

Newsletter



23 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely break. I cannot believe we are already half way through the school year with a term and a half completed!

Yesterday, the staff team's INSET day was packed full of training. We reflected upon our school priorities in anticipation of our next Governor Strategy Day.

Area	Aim
Leadership & Management:	To deploy finances effectively to maximise impact (Resources Committee, SBM to share budget & implications with all staff), on learning environment, and on both pupil and staff well-being To identify training needs and provision to maximise impact on delivery of curriculum, safeguarding and well-being To devise a communication strategy with all stakeholders To create a sustainability strategy across the school
Quality of Education:	To challenge and support all children, including SEND and our most able, across every aspect of learning To implement a broad, rigorous, sequenced and coherent curriculum, with particular emphasis on areas of focus
Behaviour and Attitudes:	To create a positive environment in which bullying is not tolerated and expectations of behaviour are consistently high through a focus on BV and CPS values
Personal Development:	To prioritise mental health needs of pupils, families and staff
Safeguarding:	To establish and deliver a curriculum that teaches children about the challenges and risks they may encounter in their everyday lives To train staff, governors and volunteers in their understanding of what low-level concerns are To establish a range of reporting mechanisms with a focus on pupil voice. To ensure that all stakeholders recognise the importance of attendance and there are robust processes which identify and address potential barriers to attendance.

We considered Cultural Capital, and what we offer our children throughout their CPS journey (trips, enrichment etc).

We looked at our approach to spelling with an English specialist and hopefully you have read the parentmail about this.

Our aim is to apply for the anti-bullying charter mark this year and staffed received training on this very important theme and of course, behaviour as a wider piece.

We reflected upon classroom environments through the lens of a child with additional needs and how best to support them in their learning.

Throughout the day, subject leaders met with a Local Authority Curriculum Advisor who asked them all about their subjects. A very productive and valuable day indeed!

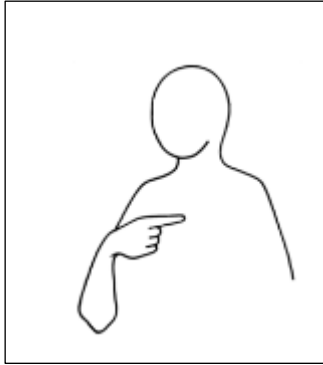


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Makaton

Our Makaton signs this half term are our school values....the children will learn 'I am safe and healthy' this week.



Picture News

Our theme in assembly this week has links with sustainability, with bike hire schemes both in the UK and elsewhere. Long-term bike hire schemes are on the rise, with companies such as Swapfiets and Zygg gaining popularity in Europe and Canada, offering rental options for both e-bikes and standard bikes.

Question: Should everyone have access to a mode of transport?



Individual Liberty

There are many factors that may influence how we choose to travel. It is important to consider the consequences of our choices and the impact they may have on ourselves, others and the environment.

Protected Characteristics

Our beliefs affect our life choices and how we live our lives. For some people, their beliefs may affect the mode of transport they choose to use.



UN Rights of a Child

If a child lives in a different country than their parents, governments must let the child and parents travel, so they can stay in contact and be together.



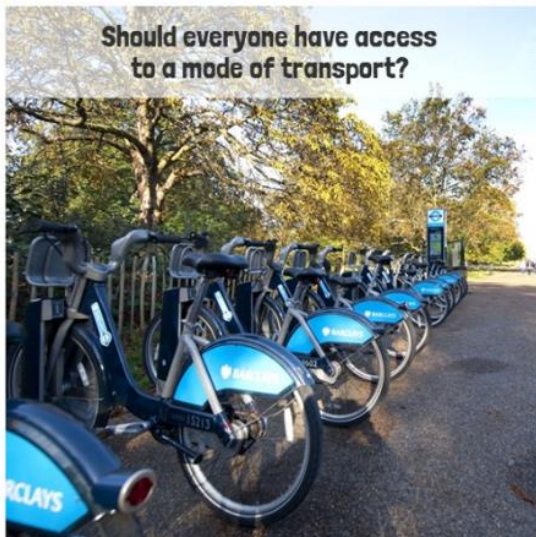
This week's story looks at events related to ...



TAKEHOME



Should everyone have access
to a mode of transport?



In the news this week

Long-term bike hire schemes are on the rise. Several companies have launched services, where users can pay a monthly fee to use a high-quality bike or e-bike, with any repairs or upgrades included and if the bike is stolen, a fixed low fee is paid to give the user security. It's not just adults who can join in the long-term bike rental trend. London-based 'Bike Club' is aimed at children aged 4 to 12 and has 55,000 active members across the UK and Germany, where it recently launched.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do many people ride bikes around your local area? Do you?
- > What do you believe are the benefits of paying monthly to use a bike? Do you think there are any downsides? Is it something you would like to do?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Strike Update

As you may be aware, the next National Education Union (NEU) planned industrial action is **Thursday 2nd March** and members also plan to strike on the 15th March and 16th March

As teachers are under no obligation to let me know in advance whether they intend to strike, I do not know which classes must close or whether the school is able to stay open. I hope to be able to inform you in the evening of Wednesday 1st March which classes are likely to be closed, providing confirmation by 7.00am on the day of the strike. **You will need to consider additional childcare arrangements on these dates.** Please note that previous class closures on 1st February should not be taken as an indicator of closures for the upcoming days of industrial action.

