Churchfields News

Quality First Education Trust

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Dear Churchfields Families,



We have been reflecting on Remembrance Day this week and all who have served or sacrificed in wartime conflict from all over the world. Remembrance reinforces a collective message for peace, which is as important today as it was in 1918 when fighting ended on 11th November at 11am. The whole school community took part in a silence on Wednesday at 11am and had assemblies about its significance. Our Reception classes made their own poppies to recognise Remembrance Day.

Yesterday, Dermot Mullin, our Director of Maths came into school to see maths being taught across all classes. He commented positively on the challenge he saw in classrooms, saying;
'There is a well-pitched level of challenge throughout the classes, allowing for an appropriate and productive struggle.'
'Your pupils are engaged and are thinking deeply.'
'Your pupils are enjoying their lessons - they're working well with partners, using CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) to truly understand their learning objective for the day'
Thank you to all the teachers who work so hard every day to ensure such opportunities for all our children.

Tomorrow is the year 5 & 6 Crystal Palace Cross Country event. We hope to see lots of our children braving the cold and enjoying taking part in the morning. It is always busy and lots of fun.

Stay warm & safe and have a wonderful weekend,

Sally White
Headteacher



Anti Bullying Week

We are starting anti-bullying week with Odd Socks Day on Monday.
We will have assemblies & PSHE lessons focusing on ABW throughout the week.

Thunk of the Week!

This week's Thunk: Can you play a game without knowing the rules?



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Important dates for your diary:

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 14 – Friday 20 November
Hawk Class Assembly – Tuesday 17 November, 2.45pm, Main Hall
SEND Mainstream Coffee Morning – Monday 23 November, 9am
Jackdaw Class Assembly – Tuesday 24 November, 2.45pm, Main Hall
UK Parliament Week – Monday 23 – Friday 27 November
ARC Coffee Afternoon – Wednesday 2 December, 2.15-3pm
PTA Christmas Fair – Saturday 5 December
Reception Nativity play for families – Tuesday 8 December, 9.30am.
Year 1 & 2 Nativity play to Year 1 families – Friday 11 December, 9.30am
Year 1 & 2 Nativity play to Year 2 families – Monday 14 December, 9.30am
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Carol concert – Tuesday 15 December, 2pm
Churchfields Got Talent – Thursday 17 December, 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch – Friday 18 December
Last Day of Autumn Term 2 – Friday 18 December

Term dates are available on our website.

Events in **black** are for the whole school, events in **blue relate to SEND**, **green for Nursery – Year 2**, and **orange for Years 3 – 6.**

Photography

If you follow our Instagram page, you may have noticed some differences to our photos since the beginning of this academic year. Due to changes to safeguarding recommendations around the photography of children from September, we will no longer be showing face-on images of children. Images will either be taken from the side, or behind, or with the child's face partially covered. Any children shown are children who also have photography permission from their parents/carers. If you wish to change your child's current photography permissions – to either allow or not allow photos – please email the school office.

If you are volunteering for a school trip or helping at a school event, please do not take photographs of the children and circulate them on your class WhatsApp groups or by other means. There are children throughout the school who do not have photography permission and images should not be shared in this way. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping to keep the children safe.

School Photos

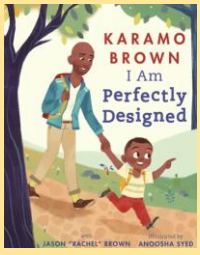
The final date to purchase individual or sibling photos from David White photography is Monday 16 November.

School Books

Due to the recent allegations against David Walliams, we have removed any of his remaining books from our school libraries whilst any investigations take place.

Birthday Book

Thank you to Sunny in Robin class for I am Perfectly Designed by Karamo Brown.



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Year Group Updates

Reception have created some beautiful artwork this week with light colours on dark paper marble painting, colour mixing based on their book, Mouse Paint, and watercolours for Remembrance Day.





In Science, **Year 4** have been classifying materials as solids, liquids and gases and **Year 5** have been investigating the best thermal insulators and separating materials.







Young Carers

Our young carers have enjoyed making chocolate sparklers.




ARC

ARC had fun at Shrek World. On the tour, they met characters including Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and Pinocchio who helped them escape the witches and the Kingdom of Far Far Away. At the end, the children celebrated and had a party with Shrek.





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Winter Holidays Activity Camps



To find out more or book your place, visit our website.

Open Morning

Our open morning for families looking for a place at Churchfields will take place on Wednesday 18 November from 9.15am. If you know of any families looking for a school place, or if you are considering Churchfields for your child's sibling and would like a tour, please sign up here.

