

## Edition 1: Thursday 16th December 2021

Welcome to our new school newspaper: CPS Courier! Our school councillors from Year 1 to Year 6 (and some other members of Year 6) have worked hard to write some news articles for the first edition of the CPS Courier. Freya and Rebecca worked hard to proof-read and edit. We really hope you enjoy reading it!

## <u>Can we find a solution</u> <u>to save the planet?</u>

A million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute. Turtles die when they eat plastic as they mistake it for jellyfish.

Did you know you can buy toothbrushes made from bamboo?

Some top tips to help you:

- Take reusable bags with you when you go shopping
- Take your own containers to the meat or dairy counters. The staff would be happy to use them instead of plastic wrapping.

Why not hold a plastic free tea party with a plastic-free cake stall.



### Times Table Rockstars

Times Table Rockstars is a website where you can practice and learn your times tables, but it is themed and more exciting! You can play online with friends and take part in challenges. You can customize your account to be your dream character! Why not take part today on www.timestablerockstars.co.uk



### Year 1 Visit Claugate Parade

We went walking down Foley Road, but then we had to go down a big hill. We ended up near the Milkshake building. We walked across to the station, and stopped at the Doctor's surgery.

We were looking at the buildings. At the top they were flats and the bottom was shops.

Then we went back to school and everybody got a house point.

We drew the buildings when we got back to school. We had a map that we used to help us. We used arrows to label when you stopped on the map.

We decorated the buildings, looking at chimneys and tiles. L.S.Lowry – a famous artist who went round houses and collected rent. On his way, he looked at buildings and drew them. He didn't do much detail. He used charcoal, pens and pencils.

#### Be a Friend—Don't Be A Bully

Have you ever learnt about Anti-Bullying week? We celebrated being friends during Friendship Week.

During our anti bullying workshop, we looked at some photographs of bullying and we learnt what



bullying is. Bullying has to happen multiple times and to one person only. We got into small groups and we divided ourselves up



into two bullies and one child. Two people were laughing at a phone and funny videos on it. The other child would be trying to look at the phone and the bullies would move the screen away. Bullying has to be in a 'power imbal-

ance' which means that there are more children who are bullies than who are being bullied. Be a good friend instead.

#### The Great Fire of London Comes To Claygate!

In Year 2, we learnt how to make edible bread, candles and do weaving.

We tried to hand make things just like in 1666, as that was when the fire started. We wrote our name with ink and quill.

I used the guill and ink to write a message to the

King to tell him the fire was spreading.



The lady showed us a house. These were built really close together, out of timber so they were almost touching. They also burnt down quickly. At the time of the fire, there were many rats on the streets.



#### **Christmas with the Aliens**

We have been busy learning and practicing different dances ready for our Christmas Play. Our Christmas play is all about Jesus being born, in a stable.

In each of our groups there are about 8 children. We have to remember where we stand on the stage, and the moves for each of our dances. In my song, we have the chance to come up with our own dance moves for a short amount of time - Hari. We get to wear different outfits for our performance, such as an alien outfit. We have been practicing in the hall on the stage.

We have been practicing our lines and words for our Christmas production. We also have to remember what order we go onto the stage, and who talks before us. We have also been practicing in the hall on the stage. We speak in a special order because we are telling the story of how Jesus's birth is in chronological order. If we do it in the wrong order, it wouldn't make sense

### **Year 6 Rationing Recipes!**



This week, year 6 have been baking and making delicious wartime recipes, based on their topic—WW2. Hawthorn and Cedar were split into two groups, each of which included a 3course meal (starter, main and dessert) . Groups A's recipes were: potato soup, cottage pie and eggless

sponge. Group B's were: cheese and potato dumplings, spam hash and pear crumble. All

were surprisingly successful and everyone enjoyed making and sampling the dishes.



#### **Join the Millionaires Club!**

Millionaires club is an achievement you get when you read 1,000,000 words on Accelerated Reader. There are badges that are awarded when you reach 1,000,000 words. Every half term there's a meeting with Mrs Ali and Mrs Cunningham to hand out the badges.

