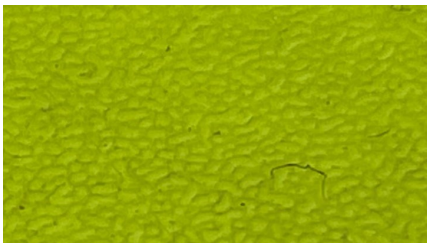




Dear Parents,

This week we have marked British Science week which this year has the theme adapt and change. The children have spent some time each day with a science focus starting with a whole school investigation around height. The Year 5 children then analysed as part of their science work and presented their findings to the whole school on Tuesday. We also had a lot of fun looking at some everyday items that had been zoomed-in on very closely. Some were very tricky to guess, here are two examples we found particularly hard despite them being items we have in school.



The children also thought about animal adaptation, testing out different types of beaks for gathering food. It has been great to see the children working together and especially seeing the older children taking the lead and supporting the younger children. Each class has also started planting seeds that we will be tending to over the coming months and moving to the raised beds on the field. We now need to be patient whilst the seeds work their magic out of sight. We ended the week with workshops for all the classes which were generously funded by the PTA.



I also wanted to update parents on the school office. We have now joined all office emails together, keeping the [office@charltonono.co.uk](mailto:office@charltonono.co.uk) as the main email address. Any emails sent to enquiries@ or parents@ will be re-directed to the office email address so that no emails get missed. We have also made some changes to roles in the office and will have a new school business manager, Mrs Pool, starting at the school after Easter. In the meantime Mrs North and I will be overseeing the many aspects of the role.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Nadia Gosling

## 'Eat them to defeat them'

Next week we are having a healthy eating focus in school with the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign that takes place every year.

Eat Them to Defeat Them was created by Veg Power and ITV as a fun way to encourage kids to eat more veg. Over 1.7m different children have taken part with 77% of parents reporting that their kids ate more vegetables.

For more information please visit the website:

<https://eatthemtodefeatthem.com/families/>

In school, we will be offering children the some fruits and vegetables to taste throughout the week to encourage them to try new foods. We will also be talking about the importance of fruits and vegetables in our diets.

## Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 & Year 3&4 with:

**96% attendance**

**Whole school attendance  
94%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

## Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am  
8:30am—8:45am  
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday**

**Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

## Diary dates

- 17th March—Yr5/6 Mixed League Football
- 21st March—Yr5/6 Mixed League Football
- 24th March—Yr5/6 Mixed League Football
- 26th March—FSU + Yr1/2 Drama Workshop
- 26th March—Yr5/6 Mixed League Football
- 28th March—PTA Bingo night 5.30pm
- 2nd April—Yr5/6 Girls Football Final
- 25th April—PTA Easter Café 3.15pm

For future dates: <https://charlton-on-otmoor.sch.life/Page/Calendar>



## PTA

We hope the children enjoyed the Science Workshop today. Thank you for all your contributions which enable us to help the school to organise these great events.

We have lots of pre-loved summer uniform available—please ask a member of the PTA if you need anything or would like to have a look.



Join us on the 28th March for Family Bingo—5.30pm

## FSU

Our core Nursery Rhymes this week have a sheep theme-Little Bo Peep and Baa, Baa, Black Sheep. We have had all kinds of sheep themed activities including a message from Bo Peep that asked us to help her find her sheep! We were also very fortunate to have a visit from two, two week old lambs!

For science week we took part in a group height experiment with the rest of the school, have planted some flowers and carrots, had the sheep visit, did some animal yoga and taken



## Year 1 & 2

We have been doing lots of extra science activities this week due to it being Science Week. We planted sunflower seeds, looked at how animals adapt to their habitats, took part in some animal yoga at forest school and had a fun science workshop on Friday. We have also been baking in our class thrive assembly. It was very messy but they have worked as a team with not much adult support. They were all very happy with their finished product!



## Year 3 & 4

Key Stage 2 have had a fantastic Science Week this week, filled with planting, investigating and playground games, all around the theme of Change and Adaptation. A highlight was when children in 3/4 mixed with those in 5/6 to investigate how different birds' beaks have adapted to suit the food that they eat. The children raced against the clock using tweezers, toothpicks, pegs and spoons to pick up marshmallows, peas, rice and rubber bands! They then used their results to analyse which shape of beak was the most effective for each food item.



## Year 5 & 6

Last Friday, we loved our Maya workshop. The session involved lots of drama and role play, finding out about the different people in Maya society, as well as the buildings and temples. One of the best bits was finding out about the different Gods and acting them out. As well as having lots of fun, lots of great facts were explained to us.



## Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Clarke or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.