

# Newsletter



**31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Fingers crossed, the weather will continue to improve, and we'll be able to enjoy some bright and sunny days over the holidays.



The clocks have again changed and signs of warmer weather are already evident – it's always so lovely to see. The Spring Term flew over in a flash!

Don't forget, children may begin to wear their 'warmer weather' uniform after the holiday should you so wish – school uniform information can be found [on the school website](#).

This week we have been celebrating World Autism Acceptance Week and the children have talked about how everyone is different, unique and special. Many of our classes have watched, reflected on and discussed [the resources available here](#).

## **Library relaunch**

After a very long break we are excited to be reopening the newly decorated Library after Easter, which means children will be able to borrow books to bring home again.

### Outstanding books

As the schools closed with little notice in 2020 lots of books were still on loan, please could you check around the house for any books that could be returned to the Library. They will have a "Claygate Primary" stamp on the inside cover and maybe a barcode strip. Any books you find would be greatly received as we have lots of books missing... please drop them into the Office.

### Book Donations

If you have any KS2 books that your children no longer want please feel free to drop them in too as we have big gaps in our books for older children.

### Budding librarians

Finally, if you fancy helping out, it's just a couple of hours a week, please let us know by emailing [alexnadinesmith@gmail.com](mailto:alexnadinesmith@gmail.com).

## **Update on COVID-19 vaccination for 5 to 11 year olds**

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine from the beginning of April. Vaccinations will take place outside of school, in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres. You will receive a letter from the NHS with further information on the vaccine.

Parents can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#), at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) without needing an appointment. Bookings will open up for 5 to 11 year olds from the beginning of April.

We return to school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Have a wonderful, sunny, safe and healthy holiday!

## WhatsApp

WhatsApp remains one of the most popular social media messaging services. The minimum age of use for WhatsApp is 16 years old. New features increases the online safety risk of WhatsApp and includes:

### End-to-End Encryption risks

- This makes WhatsApp a more desirable platform for abuse and grooming to take place as individual users gain more control over their privacy.
- It will make it more difficult for investigators to access potential evidence if there is an incident.

### View Once Images and Videos risks

- Users can still screenshot images and screen record videos. The sender won't be alerted. Screenshots of images or videos can be used by a bully or an abuser to control, manipulate, or blackmail the original sender.
- Images can also be captured in other ways, such as through a second camera device.
- Just because an image or video disappears doesn't mean the effect of sharing does. This feature could be used to spread inappropriate or harmful content without a user's consent.
- The 'view it once' justification is often used by offenders to convince vulnerable children to share images "because they will disappear."
- This feature can provide an illusion of safety for young people sharing images or videos that they believe will completely disappear, in group chats, friendship groups, or relationships.

### Delayed Joining for Group Calls

- Group chat links can be shared publicly where offenders may use them to share tactics on harming others or livestream abuse (similar to the ways Zoom and other encrypted platforms are misused).
- If a stranger gets hold of the video call info, they can freely join at any time and can save any contact details available at the time of the call.
- Anyone with a link or QR code to the group can freely join the group chat at any time.
- Group admins can refresh links and QR codes, but any member who has left the group can still contact group members if there has been an outgoing call made when they were a part of the group.
- Any group member can view and save another group member's mobile number, even if they are not a saved contact. That being said, WhatsApp does allow all users to block and reject communication from any unknown contacts.

More information and some Top Tips [can be found here.](#)

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## Wellbeing Ambassador Program

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors participated in their training last week.

The team from the Eikon charity, came to reinforce the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, that we use in our M-Fit Enrichment lessons.

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing are a simple, practical tool that anyone can use to help improve their own wellbeing. The team have been busy brainstorming ideas to promote the 5 Ways to Wellbeing across the school.

Watch this space for new wellbeing initiatives that will be implemented over the coming weeks.



## 5 Ways to Wellbeing

### Connect



Connect with people around you. Spend time with friends and family. Make new friends. Use different ways to communicate.

### Learn



Set yourself a goal. Learn something new. Take up a hobby that you really enjoy and become absorbed in - this is called 'finding your flow'.

