

Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter - May 2017

It has been an exciting time at Charnwood this term. We have had a variety of activities taking place and as always our pupils and staff have been working very hard.

Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

Our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have now completed the SATs tests. The pupils deserve high praise for their resilience and hard work during this academic year. The support from parents and staff during this time is a testament to the strong partnership that we have here at Charnwood. It was heartening to see our Year 6 pupils arriving early every morning for their booster sessions. We had almost 100% attendance at these sessions throughout the year! I am most grateful to parents / carers for helping and supporting our children throughout this year.

Poet in Residence at Charnwood- the Power of Word

Year 4 Pine have had the privilege of working with a poet in residence for the past few months. John Berkavitch is one of the most respected voices in the UK spoken-word scene. Former UK Slam Poetry Champion, Internationally acclaimed Storyteller, accomplished Breakdancer, Digital Artist and Animator. This project is funded by The Lord Mayors Charity. Delivered by, The Spark Arts for Children, as part of The City Classroom.

Festival Assembly

Our Year 5 pupils performed a wonderful Ramadhan assembly this term. The performance educated us all about the important month of Ramadhan and its' relevance to Muslims around the world. The universal messages of kindness, sharing and peace were highlighted through this performance.

Music at Charnwood

For the second year running we have been given a unique opportunity to work with an outstanding professional musician and composer, "Adriano Adelwale." Adriano has been working with our Year 5 pupils to create 'Sonic Portraits' drawing on the ideas of the children taking part in a two-week residency as part of the Spark Festival. Adriano celebrated the uniqueness of Leicester's cultural diversity. Our pupils performed with Adriano, his supporting musicians and pupils from other schools in the Y Theatre, a professional arts venue in the centre of Leicester City. Pupils sang songs about their experiences and stories of Leicester, creating a rich and fascinating vocal sonic portrait including how and why people arrived in Leicester and many other aspects of their life in a city with its own ancient history.

A Taste of France

A group of Year 4 pupils have had a wonderful experience visiting some French cuisine cafés in the city. The trip was organised for our more able and talented pupils who have progressed exceptionally well with their French this year. This provided an opportunity for the pupils to speak French in real contexts, as well as tasting French food. This trip was organised by our French teacher, Madame Patterson and our Modern Foreign Languages Coordinator Madame Parekh. The pupils visited Café Rouge for a French breakfast. They experienced reading a menu in French and ordering a breakfast. The pupils then visited Patisserie Valerie and were treated to some cupcakes! During their walk in the city centre they found many shop names that are in French too. On your next trip to the city centre with your children see how many you can spot!

Art Exhibition

I hope parents had the opportunity to see our pupils' wonderful art work in the exhibition during the parents' evenings in April. Our pupils' artistic skills have been developing in all year groups. We hope to showcase more art work next year.

FOXES Cricket Club Art project

As part of Leicestershire Cricket clubs community initiative, our talented pupils helped to design lettering for a special children's area at the Fischer County Cricket Ground. Charnwood was allocated the letter 'E', and a group of our artistic pupils embarked on designing this letter with a special Leicestershire cricketing theme. The letters allocated to a number of local schools make up the word FOXES DEN. The designs have been used on large lettering and can be seen in the children's area at the cricket club.

Our pupils were then invited to the recent thrilling Royal London One-Day Cup game against Warwickshire as a thank you for their efforts and to officially unveil the sign alongside Chief Executive Wasim Khan MBE, white ball captain Clint McKay, off-spinner Rob Sayer and Community Engagement Officer Amna Rafiq.

Our pupils were thrilled, to see the fruits of their labour and watch a professional cricket match at the Fischer County Ground. I have a feeling that a passion for cricket has been sparked in many of our pupils that were involved in this project!

If you happen to visit the grounds for a match in the near future please take time to go and see our pupils fantastic art work.

A number of Leicestershire players also visited Charnwood with the Foxes mascot. During the assembly the players gave away one season ticket to watch matches at the Leicestershire Cricket Grounds! The lucky winner of that ticket was Hamza Patel in Year 5.

Primary School Kwik Cricket Festival

The cricket season continues. This time the Leicester Electricity Cricket Club once again organised an inter school cricket competition for a number of local primary schools. Our Key Stage Two pupils played matches against local schools at the New Bridge Street Cricket Club. Our Cricket coach, Mrs Bhana and our P.E Co-ordinator Mr Ben have been training our pupils for these very important matches. Having won the cup a few years ago the aim was to bring the shield back to Charnwood. I am delighted that our pupils played brilliantly on the day and were crowned overall winners, so, YES; the shield is back at Charnwood!

