2 talent show, it always amazes me with the talent we have here and it reminds me each and every time to never put a ceiling on a child's potential and ability.

I've had the pleasure of running two clubs this term, Glee club and chess club. I have loved them both and can't wait to continue these next term.

Our school continues to grow with additional children starting all of the time which is a wonderful compliment and testimony to the team here. We have had two successful open days for the new Reception intake and I am looking forward to welcoming more families to our Charlton Manor community. We have also had a new addition this year with the arrival of Nutmeg the Elf, who has been up to some cheekiness each evening. The children have loved watching what he has been up to each morning when they come to school. Please do visit our social media pages to see what he has been up to.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Golding to Charlton Manor. We are delighted that she will be joining us as Ahlberg class teacher. Sadly, we also have a couple of goodbyes, Miss Chimen, who is moving on to new opportunities and Miss Harris, who is going on maternity leave. We wish them both the best in this exciting new chapter in their lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our young people and their families, partners, and friends of our school, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope 2024 brings you more amazing experiences.

Have a wonderful, restful break when it comes and see you in 2024.



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Messages from Mr Turner-Wing

What a lovely half term it has been, the children have really been enjoying the lead up to the Christmas break too.

I have been particularly impressed with hearing the children sing so well at our recent events as well as the really fantastic quality of the Violins!

Mrs. Rayner our Violin teacher must feel especially proud.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful Christmas break and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2024.

If you do find yourself requiring any additional help or support, please visit our well-being page for links to services. <https://charltonmanorprimary.co.uk/wellbeing>

Or contact services here:

Mind: 0208 215 2243

Samaritans: 116 123

Childline: 0800 1111

Royal Greenwich Council: 020 8854 8888

Greenwich Foodbank: 0800 470 4831

A Message from Mr Lynes

The Christmas term has always been one of my favourites, even if it's also one of the longest and most exhausting! With so many Christmas-related events, including the Christmas Fair, the nativity, carol services and various trips, it can become very hectic. However, in amongst all the fun and excitement, children have continued to work hard, even mustering up the energy to get through reading, maths and grammar tests during assessment week. At Charlton Manor, we always encourage children to be resilient and try their best in all things, and this is something that I see myself whenever I walk around the school. After nearly 8 weeks of effort though, it's definitely time for a well-deserved rest! I wish you and all your families a very happy Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you again in 2024.

A Message from Mrs Curtis

Dear Charlton Manor Community,

I can't believe we are already a third of the way through the year! Having said that, we have accomplished so much already. I have been thoroughly enjoying seeing all the learning going on in the school, visiting classrooms and children coming to tell me what they've been learning that week. I especially enjoy being told how much they love maths (as I am head of maths)! It has been great to work with the early years and key stage 1 children in my after school club. Teaching them to work as a team, complete an activity once started and be responsible with the game pieces has been challenging, but fulfilling. Children are remarkable in how supportive they are of each other and not bitter if they don't win a game. And of course, it is great fun! I am looking forward to numbers day next term (Friday 2nd February); more information will come out about this closer to the time. For now, have a wonderful and restful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



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Attendance

We have had a brilliant start to the school year with the whole school attendance at 94.7%.

You can help by encouraging your child to come to school if they are only slightly under the weather, have a mild cold or just a bit tired.

The classes with the highest attendance at the end of each half term in KS1 and KS2 will receive prizes for each child and a special trophy for the classroom.

There are also prizes for children with the most improved attendance.

Study bugs

We are now using a service called study bugs to help you easily report your children absence. Please go to the main school website and click on the link at the top of the page to sign up. <https://charltonmanorprimary.co.uk/> . We will still need evidence of medical appointments and illness.

KS2 Talent Show

A massive well done to all the children who performed in the KS2 talent show. Each and every child is a huge credit to the school. Thank you to all the parents who attended and showed their support. A big thank you to Mrs Coker for organising this event.

Swimming

Please note that if your child is in Year 4 they will be swimming every Thursday at the following times during the spring term.

Seacole – after Christmas until February half term

Attenborough – After half term until Easter

Reception 2024 Applications

If your child is in Nursery then the deadline for Reception school applications is **15th January 2023**.

Please apply online at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> . Applying after this date may mean your child will be delayed being allocated a school place and they may not get into a school of your preference. If you are having any difficulties completing the online application form please contact the school office.

Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking at drop off and pick up. We have had several complaints from neighbours that parents have been parking over their drive preventing them from leaving.



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Outstanding Dinner money

A reminder to check your ParentPay account for any outstanding dinner money from the last academic year. If you have a debt on your account please clear this before your child returns in January or contact the school to discuss payment options. Thank you.