The commitment of Team CPS to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that teaching staff make will not be taken lightly. **PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT STAFF DIRECTLY TO ASK THEM OF THEIR INTENTIONS.** Please do not contact them after the strike day to discuss their decision to strike or not; we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a ballot.

Children in classes where teachers strike and are therefore closed, who are eligible for PPG and therefore qualify for Free School Meals may collect a school packed lunch from the School Office between 11.30am and 11.45am on the day of the strike. (This does not include the Universal Free School Meals offered to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.)

Children who are unable to attend school due to strike action will receive an authorised absence code. Remote learning will not be provided, however you are welcome to read, complete Accelerated Quizzes, complete Doodle activities, spellings etc should you wish.

Supporting your Child's Self Esteem and Confidence

Eikon are offering a free webinar for parents on supporting your child's self esteem and confidence.

This takes place online on Thursday 2nd March from 7pm to 8pm. If you would like to find out more or register for the session, please do so by clicking this link: [Eventbrite](#)

World Thinking Day 2023

We celebrated World Thinking Day On Wednesday; children in both guides and scouting movements proudly wore their uniforms. Many also shared why they loved being members!



Daniel and Isabelle from Hawthorn Class



George (Oak) Henry (Alder),
Annabelle (Alder) and Isla (Alder).

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Doodle

Top Doodlers this week:



Top Maths and English in
the whole School :

Maria (Elm)



Top EYFS : Eleanor
(Holly)



Top KS2 Maths :
Henry (Pine)



Top KS2 English :
Luka (Aspen)

Congratulations to all of you!

World Book Day – Friday 3rd March 2023



Well done and thank you, to everyone who took part in the 'Get Caught Our Reading Challenge'.

All photos are now being printed and made ready for display. Watch out for all the weird and wonderful places that CPS children found to read!



As previously mentioned we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March 2023**.

After liaising with the children to gather their views on how this should be celebrated, many of them are keen to dress-up as a book character. However, we appreciate that this does not appeal to everyone, so this day will be a **mufti-day** where your child may dress-up as a book character if they wish or a Mufti where children **can bring their favourite book (named) to share**.

We are always looking at ways to develop the children's Oracy skills and with this in mind, we would like children to confidently share their favourite book using the stem sentences below:

Nursery

"My book is called..."

"This is my favourite book because..."

Reception & KS1

"My book is called..."

"This is my favourite book because..."

"My favourite character is ...because..."

KS2

"I would recommend this book to... (*state age range*) because..."

"In summary, my book is about..."

You may wish to listen to your child practise talking about their books, using these stem sentences, at home.

Lastly, this week your child's Home Learning task will be to enter the 'CPS World Book Day Competition'. All details of this can be found on your child's Google Classroom or Class Dojo account.



House Captains and our Chickens!



Blakedon – Bright green tag (Luke)



Foley – red tag (Mei)



Ruxley – Blue (Luca)



Arbrook – dark green (Lola)

Smart Watches

A reminder that the children are not allowed to wear SMART watches in school. A fitbit or similar gadget that counts steps only is fine, but any smart watch/device that is able to send/receive calls or messages or take photographs is treated the same as mobile phones and are not allowed to be used on the school site.

Thank you for your support with this.

Jammie & Nibbles

We had a lovely response to our plea for families to look after the guinea pigs at the weekends and during school holidays. There are still some slots left on the rota however so please do contact Mrs Kosbab in the school office if you are able to help – gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM 2023	
27.2.2023	Years 5 & 6 – ‘Who Cares’ Performance
27.2.2023	Childnet Online Safety Workshop for Parents (7pm-8pm)
28.2.2023	Year 4 Bikeability
1.3.2023	Year 4 Bikeability
1.3.2023	Parents Forum – Bullying – Online (9.30am)
2.3.2023	Eikon Webinar – Supporting your child’s self esteem and confidence
3.3.2023	Celebrating World Book Day
3.3.2023	Elm Class Assembly (9.10am)
6.3.2023	Reports Home (Via Google Classroom at 7pm)
7.3.2023	Parents Evening (Virtual) Except Pine & Beech
8.3.2023	Parents Evening (Virtual) Pine & Beech only
9.3.2023	Year 4 Bikeability
9.3.2023	Parents Evening (Face to Face)
10.3.2023	Oak Class Assembly (9.10am)
11.3.2023	District Cross Country
15.3.2023	Voice in a Million @ Wembley
17.3.2023	Red Nose Day
17.3.2023	Year 4 Bikeability
17.3.2023	Alder Class Assembly (9.10am)
20.3.2023	Early Years Mother’s Day Celebration
23.3.2023	Maths Day
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
HALF TERM	
21.7.2023	Last Day of Term - 1.30pm finish