

CPS Courier

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Welcome to the first edition of our school newspaper for this academic year.

Our School Councillors and members of Year 6 have worked hard to write some new and exciting updates about life at CPS.

We really hope you enjoy reading it:

Changing Claygate!

Have you spotted anything new around school?



You could go there if you're feeling glum, with friends—Henry/Wilf

Our new Reading Pod and Zen Zones are in the Key Stage 1 playground and are already being used by lots of children.

Read all the exciting things Year 1 have to say about them:



I like the reading pod because it's calming—Lexie

There are some good books in the reading pod. I like dinosaur books—Henry

I like reading to myself, it's fun. I like reading books about animals—Oscar



You can colour a card for your mummy or daddy—Wilf

The Zen Zone might make you feel happy or calm. Wilf/Henry



So far in Year 5 we have had an exciting trip to Thorpe Park which is a theme park with lots of massive rollercoasters!



First, we went to a big screen like a cinema and we saw the second biggest whoopy cushion ever! Then we started walking to an alley where we had lunch. We had a perfect view of the tallest ride there called Stealth and it had a wall around it - a whopping 60 metres tall!

After lunch we went and saw Titan, he was a big 7ft talking robot who would spray water, talk and sing his way by saying "aster lovista ba-by"



Then we went to a section with a bunch of animals like goats, sheep, snakes. There was also a tarantula! We got to feed sheep and on our way out with saw a shark made **Rory S** out of scraps.



Imperial War Museum

Zizi



Last Thursday Year 6 went to the Imperial War museum as part of their learning on World War II.

We travelled by train and got there late morning. It was a bit of a walk but we were all excited about the museum. At the museum, we saw all sorts of weapons, machinery and clothes used in WWII. There were also lots of life-sized vehicles like: spitfire planes, bombed cars and boats. Seeing all the weapons and machinery gave us glimpse of what WWII would of felt like, making us feel anxious and curious. Going on the trip further inspired our history lesson on the battle of Britain.

In Year 2, we had a Great Fire of London workshop. The best part of the Great Fire of London was the sewing and the activities I can remember are: sewing, smelling materials, candles, baking, ink and feather and the medicine area. We got dressed up from when the Great Fire of London happened, in 1666 and it was really fun and exciting.

We each got to choose an area to go first. When we went to each activity the girls had to do a curtsy and the boys had to do a bow.

I didn't want the day to finish!

Lyra M

Fire! Fire!



Computer Science Week



This week, CPS have been celebrating the upcoming Computer Science Week with another exciting Computer Science Fair. Throughout the week, children from across the whole school joined Mr Godfrey and a team of our Year 6 computing champions for inspiring activities to get them 'buzzing' about Computing. These activities included favourites such as: green screen, coding and programming using scratch, bee bots and Lego WeDo, creating music on sound boards as well as the much-loved banana piano. However, the greatest buzz was for our exciting new feature - VR kits! (which are loaned from our tech team at Eduthing). The children learned a little about circuits, algorithms and loops during their session. Here's what our Computing Champions had to say:

Computer Science Week was really fun and I took pleasure in helping out. It was really enjoyable watching the younger children smile and have fun. My favourite part was the VR headsets because they were very immersive and we could explore a new world. I really enjoyed the Green Screen because we could really have fun acting and trying out new places. Overall, we loved helping out and it was a great experience. - Abbie and Jasper (Year 6).



Sports Crew is back at CPS!

Do you know someone in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 who enjoys sports? If the answer is yes, then Claygate's newest club might be just right for them! Sports Crew is a new lunchtime for younger kids to take part in a variety of sports with their classmates. Sports Crew is led by members of Year 6, who have been trained by professionals to deliver sports sessions to Key Stage One children.

Sports Crew is a fun, educational and enjoyable way to keep fit and be active. Children can take part in sports such as Dodgeball, Basketball, Football, Netball and many more!

Sports Crew is free for all children who want to take part and children will be asked by their teacher if they want to participate. Reception classes can join Sports Crew on Thursdays, Year 1 on Mondays and Year 2 on Fridays. Year 6 Sports Crew members will collect participating children from their classes at lunch time and take them outside to join in with the activities if they want to. At the end of the session Key Stage One children are walked back to their class. Sports Crew leaders are friendly and helpful and would love more children to sign up so please speak to your child's teacher if they would like to join.

Eulalia

And in Early Years...

This term in Early years we have been learning all about 'People who help us. Acorns children visited the local Greengrocers and the children chose which fruit and vegetables they would like to buy. In Reception children wrote a letter to their grown ups and then posted their letter at the Post Office. The children have had so much fun learning about how different people help us in the community.

Faith 'I am posting a letter to my mummy'.



Lando 'We went to the shops and I chose peppers to put in my bag'.



Meet our newest pets at CPS...

After our previous chickens sadly passed, our school decided to adopt four new chickens named after our school houses : Foley, Ruxely, Blackedon and Arbrook. The chickens come from a barn that contained 90 chickens in total and they had the size of an A4 piece of paper to live on so they are now much happier that they can now move around. Each of the chickens have a coloured tag on their leg to identify which house they belong to. Unfortunately, there was no yellow tag for Blackedon so he has a light green tag and Arbrook has a dark green tag. Our chickens have got used to their new home and will hopefully soon lay eggs .



