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CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No 4

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry.

I am delighted to say that we have completed our School Council for this year. As in previous years, the council is made up of 50% elected and 50% selected children to represent a broad range of pupils across the school. I look forward to meeting them to plan for this year.

Support Plan Meetings / SEND Review Appointments

This week Mr Hodgkinson has sent out invitations for the Autumn Term SEND Reviews. Parents expecting appointments should check all email facilities to ensure their appointment times have been received.

IMPORTANT- the appointments cannot be rescheduled or adjusted due to the number of appointments we have to allocate.

Sadly, we are working to tight timing deadlines and if you are unable to attend at the specific time they have been allocated, there will be no facility to change or adjust.

Year 6 Residential (general information) Meeting

Thank you for attending the Year 6 Residential (general information) meeting today. We hope it has given you some insight in to what the children will be doing and how residential trips are managed. Please see the following link to the powerpoint presentation from this morning - <https://www.cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk/useful-documents/>

School Gateway problems?

Are you having any School Gateway problems? Can you access the School Gateway easily? Do you have the School Gateway as an "App" on your phone? If you are having any problems with booking dinners or making payments, etc please contact Mrs Harrison in the School Office.



Do you follow up on X (Twitter)? We give regular updates informing you of events happening in school and also some photographs of the children busy with their work! Please visit @CassioburyJM

PE

If your child is unable to participate in PE lessons for medical reasons, please email the School Office (admin@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk) or complete the form which is available in the School Office lobby.

Please state the duration and reason as to why your child is unable to participate. Thank you!

Daisy's Arc

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Please see an email from Daisy's parents. Daisy attended Cassiobury Junior School.

Daisy, our only daughter, was taken by this rare cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma aged 13. Prior to the diagnosis she was an active and fit child with 100% attendance at Cassiobury primary and Rickmansworth secondary school.

To honour Daisy's memory we ask for help and support to raise awareness and funds to find a cure for the children diagnosed in the future.

I have attached two posters (see below) we have created for this campaign. Daisy's Arc exists to found research into Rhabdomyosarcoma, it is part of a charity called Alice's Arc together with other families (the Arcs) impacted by this cruel disease.

Direct Link to Daisy's Arc:

<https://www.alicesarc.org/arc/daisy-birikorang/>

Direct Link to Daisy's Arc Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alan-Birikorang>

Girls Winter Cricket Training Programme 2024/25 Bookings Open

The Hertfordshire Jets Programme for U10 - U11 age groups is open to all players who have experienced a season on the ECB Dynamos programme, a season of club cricket at a Hertfordshire based club, or play cricket at their local Herts based school.

[Jets](#) is the Hertfordshire Cricket pre-pathway programme and as such players cannot already be the on the [Hertfordshire Performance Pathway](#).

The programme aims to:

- Build Skills
- Improve Movement
- Grow Confidence
- **Autumn Term 1**

Saturdays	12-1:30pm	Parmiters School Watford	Starts: 5 th October	6 weeks £63 Session dates tbc
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Bookings can only be made online using the following link:



<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/064GtbIH05f0aSiV1cQ3>

Get Happy Concert!

Our Year 5 & 6 Cassiobury Junior School Choir will be performing in the "Get Happy" Concert in the school hall on Sunday 13th October 2024 with Hemel Hempstead Band and Strictly a Cappella. If you would like to come along and support the choir, please book via the QR code below or via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/68243>? This is a TICKET ONLY event.

Chess Challengers Club – After School

If your child is interested in joining the Chess Challengers Club – please see the flyer below and book directly with the club.

Sprog Sports are back in October Half Term

Have you book your October holiday club yet for your child? If not then contact Mr Howells on <https://www.sprogsports.com/holidaycourses>

Squirrels Helper required

Would you like to volunteer and help the Squirrel Leader on a Thursday? Are you interested in craft and could volunteer some time? Squirrels are aged between 4 and 6 years old. If you are interested in helping, please contact Catherine (catherinedavis1410@outlook.com).

*Special Mentions

3 Alder – Zakariya S - for showing outstanding effort in his writing assessment this week, he took ownership of his work and produced a well written narrative. Well done! **Audrey L** - for her contributions in our art lesson this week, Audrey showed fantastic knowledge of impressionist artwork and artists.

3 Apple – Aria P – for settling in to the class so well this week and **Isaac G** – for independent writing in the assessment week and having a good focus in class, working independently.

3 Ash – Reyan P - for his creativity in writing and working hard on his handwriting.

4 Hawthorn – Safiya A - for focusing when publishing her graphic novel showing care and attention and **Kerem J** - for showing enthusiasm when he shared what he liked in his level reading book.

