

Newsletter



8th November 2019

Welcome back to Autumn 2! I hope you are well rested after the half term break. Over the holidays the wall was rebuilt, new flooring was laid in Clubland and the offices were redecorated... our journey to improve all aspects of Claygate continues.

Mrs Ali and I have been working on our school's vision; this includes all aspects of school life. We would like class reps to collate words and phrases which summarise and capture all that is great about Claygate alongside our aspirations in order for us to produce a brief vision statement for our school, so please put your thinking caps on! Feel free to ask your children for ideas too and we will also consult governors and staff.

We are going to be launching our new 'House Token' system to the children next week. Our new token tubes are displayed proudly outside the hall alongside our new house logos. Our focus is of course to celebrate and recognise both our values and achievements as well as good learning behaviours eg being resilient and having a growth mindset so all children have the opportunity to contribute something to their house by earning tokens - the idea is that this is a team reward, further raising the profile of our house system. The tokens will be collected, counted and celebrated weekly.

We have looked at how we recycle and we now recycle yoghurt pots, food and paper waste. We are awaiting the arrival of a new 'fruit bin' for the playground so apple cores etc can also be recycled. We also encourage the recycling of uniform and many parents regularly donate books etc for which we are grateful. Our Birthday book scheme where children donate a book for their class library on their Birthday rather than sweets is becoming more embedded and this links with our healthy school status.

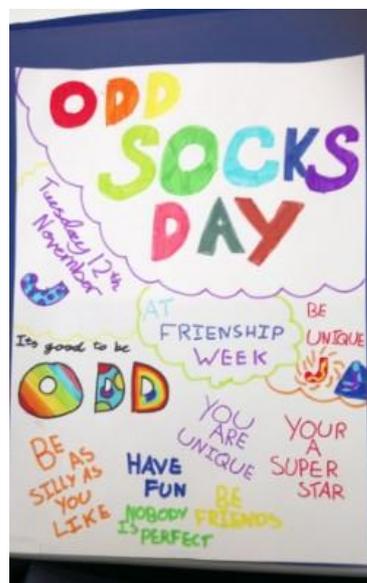
Our value for November is 'Courageous' with an initial emphasis on having the confidence to make the right choices. This links in with Kuk Sol's value of the month; 'Confidence'. On Monday, it is Armistice Day and the children will also be encouraged to think about peace. We have Odd Socks day on Tuesday to consider and celebrate our unique qualities which make us special followed by World Kindness Day on Wednesday which extends to Children in Need and thinking of others on Thursday...what a great way for us to consider how actions and choices have consequences and impact on ourselves, each other and the world beyond the school gates. Friendship (and anti-bullying) will continue to be a focus this month but we also do revisit this throughout the year in mindful moments, in PSHE lessons and circle time and computing's online safety syllabus as well as incidentally. Our month's finale on November 28th is a performance 'The Power of Change' as the theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Change starts with us'.

This links nicely to Claygate's new travel Plan! We are working with Living Streets to encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. This reduces congestion, idling and hence reduces air pollution, less cars mean safer roads and healthier children too. Parking at either end of Foley Road or using our park and stride scheme also count towards our target of all children walking to school at least once a week for a month. Each month children who successfully complete this challenge will be awarded a badge they can wear for that month. This was launched by Jonny Walker and Strider in Monday's assembly.



Odd Socks Day – 12th November

As you know, we are celebrating friendship week next week by wearing odd socks on Tuesday. This week our School Council children have made posters to promote the event. We think you will agree they are fantastic!



Post Box

The post box that used to be on the outside wall where our lovely mosaic now takes pride of place has been relocated into the office area. Rather than having to queue at the office window please do post any items in there as it will be emptied regularly during the day.

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Co-op Funding

Great news! Claygate Primary School is one of the local causes currently being supported by the Co-op's local cause programme.

You can help boost the amount of money we receive by simply shopping in the Co-op in Claygate as a member.

If you're not already a Co-op member you can find out more in-store or online at www.coop.co.uk/membership. Once you are a member just log into your account and select Claygate Primary School Parents Association as the cause you'd like to back – it's simple!

The funds raised will be put towards the Woodland Learning Zone for the benefit of all the children.

School Dinners & Packed Lunches

Please note that school dinners are now £2.35 per day (previously £2.30).

Also, if your child wants to change from packed lunches to school dinners (or vice versa) this can only be done at the beginning of a term or half term. They need to inform their teacher on the first day back, when the lunch register is taken. Please also confirm the change in writing to the office (office@claygate.surrey.sch.uk). Thank you for your cooperation.

Friendship Week

In support of anti-bullying week/friendship week, children across the country can pick up a free #BeKind keyring from Smiggle stores nationwide!

We're proud to announce that we're collaborating with ITV's show This Morning for the second time with their 'BEKIND' anti-bullying campaign.

The BEKIND campaign is all about encouraging everyone to speak out, stand up and BEKIND to one another. To show our support and to help spread this important message, we're giving away 100,000 new and exclusive BEKIND keyrings for FREE across all of our stores in the UK*

'HOW DO I GET MY HANDS ON A KEYRING?'
Head into any Smiggle store in the UK* to pick up your Free BEKIND anti-bullying keyring.



Cashless School

Just a reminder that we are now a 'cashless school', no longer accepting cash or cheques for any general school related activity. This means that items will have to be paid for by card, on-line via ParentMail. There will still be some PA items where cash can be paid (school uniform, cake sale and second hand uniform for example), but wherever possible we will be card payments only.

Rabbits & Guinea Pigs

If anyone would like to look after the rabbits or guinea over the Christmas holidays or next term please do get in touch with the office as we are putting a new rota in place.

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Year 6 Football

On Tuesday 5th November the Boys Football Team played their second league match at Chandlers Field. Here is the match report from goalie Neev (Hawthorn).



Well done Claygate! The Year 6 Boys Football Team had a successful 2-1 win against Chandlers Field. Well done to George (Beech) and Charlie (Hawthorn) for scoring and an extra well done to Harry (Hawthorn) for getting man of the match.

Year 1 Phonics Workshops

We will be holding a phonics information session for parents of children in Reception on Thursday 5th December at 3.30pm in Holly Class. This is an opportunity to find out more about how we teach reading and look at ways in which you can support your child with the reading process at home. A crèche will be available during the session.

We look forward to seeing as many of you at the meeting as possible.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been learning about instructional writing. We have been making Viking bread!

