

Newsletter



17 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy week for staff with parent consultations, but incredibly worthwhile and rewarding. In the future we plan to have a hybrid of 1 day virtual and 1 day face to face to hopefully suit everyone's preferences. This time it was so lovely to have the opportunity to see so many of you in person. Many of you noticed the beginning of the brickworks for the pool - so exciting - it certainly feels 'real' now the building works are under way!

We are advertising for Nursery Assistants; please advise anyone who may be interested that information about this can be found on [the Vacancies page on our website](#).

Red Nose Day: as families have generously donated to our Ukraine appeal so recently, we decided not to ask for Red Nose Day donations - of course there are so many ways to support this cause should you wish. The children will reflect on families who are in need and how fortunate we are and children across the Ember Learning Trust are marking the occasion by swapping jokes!

Yesterday we had our Ember Learning Trust AGM, of which I am Chair. It was a productive meeting charting our collaborative efforts to date; this partnership benefits our school community in so many ways. In the subsequent Trustees Meeting, our vision was agreed - once I receive the finalised copy, I will share it with you all.

It was also shared that the Head Teacher of Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School and the Head Teacher of Thames Ditton Infant School are both leaving the profession at the end of the academic year. We will of course continue to work with the new Heads once appointed.

Happy St Patrick's Day!

Miles4Madi charity event in aid of the Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey and Sussex (KSS) - Saturday 26 March

The Roome family, with the support of local businesses and Claygate friends, are organising a charity event on the 26 March called **Miles4Madi**. The event is in aid of the Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey and Sussex (KSS) who in May 2020 airlifted their daughter, Madi, to St. George's Hospital after she was kicked in the face by a passing horse in Telegraph Lane, Claygate.



They hope to raise £10,000 for KSS, which equates roughly to the cost of a helicopter callout to one medical emergency. Families are encouraged to sign up via the website for the bike rides, and a family concert and family fundraiser at Pistachios which is going to be a fun-filled afternoon with food, drinks and lots of activities for the children. There will also be a Mother's Day gift auction for those who would like to spoil their special someone whilst at the same time supporting a charity that provides a vital service to our Claygate community.

For more information on the event, how to sign up and to make a donation please see their website: <https://miles4madi.com/>. More information can also be found on the attached poster.

Tissues

There are lots of coughs and sneezes around school at the moment. If you are able to drop in a box of tissues that would be greatly appreciated. Please either send them in with your child or drop them into the school office. Many thanks.

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Sports Roundup



Boys Football

On Thursday, 10 March 2022, the Year 6 boys football team competed in a semi-final against St. Pauls. Claygate Primary School won the match 2-0 and claim a spot in the league final. Our amazing football team, which consists of 2 year fives and 7 year sixes, has a very strong chance to bring home a trophy.

Report by Zak and James (Cedar)

Cross Country

We did cross country on Saturday, 12 March 2022, near Garson's farm where they pick the strawberries. It was fun but very muddy and tiring and Claygate Primary came 4th overall, with a gold medal in the Year 5 girls category, as well as 1 in the Year 5 boys. Overall everyone had a fantastic day.

Report by Carys and Callum (Cedar)



Netball

On Tuesday, 15th March, the Claygate Primary netball teams played against St Albans.

The blue team won by 6-1. It was a tough match but we broke through and won. We tried our hardest which helped us to succeed. The burgundy team also played amazingly and won by 10-1. It was also a challenge to beat St. Albans but we pulled it together and kept strong.

Both teams did their best and were proud of how they played.

Report by Minnie (Cedar) and Emily (Hawthorn)



Girls Football

Congratulations to the Year 5 girls who took part in the Surbiton High School football tournament today. After playing 5 group matches, they went on to win their semi-final 5-1 and then the final 1-0. Well done girls!



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Claygate Recreation Ground Play Area

Elmbridge Borough Council would like your views! As part of their rolling refurbishment programme they are in the process of procuring equipment for the refurbishment of the play area in Claygate Rec. To give your views on the designs send your email address to playconsult@elmbridge.gov.uk and add 'Survey' in the subject line. They will then consult with you when designs are available.

Doodle

This week's top Doodlers are:

Top Maths Doodler in the school this week is Seth (Alder) with 364 stars



Top English Doodler is George (Beech) with 720 stars!

Top English Doodler KS1 is Maria (Alder)



Top Maths Doodler KS2 is Indio (Sycamore)



Well done Holly, Willow and Sycamore classes for lots of Maths doodling!

There are so many children in the Green Zone from Beech class for Doodle English. Well done!