

# Newsletter



4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Goodness, it certainly is chilly; I even had to scrape my windscreen on Thursday morning!

Last weeks' Circus has received so much positive feedback - it really was a great way to kick off the new school year and many new families took advantage of this marvellous opportunity! Thank you so much to Helen and the team for making this happen. I am sure you would agree, our CPSPA team are outstanding! There's loads more to look forward to this term too:

The Fun Run is this Sunday, 6th October; the Vegas themed ball on Saturday 12th October; the children's Spooky Discos on 24th October; a Wine Tasting event here on 22nd November and of course, not forgetting this term's finale - the Christmas Bazaar on 7th December.

The PA will also sell Christmas cards which your children have designed...so lots to look forward to this term. As parents, you are all automatically part of this amazing team. The next PA meeting is at school on the 22nd October at 8pm. As well as having your opinion on how we spend the PA money, this is a great opportunity to meet other parents over a glass of wine or a cup of tea.

Our staff are always looking for ways to make our learning even more exciting and engaging so we have introduced 'Dazzle Days' which come in many forms! Last week we celebrated Languages Day. I cannot believe how successful the day was and how amazing it was to have children and parents share their languages with us! We had Croatian, Russian, Japanese, French and Spanish to name but a few! Of course, there's always a bit of Geordie around Claygate too! Thank you everyone for supporting our first Dazzle Day. It's not too late to join in though as we would be happy to have a story read to us in a different language at any time throughout the year...just contact your teacher to arrange. Similarly if you have something to share, do get in touch!

Today, our Dazzle Day was 'World Animal Day' and we welcomed Paddy 'Golding' back as well as Mrs Whittaker's dog Banjo for a short time today. (Of course, risk assessments were undertaken prior to their arrival). Our pets, Pepper and Patch plus Jammie and Dodger as well as Ruxley, Arbrook, Foley and Blakedon are always a positive addition to our school as part of our commitment to our children's ongoing well-being and the opportunity this gives our children to take responsibility and care for them.



We are both proud and delighted that our Woodland Learning Zone has been recognised with a Gold Award and plaque! Mrs Whittaker, Mrs Brewer and Mrs Bendela are thrilled. Again, this highlights our passion and commitment to having a positive impact on our environment as well as pupil well-being. The children are loving our new Woodland Explorers based in this zone, which is part of our Claygate Charter

Of course our lovely Year 5s have had a wonderful time on our residential to Rookesbury Hall in Portsmouth, which we introduced this year. Thank you to all of the staff who took time out of their own lives to take the children and I am sure they will all have memories to cherish for the rest of their lives.

## Level 5 Food Hygiene Rating

Nicky and her team in the kitchen were once again awarded a Level 5 Food Hygiene Rating yesterday after a surprise visit from the Hygiene Inspector. Fantastic news – Well done ladies!

## House Logo Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered a house logo for our competition. We had a huge response and it was certainly a difficult task to pick the winners! We have chosen 3 winners and will take elements from each of their designs to make our final logo. Congratulations to Felix in Hawthorn Class, Sorcha in Hawthorn Class and Eva in Lime Class. I'm sure you will agree that they are all very worthy winners. We hope to create our final design over the coming weeks and will of course share this with you.



## Sports Crew Training

On Tuesday 10 children from Year 6 attended a Sports Crew training morning at Cleves Primary School, Weybridge. The following is a report from 2 of the children: Millie and Aoife.

“At Sports Crew training we did a lot of team building exercises that taught us how to teach younger children how to play sports. We taught other schools who were there and they gave us feedback. They said "we explained it well and helped people that didn't understand". At the end we received a bronze level badge. We look forward to starting our Sports Crew lunch clubs for Reception, Years 1 and 2 after half term.”



## World Poetry Dazzle Day

Thursday dazzled with amazing poetry writing on World Poetry Day....see some of our Year 6 poets' inspired by nature; I truly was taken aback when they read them to me!

### Tired Volcano

The volcano is asleep,  
Fast asleep not waking up,  
You can hear the sound of him snoring loudly,  
The sounds of the rumble and gumble,  
After the snore constant snore.

As the volcano starts to wake,  
You can see lava bubbling as he yawns,  
Mitten lava crackles inside his hungry belly,  
The jet-black rock walls peel of ash stretches his arms to wake,  
He is starting wake full of anger.