### Active



Go for a walk or a run. Cycle, dance or play a game. Go to the park. Try a new activity.

### Notice



Some people call taking notice 'mindfulness'. Notice what you're thinking and be aware of what's going on in the world around you.

### Give



Do something nice for a friend. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Take action to improve your neighbourhood.

## Crazy Science Extra Curricular Club

We are delighted to announce that a new after school club will be starting after Easter. It is a Science club and will run for KS1 on Wednesdays and KS2 on Thursdays. A flyer is attached with more information.

## Specsavers Surrey Youth Games – Free Training and Event for 6-16 Year Olds

The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games is the largest multi-sport youth event of its kind in the South East of England, offering FREE local training for those taking part. This unique programme brings together 6-16 year olds from Surrey who often don't have access to the sort of sporting opportunities that others take for granted. For more information visit the [Specsavers Surrey Youth Games website](https://www.specsaversyouthgames.com).



## VIAM

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, children from choir travelled to Wembley Arena to perform in front of thousands of people! After not being able to go for three years, it was wonderful to finally take the choir into Wembley Arena for Voice in a Million. The children have been learning songs for this exciting event all term, and they delivered an amazing, energy-filled performance on the day.

Voice in a Million is an annual event to raise money for Adoption UK through a joyous sing-along. This year there were over 5,000 singers taking part! It was wonderful to see our choir contribute to the mass of voices so positively, and to hear the happy voices of children performing together again.

VIAM included a fun mix of songs and genres. This year the pieces that our choirs were asked to sing were: *Let Me Entertain You*, *Temporary Home*, *Try Everything*, *Human*, *Unstoppable*, *Don't Give up on Me*, *Uptown Funk*, *The Champion*, *Fix You*, *Chosen Family*, *Help a Child Belong*, *Giant* and *The Show Must Go on*. All of these songs were utterly spectacular with the combination of energetic choreography, and thousands of children singing together.

Although this is always a long and tiring day, the choir children really enjoyed themselves and did the school proud! Our Year 5 group were fantastic, representing the school very well during the banner parade on the main stage.

I am very proud of our VIAM choir and was thrilled to be part of this exciting experience. I am sure that our young singers thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and hope that they will take away joyous memories from today for years to come. Thank you to all of the parents who came to support this event at Wembley and of course a huge thanks to Mrs Sisterson for helping take the children to the performance.

Mrs Moorhouse



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## Kids in the Wild

Would your child be interested in taking part in a new Channel 4 Programme (from the makers of The Great British Bake Off and Junior Bake Off)? They are making a brand-new programme for Channel 4 and are looking for children to take part in a once in a lifetime wild camping adventure this summer. They are looking for children ages 9-11 from all areas of the country, from a range of backgrounds, abilities and ethnicities.

For more information, please see the attached Flyer.

## Doodle



## Well Done English Doodlers!



## Mufti Day – Calm Cushions



Calm cushions show Animal Breathing Techniques, 5,4,3,2,1 grounding techniques, shape finger tracing techniques and Affirmations. These would be a welcome addition to our reading corners!

They are £16.99 each so we would like your children to give your donations directly to their class teacher. They can then use donations to buy 1 (or 2) cushions for their reading zones.



## Extra Curricular Clubs

Please note that a timetable and information about all the extra curricular clubs we offer are available [on the school website](#).

Please do sign up as soon as possible to secure a place for your child(ren).

### Nature Connection Club

This is a new club which runs on Tuesdays after school in the Woodland Learning Zone. For more information email [sarahalmondforestschoo@gmail.com](mailto:sarahalmondforestschoo@gmail.com).



### Dance Club

Claygate Dance Club performed last Thursday at the Surrey Schools Slam - an evening of Urban and Hip Hop dance. They performed alongside ten other Primary and Secondary Schools from across the county and did an incredible job! A huge well done to: Abbie, Alice, Amelia, Anna, Angel, Eliza, Emily, Evie, Maisie, Millie, Imogen, Isabelle, Nansumay, Olive, Tess and Zoe.

If you would like more information about joining Dance Club, please email: [edowling.dance@gmail.com](mailto:edowling.dance@gmail.com)