Year 6 PGL

A reminder that the Year 6 School Journey should now be paid in full. If you have an outstanding balance please clear this. If you have any questions please contact the main school office on 020 8856 6525.

Clubs

A reminder that clubs for next half term start on the first week back. Please remember you are only able to sign up for 2 clubs initially. If there are clubs still available by the end of the week you are able to join more. All extra-curricular after school clubs finish at 4:30pm. Please be prompt at pick up. Thank you.

Trips

For a trip that requires consent please make sure this is completed by the deadline provided. Unfortunately, if this is not completed prior to the trip your child will not be able to attend.

Fund raising

We have had various fund-raising events over this half term. Thank you for your support with these. Please see below a list of events and money raised for each.

Children in Need: £200
Christmas Fair: £1763.55
Christmas Jumper Day: £196.00
Poppy Appeal: £75

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all the staff and the Parents' Club who helped organise the Christmas Fair. Thank you also to all parents who contributed to the raffle. This year fair was a huge success and all the children enjoyed getting together for some fun.

Weather

Winter is here and the temperatures have been very low. Please send your child to school each day with their school jumper and warm outerwear; coat, hat, gloves and scarf. Please note that your child will not be allowed outside without a coat.

If you are bringing your child to school in welly boots please provide a pair of black shoes or boots that they can change into. For health and safety reasons children cannot wear welly boots in the classroom.

In the event of severe weather updates will be sent out on ParentPay and posted on the Charlton Manor Facebook page and twitter.



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Nursery

Bright class have had a great last term of 2023, we have been reading lots of traditional tales we even had Mr Turner-Wing come in and read the three Billy goats gruff to us, we have also learnt that a brick house is much safer than straw or sticks, and that we shouldn't speak to strangers as red riding hood did it got her into trouble.

Bright class have also had some amazing opportunities this term our morning and full time children went on a bear hunt at the Woolwich works and absolutely loved the show, and our afternoon and full time children had a visit from Christmas Mickey mouse, Christmas Buzz lightyear, Goofy and Mr Incredible.

Bright class has also had fun in the kitchen with chef making piggy shaped bread and it was pink, they also used turnip from the story "the enormous turnip" to make turnip and bean fritters that were extremely tasty.

So after a fun packed autumn 2 we wish you all a merry Christmas and a very happy new year and can't wait to see you all back ready to learn in 2024.





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Reception

This term, we've gone back in time, millions of years, and yes don't worry, we've brought you back some souvenirs. We've been learning about dinosaurs and their incredibly long names, finding their features and playing some phonics games.

We've painted, drawn, cut and made all things dino, you can have them all back now and put them on your mantle.

We've discovered how they were born, what they ate and what their poop looked like, we looked at their body parts, some with sharp teeth, a tail, or a spike!

We made some chocolate nests,
Just one of our many cooking quests,
We made dino footprints in crumbly biscuity cheese,
We even chipped them out of chocolate and ate them - palaeon-chocolatiers - yes please!

The learning's been fun, it's been a huge win, we really did get our claws stuck in.

As the bells began to ring and the sleigh arrived, we all sang together;
we wrapped up warm and learnt about the freeeeeeeezing weather.

With a hip hip hooray and a Ho Ho Ho and now it's time for them all to go!

See you next year Reception, in 2024!

You've all been cracking.

From the EYFS team

'I liked learning about Dinosaur's teeth because it helps them grind down loads of food.' - Harriet

'Dinosaurs have sharp teeth and a spiky back.' - Kaira





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Year 1

Wow! What a term it has been for Year 1! It has been packed full of learning, singing, trips and lots of fun!

In English this term, we have been looking at features of persuasive writing and have been using these skills to try and convince an audience to buy some pumpkin pancakes that we made in an awesome cooking lesson, and also to buy the queen's knickers! We then moved onto instructional writing, where the children have been very bossy by using imperative verbs in their sentences.

In maths we have been focusing on addition and subtraction and the children have shown true resilience in this, using new skills of number lines and tens frames to add and subtract numbers within 10. We are now finishing off the term learning how we can sort 2D and 3D shapes into groups and patterns.

Our history topic this term was 'Kings and Queens' and we have been learning about lots of famous monarchs, such as King Charles III, Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. We started the term off by visiting the Queen's house in Greenwich, where we looked at lots of fascinating paintings and even drew our own portrait of a queen. We have also been to visit our local church to support our topic of 'Christianity' in RE, where the children went on a hunt for wooly sheep around the church and then found out more about the nativity and why Christians use a holy book.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support by helping the children with their homework and reading to them daily. We can already see fantastic progress in their phonics and their writing skills and these will continue to build with further home practice. We have also been encouraging the children to use numbots at home, which will help support their number fluency in addition and subtraction.