4 Hazel – Charlotte J - for careful work when regrouping and estimating in maths and **Finlay H-B** - for using his rounding skills independently and effectively in maths.

4 Holly - Aizah H - for writing some lovely sentences in our grammar lesson on expanded noun phrases and **Lara N** - for being kind to her peers and doing her best to make sure everyone is included.

5 Pear - Hanaa J and **Abbas-Ali H** - for their participation and effort in all lessons.

5 Poplar - Juliette L - for adapting well to using a computer instead of handwriting in her lessons and **Diya P** - for having a great attitude for learning and taking pride in her work. Well done!

5 Pine - Zahra M - for great work in her writing, using interesting descriptive phrases! **Elizah H** - for working really hard in Maths this week with negative numbers! Keep it up!

6 Beech – Anthony A-S - for excellent effort and hard work in class this week and **Arohi J** - for some superb atmospheric writing in English.

6 Maple – Emily C - for the excellent descriptive writing she has done for the Night of the Gargoyles and **Rishaan K** - for the time and effort taken in his Pop Art page in art.

6 Oak – Mahika V and **Freddy McG** - great effort in writing lessons.

Thank you to..

Leo I & Abby L – 6 Beech – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..

Faleehah A – 5 Poplar – for playing the piano to the whole school in singing assembly this week – Well done!

Hridaya S – 6 Beech – for playing the piano to the whole school in singing assembly this week – Well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2024	
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
Sunday 13 th	Year 5 & 6 Choir Concert with Hemel Hempstead Band & Strictly a Cappella – see separate correspondence for booking tickets
14 th & 15 th	Year 6 Height and Weight with School Nurse – see email for more details
14 th	6 Maple Parent/Teacher Consultations – see separate correspondence
16 th	Harvest Festival – more details to follow
21 st & 22 nd	Parent/Teacher Consultations – see separate correspondence (NOT 6 Maple)
28 th – Fri 1 st November	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2024	
8 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
11 th	Remembrance Day
15 th	Year 3 & 4 Disco – 4.15pm to 5.15pm Year 5 & 6 Disco – 5.30pm to 6.30pm
20 th	Flu Nasal Vaccination Day
25 th – 28 th	Science Week – more details to follow
28 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
29 th	Occasional Day – School Closed
DECEMBER 2024	
10 th	Year 3 Production to parents - TBC
11 th	Year 6 Pantomime – more details to follow
12 th	Year 5 Christmas Concert – more details to follow
13 th	Flu Vaccination (for those who did not have on 20 th November 2024)
13 th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
13 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
18 th	Year 3, 4 and 5 Pantomime – more details to follow
20 th	Autumn Term 2024 ends at 1.30pm
JANUARY 2025	
6 th	Inset Day
7 th	Spring Term 2025 starts
10 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
FEBRUARY 2025	
6 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
7 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
10 th	Year 6 – Young Voices Concert – PM and Evening
10 th – 14 th	Art Week – more details to follow
14 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
17 th – 21 st	Half Term
MARCH 2025	

5 th – 7 th	Art Exhibition – more details to follow
7 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
13 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
APRIL 2025	
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
4 th	Mini Marathon Fun Run – more details to follow
4 th	Spring Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm
Tues 22 nd	Summer Term 2025 starts
MAY 2025	
2 nd	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
16 th	Peace Hospice Charity Walk – more details to follow
16 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
22 nd	Open Morning – more details to follow
26 th – 30 th	Half Term
JUNE 2025	
6 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
9 th – 13 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – more details to follow
20 th	Sports Day
27 th	CSA Cake Sale after school
26 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
JULY 2025	
4 th	Parent Rep Meeting – 9am – Miss Sherry's office
4 th	Reserved Sports Day
10 th	Transition Day
18 th	Summer Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm
21 st	Inset Day
22 nd	Inset Day
23 rd	Inset Day

Get Happy!

Join us for an afternoon of music
Performed by

**Hemel Hempstead
Band**



**Strictly
a Cappella**



&

Cassiobury Junior School Choir

Cassiobury Junior School

Bellmount Wood Ave, Watford WD17 3PD

Sunday 13 October 2024

4.30pm to 6.30pm

Refreshments

£7 Adult | £5 Child | £20 4 Person Group

Book online at :

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DWYT>

-or-





Chess Challengers
Igniting Minds...

Chess Challengers

UK's No.1 leading chess club

in Cassiobury Junior School, Watford

After school Chess Club



Every Thursday starts from 12th September 2024

Time : 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Chess Lesson & Tournaments

Pin it !

