



Charlton Manor

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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General Notices

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform every day, with the exception of their PE days when they should come to school in their PE kit. Please go to the following website to buy more school uniform.

<https://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/>

School Dinners

School dinners are £14 per week for children in nursery and Years 3 to 6. Please pay for your child's dinner on ParentPay.

Dates

04.04.22-18.04.22 Easter Break

19.04.22 Inset Day (No school)

20.04.22 Children return to school

02.05.22 May Bank Holiday

05.05.22 Polling Day (No school)

30.05.22-03.06.22 May half term

06.06.22 Children return to school

11.07.22 Inset Day (No school)

22.07.22 Last day of school

A Note from Mrs Gould

Dear Parents/carers

As we find ourselves at the end of another term, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the pride I have in the staff and the pupils here at Charlton Manor. It has been another successful term full of fun and engaging learning, some of which you have been able to share with us via our class assemblies. I have been privileged enough to experience some outstanding lessons by our teachers and have thoroughly enjoyed partaking in the learning with the children.

At a time where there is still growing concern over Covid and the conflict in our world, I have been so impressed with the feeling of unity within the school and the community. It was so heart-warming to see how many donations have been made towards the Ukraine appeal and the success of the cake sale last week. As always, thank you for your continued support.

We have had many highs this term, including the pupils demonstrating how much they have learnt in their latest assessments, a huge well done to all. This term, we have started to book more trips to support the children's learning. I am very much looking forward to getting more and more trips booked in for our children in the next few terms. Following on from the very successful visits from Matthew West and Tracy Russel from the local authority, I am excited to see how much more we can develop and grow as a family this year.

Next term there is a lot to look forward to and I can't wait to share more information regarding our jubilee celebrations and our Parents' evening towards the end of the year.

In the meantime, I wish you all a restful, safe and happy Easter Break. Whatever you may be getting up to, whether you have a holiday booked or staying at home, may you treasure the time you have together and enjoy making many more memories.

I look forward to seeing you all again on the 20th April.

From my family to yours

With kindest regards

Mrs Gould



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A Message from Mr Turner-Wing

I am really pleased that so many parents and staff worked together to organise the very successful cake sale for the Ukraine appeal. The £410 raised will really help those in need. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful Easter break. As ever, if you find yourself needing support or guidance, please visit our safeguarding pages: <https://charltonmanorprimary.co.uk/safeguarding-pastoral-care/safeguarding-pastoral-care> Here you will find a range of support and contact numbers.

As the cost of living increasingly means that people are struggling day-to-day, please do be aware of support from the Greenwich Foodbank and Community Hub. The Community Hub offers advice around support for carers, digital support, mental health and wellbeing advice, access to food, helpful advice on staying warm in winter, housing and financial advice, befriending and much more.
Call 0800 470 4831 to talk to a friendly advisor.

A Message from Mr Lynes

This term has felt like a particularly busy one, but it's been made all the better by the reappearance of the sunshine, not least during the Year 6 school journey to PGL. It was my first time on the trip, and I felt incredibly proud of all our children, not just for their exceptional behaviour throughout the week but also for the way that they all pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and tried new experiences, encouraging and supporting each other along the way. This is something that I frequently see at Charlton Manor, and it is fantastic to be part of such a diverse, welcoming and supportive community. I have also really enjoyed seeing all the fantastic teaching and learning going on around the school as part of my new role, and I'm incredibly excited to help all the children in our care to reach the heights we know they're capable of.

I hope you and your children all enjoy a relaxing and well-earned Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all again in a couple of weeks' time.

Best wishes,
Mr Lynes



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Welcome back

We would like to welcome back Mrs Pease from Maternity leave. We look forward to her returning to 3P and for her to settle back into the Charlton Manor Team. I'm sure the children in 3P are excited to meet their teacher for the summer term.

Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to all parents/carers who donated items for the Ukraine appeal. We received a large number of items to help aid the families of Ukraine who are suffering at the hands of the ongoing war. A big thank you to the parents who organised this appeal.

Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who sent their children in red and donated money for comic relief. We raised a total of £270.85.

SATs

Parents and Carers of children in year 2 and 6 will be receiving information shortly regarding SATs, timetables, dates and guidance around the administration.

Weather

With summer fast approaching please be aware of the change in weather. Please make sure your child has a water bottle and hat for school every day. On hot days it would be advisable to apply sun cream prior to school. Full school uniform applies throughout the summer months including no open toe sandals or shoes.