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Year 2

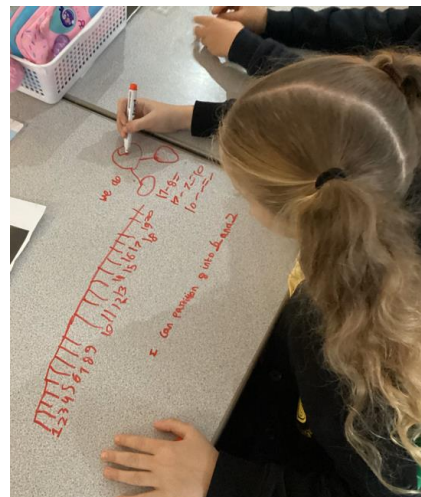
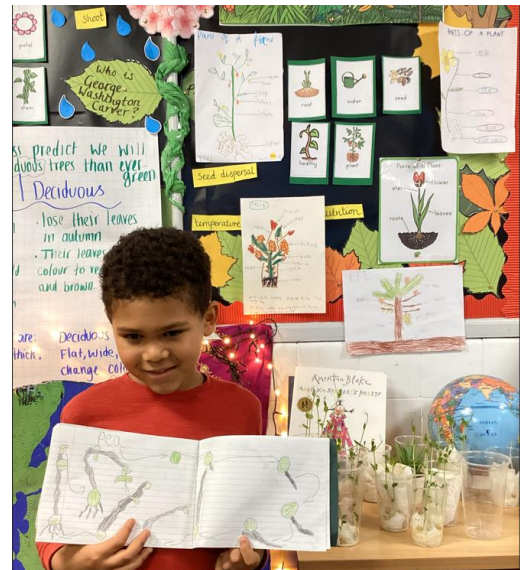
Term 2 has come to an end and Year 2 have had a busy one! We have immersed ourselves in all things Great Fire of London, had some fantastic cooking sessions, and have become masters on stage with our much awaited Nativity performance. We went on a fantastic trip for R.E to get in the spirit of Christmas and learn more about the story of the Nativity.

In science we have been learning all about plants. We even grew our own peas to observe the stages of the life cycle and how seeds germinate. We have had lots of fun observing the growth of our plants each morning!

This term in maths we have looked at addition and subtraction. We have developed fluency in our bonds to 10 and 100, adding 3 single digit numbers, adding and subtracting across tens, from tens and became pro's at using number lines. We have done lots of collaborative work and have had lots of fun learning all things numbers.

In History we have stepped back in time to 1666, to the dreaded night on Pudding Lane that made history. We have linked our learning to DT where we have produced our own Tudor houses and will even have a go at burning them in the playground! In English we have written a newspaper report documenting the events of the fire as well as exploring lots of descriptive language to bring our writing alive.

From all of the team in Year 2, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





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Year 3

What another busy term it has been for year 3! We have really enjoyed exploring the Stone Age this term through a wide range of exciting and engaging lessons and experiences. In Maths, we have covered addition and subtraction, using written formal methods, exchanging across 10s and 100s. We have started looking at multiplication and division, exploring the links between counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In English, we have learnt about instructional writing and the structural and language features of this text type. This led us to writing a recipe for our dream sandwich. After, We looked at settings and how we can use expanded noun phrases and the past progressive to describe a scene from this time in the past.

In Design Technology, we have been designing and making trousers for the Stone Age character Ug who only has stone trousers! Our design brief was to make a pair of trousers which are soft and comfortable. We began by looking at existing products, analysed these and wrote our own design criteria for the trousers we wanted to design and make.

We have had many great experiences this term cooking in the kitchen, cooking food that would have been eaten during the Stone Age. We also became hunter gatherers by foraging food in our garden and then using these ingredients to cook with. Our trips began with a visit to the British Museum, making links between our Roman topic last term and this term's topic of Stone Age. Recently, we went to the Natural History Museum to consolidate our learning about rocks.