You can smell the smoke puffing out as he coughs and splutters,  
The taste of the bitter smoke seeps into your mouth,  
You can feel the ground shake as he is now awake,

The lava is a raging rifle of fire,  
His arms stretch as he launches some balls of fire,  
Ash cinders float in the sky making a grey blanket,  
The lava drips down the rock walls as he starts to cry.

The boiling lava has bubbled down into his belly,  
Filling him up after his food,  
He is tired again,  
He is now asleep again.

### Horrible, horrible Hail.

Thunder roars overhead,  
desperate to be heard.

Rain slatters on the roof  
splashing like bullets pepping  
the tiles.

Lightning snarls, hissing,  
all that is not punched.

The storm bares its teeth  
and ~~stares~~... the hail

It leaps into any space,  
punching against whoever  
just as a show of power.

It falls for what seems  
like eternity, attacking those  
foolish enough to not take  
shelter. Van twist, delving rain.

Finally a warrior rises  
disintegrating hail into water  
ending the war.

The warrior then starts the  
hailstorm: Rain is gone, His  
job done, he retreats into the clouds,  
leaving destruction in his wake.

### Hurricane

Clouds cast over the city  
Rain splinters down  
Lightning dances  
Thunder shouts

The wind whistles through the old city  
The sun pleads hide and seek  
Street lights glow down  
The trees huddle hang on

Fences snap trying to be stable  
Cars sit glued together  
Buds die from the coming  
Clouds as grey as things die

The sky gull to right  
The hurricane without a keep  
All is calm  
And with everything is wind

### Winter

Snow, ice or rain,

winter has come, he went last long,

Snow down, snow down a snow man shall be made,

December, a month to be happy, a month to celebrate,

## CONGRATULATIONS!!



Mrs Green left to go on maternity leave last week and of course we already miss her. She planned to watch a few box sets, organise the new 'nursery' and rest a little before welcoming Baby Green at the end of November....secretly I was hoping for him to come on my Birthday!

Baby Green however was keen to meet us all and he was born at Epsom Hospital at 1.53pm on 30<sup>th</sup> September weighing 5lb 6oz (2.45 Kilos). Aiden Robert Green is absolutely perfect with so much lovely black hair!

Congratulations to The Greens from all of us at CPS!



## Chess Club

Congratulations to the following children as they have been chosen as chess captains for the school.

Tristan (Elm), Kush (Aspen), Reuben (Pine) and Owen (Aspen).

Well done boys!

If anyone else is interested in joining chess club, Mrs Gledhill is offering a free trial chess lesson to all children from reception to year 6. Chess club meets on a Monday lunch time and it is suitable for complete beginners to more advanced players.

Mrs Gledhill would also like to invite children to play in the school chess team competing against local schools. Please see her on a Monday lunchtime in the after school club building to find out more.

Any queries please contact Mrs Gledhill via email on [juniorchessmasters@hotmail.com](mailto:juniorchessmasters@hotmail.com)

## Planet Day Lunch – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Don't forget to 'opt out' of the planet day lunch on 18<sup>th</sup> October if your child doesn't want it. Otherwise all children will be given a school lunch that day and £2.30 will be added to your parentmail account. Final numbers will be taken on 11<sup>th</sup> October so please opt out before then if you wish to. Thank you!

## Change of Contact Details

Please remember to let the office ladies know if any of your contact details change. You can either stop by and let them know or send in your new details via email.

Thank you.

## Nut Free School

We have sadly heard about several avoidable deaths in the news recently; this highlights severe allergies and what can happen as a stark reality. We understand that recently wrappers for snickers and various cashew nut bars and even LIDL nut tubs have been put in our bins. This suggests that children are eating nuts and nut products in the playground at pick up time. Claygate Primary is a nut-free school. Please ensure no nut products are brought on site at lunch-times or before / after school. This includes our whole site and driveway to ensure the safety of both staff, children and visitors.

## Coats, hats and scarves

The weather has turned much chillier this week so please ensure children have named jumpers and coats in school. If they also have hats, scarves and gloves, please name them!!

We do have break and lunchtimes outside even in light rain so hoods are recommended.

Thank you.