Free School Meal

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals please apply online on the Greenwich website at <https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/xfp/form/613>.

If your child is currently in Year 2, they will no longer receive universal free school meals from September and therefore you will be required to pay. If you are entitled to free school meals but do not apply before they enter Year 3 then the Borough will not backdate any claims and you will be responsible for the cost of any meals taken during this period.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will be released on the afternoon of Thursday 21st April. Please do not call regarding the clubs during them being uploaded as this delays the process. Thank you.



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Health and Wellbeing

A note from Miss Coller....

It has been fantastic to see so many of our children taking part in our 'active travel' initiatives aimed at improving the physical wellbeing of our children this year. I have already received some great entries into the poster and poetry competitions for the latest competition we are running (The big walk and wheel) and I look forward to the difficult task of choosing the winners from each key stage. Our Junior Travel Ambassadors recently undertook a travel survey before school and they highlighted road safety as an area of concern with a number of children walking into the roads without looking. As a result, years 1-5 have taken part in road safety workshops and this has been a topic within their PSHE lessons this half term. In November we started work on the Wellbeing Award for Schools. It is a whole school improvement award with the focus on improving the mental wellbeing of the school community (children, parents and staff). Thank you to all those who responded to our initial survey-your responses and comments are valuable to us and will help us to make improvements to our current provision. The results and comments have been analysed and we are currently in the process of creating an action plan which we will share with the children, parents and staff when we return from the Easter break. One of the main things your feedback has highlighted to us is that the sharing of information, resources and support around mental health and wellbeing between the school and parents could be improved. We are working on having a wellbeing page on the school website which will include sources of support that parents and children can access, the school's wellbeing policy and strategy (Which are both in the process of being updated to reflect an increased focus on mental health and wellbeing) and information on who you can contact should you have any concerns regarding your child's mental or physical wellbeing. We will inform you once this page is live.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the wellbeing award and/or ideas you would like to share with us with regards to improving the mental and physical wellbeing of our school community I would be very happy to hear from you. Please let the office staff know you would like to speak to me or you can email me at

tcoller@charltonmanor.greenwich.sch.uk

I wish you all a happy, restful and healthy Easter break!

Miss Coller



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Nursery

Green class have been learning about who lives under the sea this term, we have found out that octopus have 8 arms and sharks have over 300 teeth.

The children have loved looking at the Jellyfish in our tank as well as making octopus bread with Chef in the kitchen, we also used our art skills to make under the sea pictures with coral made from tissue paper and chose sea creatures to cut out and stick on, we also used sea creature stamps to make repeating patterns.

Green class also celebrated world book day and dressed as our favourite characters, we shared stories with our friends in our class den with torches to read our books.



Reception

Put that doughnut down, (it's not healthy) and listen. It's Reception here, and boy oh boy, have we had a jam (sandwich) packed half term learning about Healthy Eating! We've been counting the days with a certain greedy caterpillar, sipped some delicious tea with a famously ravenous tiger and met a certain Handa with a surprise for us. 'Ahhhples n pears' (sadly no stairs), we also opened up shop in our History Street and sold our wares

...if only everything in life went up to 10p! Times got tough and inflation went rough - at one point, even a trot to the pot (toilet) cost 2p! (Oh yeah, we did rhymes too.) We've been to the kitchen and back and made some easy peasy, curly whirly, tiger tales with Chef Joe. Yum. The cherry on top though, was seeing how much progress they are making! And, if that wasn't enough to fill you up, well, you've got eyes bigger than your belly quite frankly.





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Year 1

Our learning experiences so far have been enjoyable and challenging!

In Term 4 Year 1 children learnt about instructional writing, measurements, plants and World War 2.

In our English lessons, children used their reading skills to 'dive into' captivating stories, such as 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey. Children used their imagination to travel into space with the toys and help them to solve problems. They used their writing skills to write instructions about how to make a sock puppet or how to use a sock puppet. Year 1 wrote instructions about how to stay calm and how to make friends. The children were learning to work with a text and answer comprehension questions.

The children solved mathematical problems and explored the educational world with hands on opportunities to measure and record length, height, weight, capacity and volume. They worked very hard to solve reasoning problems by reading the problem and finding the correct solution by taking away or adding numbers. To extend their thinking, they also considered reasoning and problem-solving questions.