Year 2 Football League competition

Our wonderful Year 2 pupils are still shining and amazing us with their talent, as they play matches against other local schools. Thank you to Year 2 parents who have been turning up to support and cheer our pupils on during the matches. So far we have 6 wins, one draw and one loss.

The scores so far are:-

Games played	Scores
Charnwood Vs Highfields Primary	2- 2
Charnwood Vs Uplands Infants	2- 1
Charnwood Vs Green Lane	7 -1
Charnwood Vs Sparkenhoe	1-3
Charnwood Vs Medway Primary	6-1
Charnwood Vs Shenton Primary	5-0
Charnwood Vs Highfields Primary	6-0
Charnwood Vs Uplands Infants	3-0

Please visit Upland Infants website for regular updates on the matches played.
<http://www.uplandsinfant.org.uk/year-2-football-league/>

Unreasonable and unacceptable behaviour from the school community – ZERO tolerance

At Charnwood we value the strong partnership between the community, parents and the school. We are thankful to have such supportive and respectful parents/ carers in our school community.

The school expects anyone who wishes to raise concerns with the school to:

- treat all members of the school community with courtesy and respect and in an appropriate manner
- avoid swearing and abusive language on school grounds and around our pupils and staff
- avoid the use of violence, or threats of violence, towards people or property
- recognise the time constraints under which members of staff in school work

Inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff, pupils and all members of the school community will not be tolerated.

Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave. They may receive a ban from the premises and their behaviour may be reported to the police.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year to date is: **95.8%**

Our school attendance target figure is **95.2 %**. So far we have met our target!

This month the following class has had the highest attendance: **1 Oak**

Please visit our school website for further information about attendance:-

<http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

Uniform Reminder

At Charnwood we want our pupils to take pride in their appearance. This shows respect not only for themselves but for the school. Please ensure that the uniform worn complies with the school policy. Details of the uniform can be found in the school prospectus and school website. We aim to ensure standards are kept high throughout the school. Class teachers will be sending home notes if your child is not wearing the correct uniform.

Boys' uniform

White shirt/polo shirt, plain **navy** trousers, plain **navy** jumper/sweatshirt.

Or navy $\frac{3}{4}$ length jabah.

Sensible **BLACK** shoes that have a closed back.

Girls' uniform

White blouse/polo shirt with a **navy** trousers.

Or navy pinafore dress with a white blouse/polo shirt and plain **navy** jumper/sweatshirt.

Or navy $\frac{3}{4}$ length jabah with matching headwear.

Pins and brooches must not be used to fix head scarves.

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Dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Trips/ workshops
Monday, 12 June 2017	Year 2 Football League Match
Thursday, 15 June 2017	Best Book Leicester Tiger Grounds Trip
Tuesday, 27 June 2017	Year 3 Thinktank Museum Trip
Thursday, 29 June 2017	Year 5 Twin Lakes Trip
Monday, 03 July 2017	Year 2 Football League Match
Tuesday, 04 July 2017	Year 2 Sundown Adventureland Trip
Wednesday, 05 July 2017	Year 5 Abbey Park Trip
Thursday, 06 July 2017	Year 1 Sea Life Centre Trip
Friday, 07 July 2017	Year 5 Glebelands Primary School
Monday, 10 July 2017	Year 2 Football League Match

Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about our school. Please have a look at this website and give your view: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

School Lunch

The cost of a school lunch is £1.75 for a day and £8.75 for a week. Please pay in advance of your child having their school lunch. Meals must be paid for on a weekly, monthly, half termly or termly basis. You may pay by cash or by cheque. If paying by cheque please make the cheque payable to “**Leicester City Council.**”

We would like to encourage all our parents to pay via cheque. If you do decide to send cash via your child do not send more than £10 in cash. It is the parents’ responsibility to ensure the money has been received by the office.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to provide your child with a school meal if you have a dinner debt of £8.75 or more. If you are having difficulty making payments please contact the school office.

The school lunch menu changes every week. A copy of the menu can be obtained from the school office.

Lunch time arrangements must be agreed for the beginning of each half term (before the term commences). Lunch time arrangements cannot be changed during the half term. Any changes can only be made for the following half term.

Office

It is vital that the school is kept informed of any changes to contact phone numbers, new home address and medical needs. These details are very important in any case of emergency. Please note calls made to and from the school may be recorded and used for monitoring and training purposes.

If your child is absent please ensure you ring the school office on every day that your child remains absent. May I take this opportunity to remind you that term time holiday requests **will not be authorised.** Please visit the school website to read the attendance information and policies.

ENJOY THE HALF TERM BREAK
See you back in school on Monday, 05 June 2017☺