

Newsletter



27th May April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week to end our half term despite the torrential rain. Since the children returned in March, time certainly seems to be flying by!

This week, the governors, staff and I are delighted to have received another report providing positive feedback from last week's 'Teaching and Learning Review of EYFS' (Early Years Foundation Stage ie Reception).

A National Leader of Education for Early Years (EYs) was commissioned by Surrey to provide external validation for our progress to date. The aim of this visit was to validate the ongoing improvements and developments in EYs, to ensure the school is prepared for the EYFS Reforms in 2021 and to discuss the Nursery provision for September 2021. We are pleased to have a growing bank of reports, all validating the work we have done to date.

The visit was thorough and involved a discussion with leaders, a learning walk to observe the teaching and provision including the impact of initiatives in EYs, looking at the children's learning journeys as well as talking to the children and staff. A very thorough review and another very busy day! Here is a snippet:

*'Claygate Primary have been on a **rapid** EYFS improvement journey and the quality of the provision, practice and learning opportunities are of **high quality**.*

- *The HT, DHT and EY Lead have a **clear vision** for the EYs and are **all able** to articulate the pedagogy and practice that is **evident**.*
- *The learning environment is good – it is well resourced, **areas are inviting, exciting and stimulating**.*
- *The children are **engaged** learners, spending **sustained** periods of time engaged in their chosen or adult lead activity, **happy** to interact with adults and **explain** their learning.*
- *The children are **independent**; the environment has allowed them to be **autonomous** in their learning.*
- *Practitioners **engage well** with the children, ensuring a balance of teaching new learning, and supporting, scaffolding new learning.*
- ***Expectations are high**, this was evident from the **quality evidence** and learning journeys available during the visit.*
- *Learning journeys show **celebrations** of work and the school use Tapestry for sharing photographs and observations with parents – there is a clear **expectation** in place, ie 'we only keep and share it if it is worth doing so'!*
- *Plans are **very well underway** for the new Nursery provision which is opening in September 2021. The learning environment has been set up to enable new and prospective parents to visit. There is a **clear plan** in place for the spaces and development of the (nursery) outside area.'*

We are very proud of the rapid and sustained improvements which have been made and congratulate Miss Dias and the EYs team. We have continued to welcome new reception parents in small groups after school each day; all seemed very impressed with the improvements we have made in Early Years.

INSET Reminder: our next INSET is June 7th 2021. We will be welcoming speakers about curriculum design and the implementation and impact of our provision in the morning. In the afternoon we will utilise this to create subject presentations; these will be shared with all staff and with our governors.

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Medieval Day

Our Reception children were buzzing in anticipation of their Medieval Day and it certainly didn't disappoint! The staff and children put an incredible effort into their outfits and they had a fun day of learning; making lasting memories too I am sure.



Staffing

We are pleased to have appointed a nursery lead who is very experienced and will work alongside Miss Dias to ensure the EYFS phase at CPS grows from strength to strength. We have also appointed two very experienced Nursery practitioners to add to our team.

Mrs Bone has worked at CPS for many years and has supported so many children in so many ways throughout this time. She is always willing to pause and listen and is a treasure as she is confident to work with all ages and with individual children as well as supporting larger groups; as long as she is having an impact she is happy! Sadly for us, Mrs Bone is about to start a new adventure and will relocate imminently - we will all miss her warmth and positivity. She will leave Claygate on Friday 11th June and we wish her every happiness in the future.

M-Fit

In M-Fit, Apsen class have been learning about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. As part of Give, we have been decorating pebbles. The decorated pebbles will be hidden around the village, with a view that others will find them and they will brighten up their day.

If you find one of the pebbles and are on Twitter, please feel free post a photo and tag us @claygateprimary #teamcps

Mrs Evans and Mrs Thomas



myON

A reminder that as a school we subscribe to myON. This is an online library of ebooks which can be accessed on a phone, iPad or tablet. All books can be quizzed on using your child's Accelerated Reader log in. Further details are in the attached parent guide. Please log in using www.myon.co.uk (rather than.com). You can also download the myON app to enjoy reading books offline – this is really helpful for car journeys to the supermarket!

School barrier

There is an issue with the school barrier as it is not working consistently. We are awaiting a new part. Please do not use this as an opportunity to use the drive. Many thanks.

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Doodle Maths

This weeks winners on Doodle Maths are

KS1 : Emily (Chestnut)



KS2 : Harry (Rowan)

Class : Chestnut



Congratulations to all of you!

CPSPA meeting

All parents are welcome and are invited to join our next PA meeting: Tuesday 8th June at 7.30pm via Zoom <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77635836033?pwd=SzN6dVRXQWc5dmtQSVFFK1Z6WFJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 776 3583 6033 Passcode: CPSPA

Dogs

Please be mindful that dogs can get excited when around so many people and we kindly request that dogs are not brought to the school gates. A parent has made us aware of an incident this week where a dog jumped up and tore her clothing. Some children are naturally nervous around dogs and the presence of dogs upsets several children on a regular basis.

Reminder: no dogs are allowed onto the school site (ie beyond the car park gates).

*** Save the date for the School Ball! ***

We are excited to announce the ball team is back in action and planning the next school ball. It will be held at Sandown RaceCourse on **Saturday 18th September**. Full details to follow after half term.

(Surbjit, Sonia, Liz, Kat, Sarah)

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Care for Calais

One of our school mum's (Fi Forson) is working with Care for Calais and they are trying to make up care packages for 300 refugees who have just arrived in the UK.

They currently need the following things:

Healthy fruit/nut snacks
Mens size s/m jogging bottoms
Mens size s/m casual, comfy tops.
Mens underwear and socks

**CARE 4
CALAIS**

If anyone is able to donate to help give these people in desperate need some dignity and a change of clothes please either give your donations directly to Fi or drop off at her house : 27 Crediton Way.
Thank you.

Suitcases!

We would like to introduce an initiative delayed due to covid: a suitcase library! Suitcases filled with books can be wheeled into the playground so those avid readers amongst us can browse should they wish. Our suitcase library would only be available certain days to encourage some more physical play too. We would also like a well-being suitcase filled with colouring and puzzle books etc.

If you have any suitcases you wish to donate (ideally with wheels), books, colouring / puzzle books etc

We are also still happy to receive any donations of suitable good condition, indoor / outdoor toys, dressing up clothes and books etc for the nursery. We would also like any small chairs, bean bags and rugs. Please donate at the gate or bring donations down to the office just after the morning drop off or just before pick-up!

Year 5 Football Tournament



After nine challenging matches, which we were victorious in eight but sadly lost one, we were through to the final!

We played against a team in red and it was very difficult. In the second half, we conceded 2 goals to get them ahead. When the whistle blew, they were still 2-0 up but because we played so well, we got a cup!

Report by Megan and Charlotte

Claygate Community Pool Golf day

Don't forget to grab your tickets for the amazing Community Pool Golf Day on 2nd July. It looks set to be a fantastic day with food, drink, golf and some brilliant prizes!

Act quickly to secure your place! See the attached flyer for more information

Pencil Cases

Please ensure your child has everything they need in their pencil cases, including a glue stick.

Many thanks.

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