This half term our topic has been Dig for Victory. We learnt about rationing and tried some wartime recipes. The children were introduced to WW2. They experienced evacuation and air raid drills, by making choices to hide or travel to a safe place with their friends. The children were introduced to simple vocabulary such as: present, past, old days, shelter, rationing and evacuation. They learnt about WW2 history through photos and short stories. The changing weather provided opportunities for the children to study seasonal changes from winter to spring. They had a lot of fun observing natural changes outside in our garden. Everyone had a go at planting a seed and observing the changes over time.

Year 1 studied the topic of 'Christianity' in RE. Children found out about Jesus and different Christian symbols.

DT lessons were lots of fun as the children were introduced to toy making. They learnt about the toy's children had in the past and toys they have now. Children created sock puppet designs and made great sock puppets!

"We got to wear our costumes, dresses and crowns. I liked taking the picture and everyone smiling. Everyone was having fun."

'We read a story about Jesus. The old man was good, other man were fighting. Good Samaritan helped the man. We were learning about religions.'



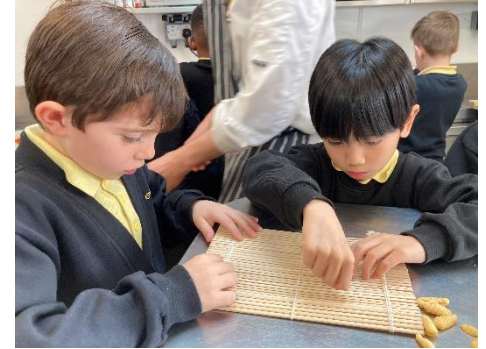


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Year 2

This term, we have been writing biographies about famous explorers. We have been learning about the polar explorers, Mathew Henson and Ernest Shackleton and used their experiences as a starting point for creating our own biographies of fictional explorers. In English, we have also been learning how to write haikus. In Guided Reading, we read about and compared the lives of two female aviators, Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart and their mysterious and tragic deaths. Maths this half-term has been focused on shape and fractions and we have used these skills in the kitchen, creating our own fruit tarts. In Science, we visited the secret garden to learn about microhabitats and mini-beasts and we gone on to deepen our knowledge of the different habitats plants and animals can survive in. All of the children have worked extremely hard and have made significant progress. They were all able to apply themselves to the mock SATs in preparation for the real SATs which will be taking place in the month of May. Mr Keresey and Mr Hollywood wish you all a happy and healthy Easter full of reading and arithmetic.



Year 3

This term the year 3 classes have been learning about Super People. It was all about inspiring people. This was explored in our history lessons where we learned about the impact that Martin Luther King Jr had on the United States in the 1960s and how he helped to end segregation. We also learned about the life of David Attenborough and how he is currently inspiring us and the world to stop polluting. In English we learned about how to write and publish a superhero comic strip. We all created our own super heroes, wrote their origin stories and then published a comic strip of our heroes defeating their nemesis. This was such a fun activity for all of us to take part in. We also got to write something that was inspired by Mrs. Sousa's passion for ice hockey and her team the Toronto Maple Leafs. We watched clips of her team playing and then became sports commentators and described the action using present perfect tense and interesting vocabulary. Mrs Sousa even brought in her Maple Leafs jerseys for us to wear as we presented our work.



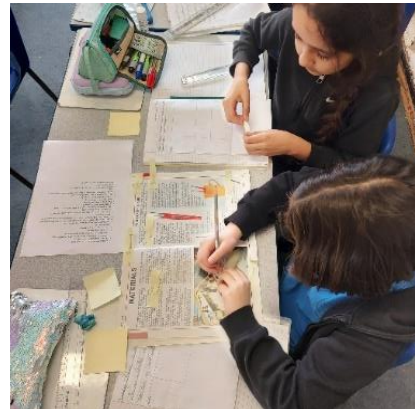


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Year 4

This term has been a very busy time for year 4! The children have been learning about continental Europe. The children learned where the different countries of Europe were and then focused on the UK, learning about the different counties and cities. The children learned about different settlement types and what defined a region of a country. In Science, the children have been learning about electricity which they found great fun. They built different circuits using various electrical components and recorded these using symbols as well as investigating different conductors and insulators. In Maths, our topics were fractions and decimals. The children did really well to develop their understanding of both and the different ways you can calculate with them. In English, our focus book was *The Thief Lord*. The children wrote characters descriptions based on Mr. Victor Getz, the detective, and Mr. and Mrs. Hartlieb. Following on from this, they combined their knowledge of the story with continental Europe, write travel brochures for different places, to persuade their reader to visit them. In Art, the children studied Pablo Picasso, mimicking his style to create artwork in the style of cubism, which Pablo Picasso invented. Finally, the children have been swimming this term, spending two weeks on an intense course to develop their swimming strokes. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this and did really well to listen to their instructors and improve their skills.



