

Newsletter



10th March 2022

Last week, we welcomed a team of Head Teachers to complete a Teaching and Learning Review with a focus on EYFS and to undertake a deep dive into writing.

They talked to staff and interviewed our leads, chatted to children and looked at both learning environments and evidence in books. They observed learning in every class. We were delighted with the feedback! From mark making to extended independent writing. They were impressed with the quality of work produced and our approach to writing. They noted our clear writing process within a well planned 'learning journey' with a strong focus on both proof reading and editing. The children shared their passion for writing and talked enthusiastically about 'Word of the Week'. I was also proud to share that Miss Cannons has joined Mrs Ali as an LA trained moderator and she was able to share everything we have done to date to improve provision within English across the school.

Equally, I was pleased with their feedback on EYFS, highlighting the strength of continuous provision (both inside and outside) across both Reception and Nursery. All children were happily engaged, independently, collaboratively or by the staff team. There was a lovely buzz of learning in Mini-Woodies too! They were incredibly impressed with how well our children could self-select resources and talk to our visitors about their learning. There was also a focus on mark making and writing opportunities across the provision and they commented on how much the children had already mastered! They also noted the EYFS Lead's knowledge of the new framework and how this had been implemented and embedded so successfully.

This was followed by a further LA commissioned review of early reading and phonics. This reviewed provision from Nursery up to Year 2. This is important as there were changes to the approach to the teaching and learning of phonics introduced nationally in September. Again, learning was observed in 'lessons' and in continuous provision and again, feedback was excellent.

It was so positive having such complimentary feedback from both teams, especially since Acorns Nursery is still so new. Having a nursery has already brought so much to our school and all of the Senior Leadership Team are delighted to be able to get to know our children even sooner. Our Acorns will be buddied with Year 3 and they enjoyed their first shared session together on World Book Day. It is also lovely having Reception and Nursery together for assemblies; a great transition to our school and the Nursery children love to see the 'big boys and girls'! Our older, Blue Acorns have begun having lunch in the dining hall too.

All staff have received training on Curriculum Design and subject leads have aimed to ensure each subject is purposefully mapped out and progressive with links to other subjects only where it is advantageous to do so. This input, some face to face and some online has helped drive our journey forwards. Christine Counsell, a leader in curriculum design who has delivered much of this training visited CPS on Wednesday. She observed learning, looked at books and focused on RE and humanities. We looked at depth and in great detail at these curriculum drivers. We were thrilled to work with her.

Although it can be hard to face such regular scrutiny, it is so important that we ensure provision has improved and continues to be driven forward, so we welcome it. The governors and I are confident our school is a great school. From the refurbishment and development of the school itself to what we offer children and staff, will continue to be a focus.



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Pool update

Last weekend the remainder of the steels were brought 'pool side', the framework was added to and is now complete.

Although a lot of ground, and below ground, work has been completed up to now, this phase is the most impactful to date!



Sports Round-Up



Football

We won! A very well done to all the girls who played in the semi-final against Thames Ditton last Friday. It was a tough match, as both teams wanted a place in the finals. Claygate had a brilliant victory, winning 2-1.

Report by Sophia & Layla (Cedar)



Rugby

On Monday, 7th March Year 3 and 4 children took part in a values tag rugby tournament at Cobham Rugby Club.

They played 8 exciting games with lots of tries scored.

Well done to all the children who played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Running

Theo (Rowan) completed the kids race in the Surrey marathon, which took place on Sunday, 6th March.



Little Princess Trust

Here at CPS we're really proud of one of our students, Abbie. Here's why!



My hair donation

On Saturday, I went to the hairdressers to get my hair cut because I want to help children with cancer by donating my hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Donation

I first started this by creating a page for donations to the trust, so far I have raised £1,200. Thank you to the people that have donated. If you haven't and you would like to donate you can use the [Just Giving link](#).

The hairdresser divided my hair into four ponytails, next the big moment...she cut the ponytails off!

What they do?

If you're still not sure, the Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. They also fund research for looking for a kinder and more effective way to help.

Abbie (Beech)

Collection for Ukrainian Children

A group of CPS girls who attend 1st Claygate Brownies have made some lovely badges. They will be selling them tomorrow and on Monday for 50p each and all proceeds will be sent to support Ukrainian children.

Thank you to Grace (Rowan), Alice (Rowan), Lara (Rowan), Isabelle (Beech), Katie (Sycamore) Ella (Sycamore), Emily (Sycamore) and Millie (Hazel).

Well done girls!



Greenredeem

Please help our school to receive funding for eco projects.

We've recently joined the Greenredeem School Donations Scheme. A new initiative with Elmbridge Borough Council that helps schools receive funding for projects which work towards educating for a sustainable future. Flyers went out in book bags earlier this week.

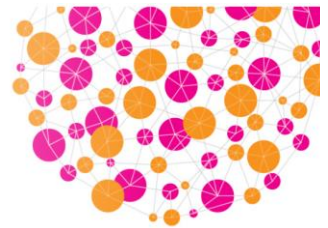
In order to receive funding we need your help! Please visit [the Green Redeem website](#) and register today. Once signed up you'll be able to take activities (such as videos, quizzes and pledges) to earn points. You can then donate your points to our school. The more points we receive, the more funding we will be allocated. We are hoping to get some cycle storage with any funds allocated.

British Science Week is coming!

As a school we will be celebrating British Science Week from 11th -20th March. The theme this year is growth. A homework will be sent home to all children to create a poster all about growth. If you would like to, these can be submitted to the annual poster competition by following the instructions sent out on Google Classroom.

We will also be inviting all children from KS1/KS2 to come and join in with lunchtime drop-in sessions to experience growth around CPS. Updates and photos to follow next week!

11-20 March
**British
Science
Week
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Doodle

This week's top Doodlers are:



Top Maths KS1 :
Seth (Alder)

Top English KS1 :
Imogen (Alder)



Top Maths KS2 :
Iyla (Beech)

Top English KS2 :
George (Beech)



Well done also to Holly, Willow and Sycamore classes for lots of doodling! There are so many children in the Green Zone!