Register : chess.challengers@outlook.com

Our students participates in UK's prestigious tournaments
London Junior Chess Championship,
British Chess Championship



Encourage your child to explore a new skill !



Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



 Cancer is the **number one** cause of death by disease for children under the age of 14 in the UK.

 There are **88 different types** of children's cancer.

 **1,838 new cases** in children each year, on average, in the UK*.

 **253 children** in the UK die from cancer each year. This is more than 4 children each week*.

 Only **4 new drugs** have been approved in the last 20 years to treat childhood cancers.

 **90% of long-term cancer survivors** will develop serious health issues as a result of current treatments.

 Among children in the UK, **cancer is highest in the under-fives***

DAISY WAS DIAGNOSED IN AUGUST 2022 WITH STAGE 4 ALVEOLAR RHABDOMYOSARCOMA, AGED 12. SHE UNDERWENT CHEMOTHERAPY AND RADIOTHERAPY FOR FRONTLINE TREATMENT. JUST BEFORE DAISY WAS DUE TO START MAINTENANCE CHEMOTHERAPY SHE RELAPSED. RELAPSE TREATMENT DIDN'T WORK, THE DISEASE PROGRESSED.

DAISY PASSED AWAY ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2023, AGED 13 YEARS OLD.

[HTTPS://WWW.ALICESARC.ORG/ARC/DAISY-BIRIKORANG/](https://www.alicesarc.org/arc/DAISY-BIRIKORANG/)

TO HONOUR DAISY'S LIFE AND CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER WE HAVE JOINED ALICE'S ARC TOGETHER WITH OTHER FAMILIES IMPACTED BY RHABDOMYOSARCOMA TO FUND RESEARCH AND FIND A CURE.

RESEARCH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

HELP US TO CHANGE THE STORY.

PLEASE SUPPORT CHILDREN DIAGNOSED IN THE FUTURE BY MAKING A DONATIONS AND/OR SHARING. SHARING OUR POST.




*SOURCE CRUK 2017-2019 AND CRUK 2016-2018



Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Spot the Signs*

✦ Think Daisy's Arc ✦

✦ D ✦ DISCOMFORT: PERSISTENT PAIN (ANYWHERE IN THE BODY). A NEW LIMP OR SLOW RECOVERY AFTER INJURY.

✦ A ✦ APPEARANCE: YOUR CHILD LOOKS PALE OR HAS A SWOLLEN TUMMY.

✦ I ✦ IRRITABILITY OR CONSTANT EXHAUSTION.

✦ S ✦ SWELLING OR A LUMP THAT IS PERSISTENT.

✦ Y ✦ YOU ARE CONCERNED !!!

✦ S ✦ SICKNESS OR NAUSEA. LOSS OF WEIGHT.

✦ A ✦ A NEW RECURRENT HEADACHE. DISTURBANCE IN VISION.

✦ R ✦ RECURRENT HIGH TEMPERATURE OR NIGHT SWEATS. BLEEDING, EXCESSIVE BRUISING, BLOOD IN THE URINE.

✦ C ✦ COUGH. A PERSISTENT COUGH THAT DOESN'T GO AWAY AND MAKES IT HARD TO BREATHE.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOUR CHILD HAS SOME SYMPTOMS FROM THIS LIST, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY HAVE CANCER. THE LIKELIHOOD IS THAT THEY HAVE A NORMAL CHILDHOOD ILLNESS, BUT IF YOU ARE WORRIED SOMETHING IS JUST NOT RIGHT, PLEASE GET YOUR CHILD REVIEWED BY YOUR GP.

MOST OF THE TIME, THE CAUSE OF THESE SYMPTOMS WILL NOT BE CANCER. HOWEVER IF IT IS CANCER, AN EARLY DIAGNOSIS CAN HELP THE TREATMENT OF SOME CANCERS.



*SOURCES:
[HTTPS://WWW.CANCERRESEARCHUK.ORG/ABOUT-CANCER/CHILDRENS-CANCER/SYMPTOMS](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/childrens-cancer/symptoms)

[HTTPS://WWW.GKCC.ORG/INFORMATION-AND-SUPPORT/ABOUT-CHILDHOOD-CANCER/THE-SIGNS-AND-SYMPTOMS-OF-CHILDHOOD-CANCER/KNOWTHESIGNS/](https://www.gkcc.org/information-and-support/about-childhood-cancer/the-signs-and-symptoms-of-childhood-cancer/knownthesigns/)