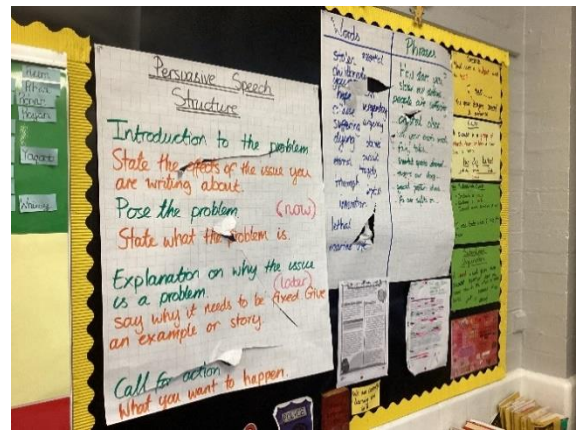


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Year 4

The year continues to march on in full swing and the children have had a very busy term indeed! It started off with a very mysterious event.... Both the year 4 classrooms were completely tipped up-side-down during assembly! We couldn't believe what had happened! But a few clues left at the crime scene eluded to an evasive creature....



"What has happened?"

"How did the white boards get up there?"

In English, we learnt how to write a non-chronological report, focusing on the use of subordinate and main clauses, fronted adverbials and beginning to develop our knowledge of expanded noun phrases. We discovered our evasive creature was a dragon and so we wrote about the different types of dragons the Dragonologists have come across over the years.

This term we focused on our knowledge of the times tables, as well as begin to develop our reasoning abilities by applying the formal methods for subtraction and addition in different ways. The children continue to grow in confidence exploring numbers and patterns.

The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

The Anglo-Saxons and Viking were the topic for the term and we started off with workshop to introduce the children to what it was like living as a Viking! During the term, the children learned many aspects concerning this time period from life styles to the ever changing boundaries of the British kingdoms. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves throughout, learning the history of British Isles following the abandonment of the Roman Empire.



"Take everything you can!"

"That was so much fun!"



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In DT, we focused on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings learning how Viking weavers became some of the most influential people in the old world as their cloth was highly prized from around the world. We learned how to create a loom, and then made tapestries to celebrate the victory over the Anglo-Saxons.

Finally, Year 4 enjoyed a trip to the British Museum to research the Sutton Hoo exhibition and the different artefacts dating back to the time of the Anglo-Saxons. Great fun was had and we look forward to our next trip next term.



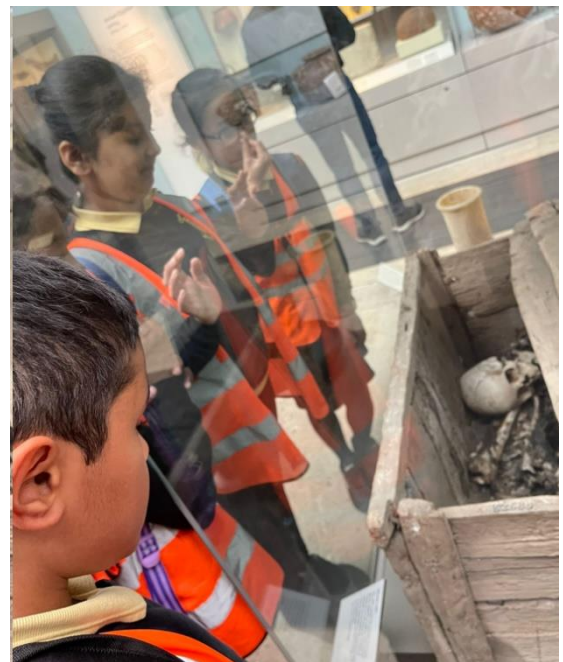


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Year 5

This term, Year 5 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We know all about the gods such as Anubis, Osiris and Amun-Ra, describing their appearance and discussing their powers. Did you know there were over 2000 Egyptian gods? We learned about Egyptian beliefs of life after death, looking at the mummification process and the weighing of the heart ceremony. We went to the kitchen and performed this ceremony with a real animal's heart! Although we did not have a copy of the Book of the Dead, which is just as well as it was written on a scroll over 70 feet long! We visited the British Museum and got to see mummies, Canopic jars and Shabti dolls, which was an amazing experience. We have written non-chronological reports about the Ancient Egyptians in English, using our year 5 grammar.



Walk like an Egyptian!





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In Science, we have been learning about the properties of materials, specifically how to mix and separate different materials. In the kitchen, we performed experiments separating iron from cornflakes and evaporating the water from salt-water. In our classrooms, we have been growing salt crystals after evaporating salt-water over a long period of time.



We hope you all have a wonderful break and manage some rest, relaxation and reading.



