

Newsletter

2 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week's themes continue to focus on our environment and sustainability after Brazil's new president, Luiz Inacio de Silva is aiming to protect the Amazon Rain forest.

This week's story looks at events related to ...



Rule of Law

Rules and laws can be put in place to help protect the natural world. We are all responsible for these rules and laws.



UN Rights of a Child



We have the right to share what we have learned about the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest. We can also share what we think and feel about it unless it harms other people.



Protected Characteristics



Luiz Inácio da Silva is Brazilian. This is his nationality. People around the world can unite to reduce the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest. Our nationality must never stop us doing something.



TAKEHOME



Does the natural world have rights?

In the news this week

Brazil's new president has said he aims to reduce deforestation and help protect the Amazon rainforest. In his first speech, Luiz Inácio da Silva (also known as Lula), promised to make climate protection a priority and explained he wanted to reach zero deforestation in the Amazon. Scientists often call the rainforest the 'lungs of the planet', because of the role it plays in absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen, saying that preservation of the Amazon is vital to stopping climate change.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about the Amazon rainforest with others at home and talk with others about what they know.
- > Do you believe enough is being done to protect the Amazon rainforest? Do you think the natural habitats close to where you live are protected?
- > Whose responsibility do you consider it is to protect natural habitats?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Children's Mental Health Week



Next week marks Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'.

At CPS, we already focus on Connecting, during our M-Fit enrichment lessons and beyond, as part of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing.

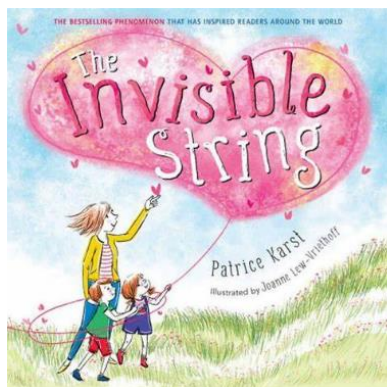
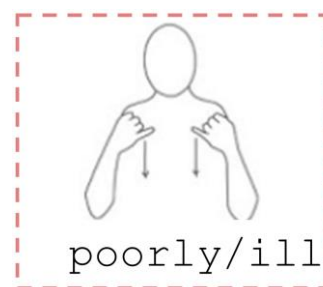
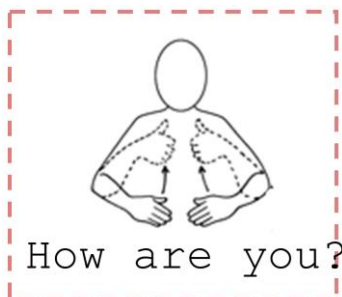


EL stands for Emotional Literacy; the understanding of emotions and feelings. Mrs Evans, Mrs Eke and Mrs Thomas are all qualified and make up our Emotional Literacy Support team with Mrs Watkinson (Mrs W) as our qualified Key Worker. The week will begin with assemblies reminding all children of our many support systems available to them.

Makaton

This week our signs are:

All children are now equipped with stem sentences they can use in the playground and also Makaton signs. This half term we have focused one motions leading beautifully up to this focus week.



We will all focus on 'Connecting', looking at the book 'The Invisible String' by Patrice Karst.

The team will run additional M-Fit lunchtime workshops, throughout the week to look at bit closer at how we connect with others and who is important to us.

The week will end with a MUFTI Day on Friday to raise funds for each class to have its own class teddy. This initiative was voted for by the school Wellbeing Ambassadors, as an additional calming tool for their classrooms. Last year each class raised money for calm cushions which are well-used / liked! All money raised will go direct to the classes, so any additional funds will go towards wellbeing books for the classroom.

Cookie & Nibbles

We are still looking for families to look after our lovely guinea pigs over weekends and school holidays. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Kosbab in the school office, gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.

Year 5 Hampton Court Visit

The Year 5's had a fantastic day out at Hampton Court Palace to support their learning of the Tudors. As well as exploring the palace, the children were involved in two workshops! They put their discussion skills to the test as they investigated Henry VIII by looking at a range of questions using different sources as evidence for their answers. They also explored the Tudor kitchens and learnt what it would have been like to work at the palace under the rule of Henry VIII.



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Safer Internet Day

The 20th anniversary of [Safer Internet Day](#) is on Tuesday the 7th February; we seize these as additional opportunities to delve deeper into online safety above the computing online safety curriculum and of course alongside incidental learning every time we use technology. Of course we have also had the opportunity to reflect on the learning from Breck's story. Eikon have developed a free guide to support conversations about online safety: [Safer Internet Day Guide](#)

Doodle

Top Doodlers this week:



Top KS2 Maths:
Diana (Beech)

Top Maths in the whole
School : Freddie (Elm)



Top KS1 English
Maria (Elm)

Top KS2 English:
Amos (Aspen)



Congratulations to all of you!

Kuk Sool Won

Kuk Sool Martial Arts held their Charity Club Championships 2023 on Sunday 29th January 2023.

Genevieve (Acorns Nursery) won a bronze and a gold medal plus a certificate.

She was by far the youngest competitor with most children either being in reception or year 1 in her category.



Logan (Holly) took part in white belt U/8 division.

She competed in three areas in the championship called form, technique and sparring. She managed to win a gold medal in both sparring and form.

Well done girls, we're all so proud of you both!

Year 6 – Hawthorn

Hawthorn Class was inspired by their Picture News assembly, and subsequent reflective discussions. They created bird feeders, utilising recycled plastic bottles. They created bird feed mixing popcorn, raisins, porridge oats and nyjer seeds. We look forward to seeing their impact in the Woodland learning Zone and Mini-Woodies.



Textiles Collection Bin

Don't forget we have a textiles bin here at CPS. This is great way to reduce, reuse and recycle, whilst also raising funds for the school. We can accept the following – clothing, shoes (as a pair), bedding, towels, soft toys and curtains.

Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM 2023	
3.2.2023	Sycamore Class Assembly (9.10am)
3.2.2023	Year 1 – Drop in and Read Session (2.40pm-3pm)
7.2.2023	Safer Internet Day
7.2.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Alder Class (2.50pm)
8.2.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Aspen Class (2.50pm)
8.2.2023	Parent Pop-Ins (3.30pm-4pm)
10.2.2023	MUFTI – Children's Mental Health Week
10.2.2023	Hazel Class Assembly (9.10am)
HALF TERM	
20.2.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
21.2.2023	Children return to school
22.2.2023	Reception - Drop in and Read Session (2.45pm-3pm)
22.2.2023	Year 5 Launch Car Challenge
27.2.2023	Years 5 & 6 – 'Who Cares' Performance
27.2.2023	Childnet Online Safety Workshop for Parents (7pm-8pm)
1.3.2023	Year 5 Launch Car Challenge
3.3.2023	Elm Class Assembly (9.10am)
7.3.2023	Parents Evening (Virtual)
9.3.2023	Parents Evening (Face to Face)
10.3.2023	Oak Class Assembly (9.10am)
15.3.2023	Voice in a Million @ Wembley
17.3.2023	Red Nose Day
17.3.2023	Alder Class Assembly (9.10am)
24.3.2023	Reception Assembly (9.10am)
28.3.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Oak Class (2.50pm)
29.03.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Pine Class (2.50pm)
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
SUMMER TERM 2023	
17.4.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
18.4.2023	Children return to school

Please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#) as dates are added regularly and occasionally dates may change.