Iyla and Olivia



Christmas at HTC

Last week year 2 were invited to Christmas Unwrapped at Holy Trinity Church to explore the different elements of the Christmas Story. The children took on different roles from the nativity and created some Christmas decorations based on Christmas symbols.

"I loved making a decoration for my Christmas tree of Jesus lying in the manger" Leonard, Elm.

"I played Mary and we acted out the moment the shepherds came to visit baby Jesus." Chloe, Chestnut



Author for the day

On Tuesday the 22nd November, author Simon Cherry visited Years Five and Six to talk about his book writing.

Did you know?

It can take **9 months** to write a book!

You might be thinking, what did this author write?

He wrote the three Eddy Stone books called:

Book 1: Eddy Stone and The Epic Holiday mashup

Book 2: Eddy Stone and the Alien Cat Attack

Book 3: Eddy Stone and the Mean Genie's Curse

These books are great for the Middle Years book category (9-11 years). Some of us also wrote some funny short stories with inspiration from our amazing visiting author, Mr. Cherry after he visited us. You can read some of our stories below.

We also were given a signed bookmark from Simon.

Everyone enjoyed that day!

Thank you Mr. Cherry for visiting us!



Daniel, Cody, Olivia, Nansumay and Imogen

Year 5—Our Residential

On Monday 26th September, Year 4 were lucky enough to spend 3 days at Marchants Hill. It was the best trip ever because we did so many fun activities like the giant swing, trapeze, archery, climbing to name a few, our favourite by a mile was the giant swing! We got to work with different people, make new friends and slept in dorms. The food was amazing with unlimited cereal and fruit! The only thing that was wrong was that we couldn't stay longer!

Emily



Christmas Celebrations!

It has been a busy couple of weeks as we begin to celebrate Christmas. We have had the Nursery and Reception Christmas Play, the Key Stage One Christmas Play and the Key Stage Two Carol services, as well as the Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch. Here are a few photographs from our festivities!



Whose New at CPS?

An interview with Mrs Hoxley

1. Have you ever done anything that is not teaching?

Yes—I worked in magazine production and medical research!

2. Do you like being a teacher?

Yes—in fact, I love it! I love working with children and every day is different

3. Have you ever been to any other countries?

Yes—I've been to America, Italy, Greece, France, Spain and the Caribbean.

4. Have you ever met the Queen?

No, but I once wrote to her when I was a child.

5. Do you like to draw?

Yes—a lot!



Jessica

Meet Mr Roche



1. What is your favourite hobby?

Mr Roche loves to play Rugby during his weekends and began playing when he was 18. During one match, Mr Roche even played in front of over 500 people and captained the team.



2. Tell us some exciting facts about yourself.

He owns his own German Shepherd dog called Gracie! Mr Roche supports Chelsea football club and even had his own poem published when he was a child!

3. Have you had any other jobs?

Before teaching, Mr Roche used to work for Deliveroo and he used to be the neighbour of Joe Wicks!

Eulalia

Meet the Author Writing

The Amazing Bowling Baby V.S The Square Mirror Villain

Hi, I'm Sophie. An ordinary girl, an ordinary life, a not-so-ordinary brother. My brother is a 1 year old and all he does is eat, sleep, cry and destroy everything I own. One Saturday morning, when me and my brother were playing, our mum told us we were going bowling. As it was my brother's first time, he was giggling his head off. By the time we got there, he was hungry. Really hungry. On our fifth go, he toddled off. I was the only one who noticed. As I am an amazing sister, I followed him. By the time I caught up with him he was swallowing a mouldy bowling ball. The sight (and smell) of him eating that disgusting ball will ever leave my memory. All of a sudden, a bright light appeared. As soon as it disappeared, I saw the most peculiar being. Everything about it was weird. His or whatever it was had a head of mirrors in a perfect cube. "I HATE BALLS!" he screeched at the top of his lungs (if he had any). Then, as you would expect, he exploded every ball in the bowling alley. "NO DESTROY BALLS!" yelled a horribly familiar voice behind me. It was my brother. He looked like an inflated baby superman. He bounced towards the Mirror Villain, and blew an enormous bubble. Before long, it had turned into a bowling ball and crashed down on the Mirror Villain. It smashed into a million pieces.

Imogen

But it's not over yet...

On a snowy winter day, a penguin called Pengu, was strolling along an icy path in the middle of a pine forest. One day, he came along a lonely boy called Stevee. Stevee was alone as his parents drowned in a pond when he refused to do his maths homework and pushed his parents in, where the fish ate them. Pengu approached the boy and asked if he wanted to play and he accepted. They then walked to the park, located by the edge of the cliff, and played tag. The penguin chased Stevee but he had a plan. He sprinted towards the edge of the cliff and turned at the last moment, but Pengu was not so lucky. As he sped towards the edge of the cliff, approaching his doom, he looked back at Stevee to see a mutant monkey in his place. As Pengu was falling off the cliff, the penguin god called Jono levitated in front of him and said "Mean monke :(" and levitated Pengu back to the top of the cliff. Pengu looked down and realised he was flying! He thought, 'I want that monkey dead' and suddenly lasers burst out his eyes and the monkey was fried into ash. Jono then said "Thou shall be forever blessed by the power of da gods!" and he shot a golden laser at Pengu and he felt instantly empowered by magic. To test out the powers, he thought, 'I don't like that tree,' and it instantly blew up. Pengu suddenly exclaimed, "Bein a god cool" and wished to bless every penguin with godly powers

Jasper and Arnie