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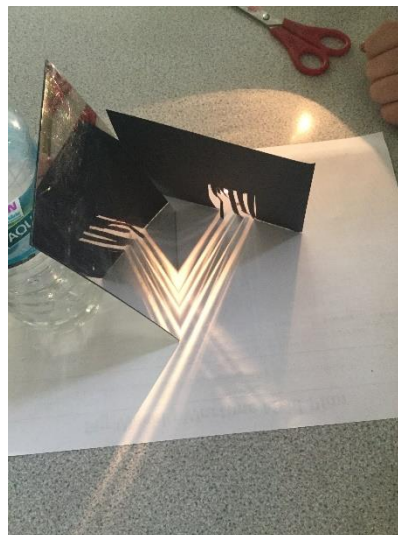
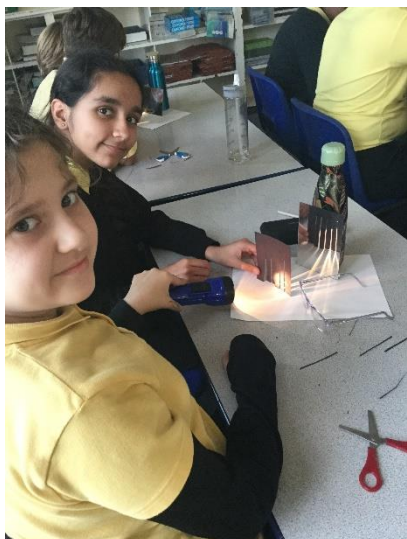
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Year 6

This term our topic has been World War 2. Children have been learning about the Blitz, rationing, women's roles, propaganda, evacuees, the Holocaust, D-Day and other key events in both Britain and Europe from 1939-1945. Inspired by their learning about the Blitz in particular, the children have created two pieces of writing this term: one narrative set during a bombing raid and a set of instructions for how to safely evacuate a cinema once an air raid siren sounds.

To support their learning, the children also enjoyed a trip to Chislehurst Caves, which played a key role in World War 2 as a sanctuary for citizens during the Blitz. Unfortunately, we weren't permitted to take any photos in the caves themselves, but the children had a fantastic time and gained a lot from the experience.

In science, the children have been learning about light: how it travels, how shadows are formed, how the eye works and how white light can be refracted to display all the colours of the visible spectrum.



Children have enjoyed several kitchen lessons this term, including as part of our DT project. Children have used their understanding of rationing to design war-themed recipes, including for the National Loaf.

In computing, children have continued to learn about codebreaking and ciphers (following on from their learning about Alan Turing and Bletchley Park in term 1), while in PSHE, children have been learning about celebrating difference. Children have learnt about different groups of people, thought about what makes each of them unique and learnt about how to recognise and tackle bullying behaviour when it occurs.



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As well as all the Christmas activities, Year 6 also enjoyed peer reading with the Year 3s this term. The children were very patient and supportive, helping the younger children to decode words and read with fluency and understanding.



After what has been a very fun but also very busy and long half-term, we hope you have a very relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.



"This term I've found English really interesting, especially when we wrote our narratives." Alex C, Mandela Class

"This term I found English and computing really interesting, because I enjoyed writing my narrative and I loved making a PowerPoint based on a significant figure." Zaki, Turing Class

"This term I really enjoyed science because I found light really interesting, especially the parts about the eye and how blind people don't see darkness – they see nothing at all!" Emily, Turing Class

"I found English interesting this term because we learnt about World War 2 and the Blitz and wrote narratives about them." Gbolahan, Mandela Class



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Cultural Capital Trips and Experiences

Charlton Manor have been out and about this last term! Every child in the school has been on at least one school trip, with most having done two or more.

Our youngest students visited the Fireworks Factory, which (despite its misleading name) is a theatre in Woolwich, where they went to see *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, live on the

stage.



In Key Stage 1, children have visited the Queen's House for a Kings and Queens workshop and had a right royal time. They have also visited local churches.



In Key Stage 2, children have visited the Natural history Museum, The British Museum and Chislehurst Caves, learning about Ancient Egyptians, the Stone Age, Anglo-Saxon Britain and Britain during World War II.



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Alongside these trips, children have also experienced Viking workshops and bonfire cooking, numerous lessons in the garden or kitchen with Chef Joe and all manner of sports events. Our new Glee Club (run by Mrs Gould) have visited the local community to spread seasonal cheer at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hider Court, Asda and performing in our talent show.

Here is what some of our children have to say about their trips this term...

"There was a bear, buckets full of water and a door – it was fantastic!" B (Reception)

"I was scared but I liked it." I (Reception)

"We were playing and it was so fun and I liked my lunch." D (year 1)

"We were learning about the Stone Age and Cheddar Man. It was tiring but worth it." S (year 3)

"It was amazing, but scary!" E (year 6)

We look forward to the trips and experiences already planned for next year...