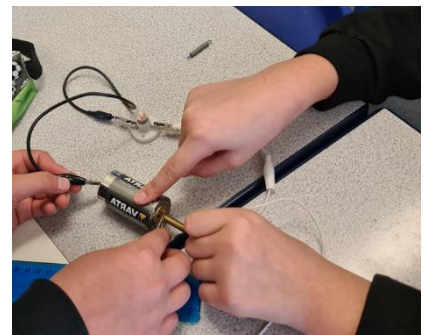
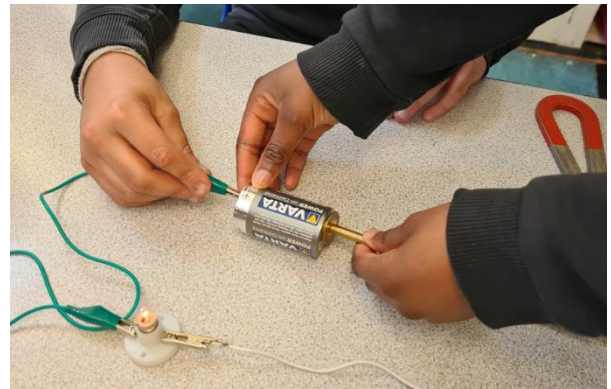


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Year 5

We have had a fantastic term of learning about inspirational (and sometimes a bit whacky) inventors. We discovered that Thomas Edison did not invent the lightbulb; in fact, it was a collaboration of many peoples' work. We have designed our own crazy inventions and written explanation texts to explain how they work. We have designed our own bridges in DT, becoming engineers and in the last week of term, builders. If you want to know the difference between suspension bridges and arched bridges, just ask us! We have also been finding out about electrical conductors and resistors, testing out different materials to see which would complete a circuit to power a lightbulb. We have had fun in the kitchen looking at reversible and irreversible changes and even made our own bath bombs as part of the investigations. In History, we have been learning about the impact of inventions and how the development of the washing machine revolutionised society as we know it. We are looking forward to our next topic, The Space Race.





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Year 6

The topic for Year 6 this half term was "Gothic".

In English, the children wrote spooky descriptions based on the animated horror short 'Francis', which tells the tale of a girl who goes missing in the woods after venturing out on a lake by herself. This was followed by a narrative where children had to continue the story from a certain point in the film. Children then moved onto writing Gothic character descriptions based on original Gothic texts including *Dracula*, *The Woman in White*, *The Woman in Black* and *Great Expectations*.

In Art, children have been looking at how to create a sinister atmosphere using silhouettes along with black, white, red and grey paint. They have also been sketching and colouring Gothic eyes, as well as the monster from *Frankenstein*.

In Science, the children have been learning about light. They have learnt about the different parts of the eye and how they help us to see, as well as how light moves, how periscopes work, how white light refracts to form a rainbow and why shadows are the same shape as the object that casts them.

In History, we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks. We have learnt about when the civilisation existed in relation to others, how the Greeks have impacted on our lives today and the role of Alexander the Great.

Finally, in RE, children have been learning about death and the end of life, specifically looking at what different religions believe about life after death and how each religion believes a person's life should be commemorated. We have also learnt about how people of all backgrounds remember loved ones, including by writing obituaries.

Many of the Year 6 children also went to PGL, which was a fantastic experience for the children and the staff. Not only did all the children behave incredibly well for the whole week, but they got to try some amazing new experiences and really push themselves outside of their comfort zone.

"I enjoyed learning about death and the end of life in RE because it's interesting to learn what different people think happens after you die."

"I enjoyed going to PGL because there were fun activities such as climbing, zip wire and the giant swing."

"I liked doing Gothic writing in English because I enjoyed learning about how to create tension in my writing."