# An Interview with Mr Godfrey

Mr Godfrey is a teacher at Claygate Primary School. He has 2 brothers and is the youngest of 3. When he was a child, he had several pets such as a Yorkshire terrier called Kassie and a ginger cat named Amber.



Mr Godfrey had many other jobs before becoming a teacher like working in retail, at Next and White Stuff, being a waiter and his personal favourite job was working at the BBC helping editors and finding clips for Strictly Come Dancing. A fun fact is that he actually sat on Bruno's seat at a Christmas

party they had.

Mr Godfrey also lived in Australia for a year and enjoyed doing many activities such as skydiving, coming face to face with a great white shark, and held



many snakes, such as a memorable python that slithered up his face!

Mr Godfrey started studying teaching at univer-

sity when he was around 26. He came to Claygate primary at 28 years old and started as a teacher trainee. Mr Godfrey has collectively taught at Claygate Primary for 7 years so far. He has taught in years 3, 4 and 5. He is currently teaching in year 5, Beech class, who

have done various art projects like clay dragon eyes, birds, oil pastel remembrance day poppies. Recently, they have been learning about Vikings and have had their Viking day. They have also been learning about migration and refugees.



He is also the teacher helping out with computing week. He reported, "We are working on several special projects for next week's computing week. I don't want to give away any spoilers, but several activities we will do are: iMovie, green screen activities and also Lego Wedo races and coding. I can't tell you any more!" he said!

Mr Godfrey is actually a big marvel fan! In his interview he stated that Iron Man is his favourite marvel character, but he loves Thor, especially the movie Thor Ragnarok.

### Let's Play Football!

Recently, Year 6 and Year 5 have been playing matches against other schools. Our girls and boys football teams have so far not lost any matches and have built up incredible teams. Our girls team is: Layla, Charlotte, Jessica, Jasmine, Megan and Eva D from Year 6 and in Year 5 there is Effie, Mae and Molly. Our girls team has done incredibly well this year and is nearly into the semi-finals. Their best win was against Cranmere when they won 10-0.

Our boys team is Zak, James C, Callum, Edward, Arthur, Quincy and Milo and in Year 5 there is Ben N and Ben S. The boys have also done incredibly well this season and have played brilliantly. Their best win was against Thames Ditton where they won 9-0 and are also through to the semi-finals. In Year 6, we have sports prefects who help Mrs Gee with sports. They are: Layla, Sophia, Zak and James.

### Firefighter Eric

Eric is a firefighter from Walton who came to visit the school. He trained by putting out fires

He used the phrase 'Stay away from lighters and matches. Get out, Stay Out, Call the Fire Fighters Out'

There were different ways of fires happening in the house. Kitchens, bedrooms, living rooms – we had to order how we would respond to a fire in the right order.

We were shown different games and scenarios. We had to decide whether they were 'safe to play' or 'stay away'.





## **TEACHER'S PET**

Who truly is a teacher's pet? These adorable photos of pets are Claygate Primary teachers' pets. In this quiz you need to match the Pet with the teacher. Can you find their favourite animal in this quiz?



Miss Rushmer

Miss Diaz

Miss Nelson

Miss Rainbow



#### Stay Calm in the Zen Zone

Are you annoyed that too many people are at the Zen Zone? If your teacher says so, you can come at play-time, OTTER time and when you have finished your work. You can also do all sorts of calming activities, like mindful colouring and drawing. If





you're in KS1, you might not be able to go to the Zen Zone because it's busy, so perhaps it is time to build a mini Zen Zone?









### HERE COME THE VIKINGS!

In Year 5, we experienced a Viking day. We had fun dressing up and crafting our own dragons out of air dry clay. In the afternoon, we

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went into the hall and were given lines to crack the codes of Ancient Vikings rooms. We all loved it!

In year five, we enjoyed a fun day of Viking themed activities, including making our own dragon eyes

out of air-dry clay and dressing up as Vikings. For PE, we were given lines to act out from parts of a Viking saga. We created our

own identities and were known for the day as famous Vikings that went down in history! Altogether, this was definitely the best day year five has ever had.

