

# Newsletter



31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Can you believe it is 31st January! A new year and so many resolutions are well under way, I am sure. Our year kicked off with an amazing INSET with our ELT colleagues focussing on high quality first teaching and evidence based interventions. The children's New Year was launched with our Wind in the Willows Dazzle Day, which included performances and workshops. Such classics encourage our children to see value in reading for pleasure but can also inspire some amazing written work.

As you are aware our 'first' full day back saw the arrival of the Ofsted Team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff; they are absolutely a 'hardworking and dedicated team' but I also wanted to again thank you all for your support in the parent questionnaires and for the incredible overwhelming strength of support since the report has been published; I have been touched by your warmth and positivity. Our journey continues and we are pleased that the team recognised that our Strategic Development Plan Priorities for this year are well placed:

Leadership and Management: To establish an effective leadership team.	To establish Senior and Middle leadership roles across the school. To further develop partnership working with all stakeholders and to fully integrate Claygate Primary School within the wider community locally and particularly within the Ember Learning Trust.
Quality of Education: To improve the quality of teaching so that all pupils, particularly disadvantaged, make better progress in all year groups and key stages.	To embed new initiatives and consolidate collaboration so that the progress that all pupils particularly disadvantaged pupils make increases, and the gaps between their achievement and that of other pupils nationally diminishes. To embed a mastery approach to the teaching of mathematics so that all children and groups make at least expected progress. To ensure all children and groups make at least expected progress in reading. To develop the teaching and learning of writing and SPAG across the curriculum To ensure a continuing broad and balanced curriculum with high quality provision for all subjects.
Behaviour & Attitudes: To foster a positive attitude towards learning.	To nurture aspiration, inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for the changing society (linked to school and British Values).
Personal Development: To develop emotional self-regulation and resilience in children	To understand and appreciate the role and importance of emotions, health and well-being.

At Parents Forum, we held a very positive discussion about the school's journey to date and our next steps. We will be hosting similar meetings to discuss this in depth with you and your year groups. I will share dates of these evening meetings in due course.

This week, Mrs Ali and I were at a conference to reflect with other senior leaders on the implications of the new Ofsted Framework on the curriculum as a whole. We are not alone in our journey to consider 'how the teaching of knowledge and skills in different subjects is sequenced' due to these changes. This training, subsequent networking and shared action research with other schools was already scheduled and we look forward to the improvements we can make at CPS as a consequence. We also aim to ensure that all curriculum improvements to date are implemented consistently and quickly embedded across the school.

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As you know, CPS has zero tolerance for bullying and proactively tackles any issues in assemblies, by discussing what our values actually mean and of course through discrete teaching particularly through our Jigsaw scheme. This is regularly a focus eg through Friendship Week and additional times throughout the year. These may be planned or in response to an issue. This week, the children had an assembly delivered by the NSPCC. Y5 and Y6 enjoyed workshops to further explore staying safe, the rights of the child and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult. They looked at the different types of abuse, including bullying. Please do contact your class teacher if you feel concerned about your child's well-being.

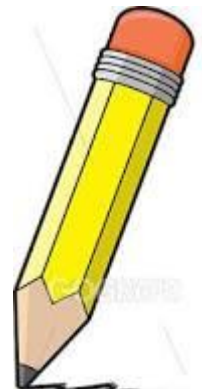
Friday saw an amazing Dazzle Day linked to Chinese New Year with a wide range of activities, including a Chinese lunch with chopsticks!

## Pobble

As you may already be aware, at Claygate we use the online platform Pobble to celebrate and share children's writing. Teachers regularly select "published authors" and share their work with the school community and a global audience. Sometimes, it may be that your child's class does not have any work published. This may be because they are working towards writing a longer text which needs more time to be developed. You may receive an email requesting permission for your child's work to be published please respond if you would like to be part of the Pobble community.

We hope you'll enjoy seeing the wide range wonderful writing produced by the children. This week's published authors are:

Alder	-	Pim & Seb
Oak	-	Emily
Chestnut	-	Leo & Emilia
Elm	-	Felix & Mia
Sycamore	-	Barney & Oliver
Rowan	-	Carys, Callum & Emily
Cedar	-	Freya & Emma
Hawthorn	-	Ruby & Max
Beech	-	Ellie, Kai & Maha



## School Meals

Please check your child's school meal balance and clear any arrears by the end of this half term (13<sup>th</sup> February). The cost of lunches for the remainder of this half term is £21.15 so please add this to any outstanding balance to make sure that the account is clear.

The amount payable for School Lunches for the next half term is £70.50 and please make sure this amount is credited to your child's account at the beginning of next half term- week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Unfortunately we will be unable to provide a hot meal to children who are in arrears. Any problems please speak to either Gill Kosbab in the school office or Ros Clark, the school business manager.

## Year 5

In Year 5, Aspen Class have started their DT Space Project.

Watch this Space!



## Sports Round Up

### Netball

On Wednesday 29th January 3 netball teams went to Thames Ditton to play in league and friendly matches. The following are the match reports from the players.



The B team played a league match against Thames Ditton. We started off well with good interceptions and powerful paces but unfortunately we missed a few goals, so Thames Ditton won 6-3. However it was a very tense and exciting match.

Eva - Hawthorn

On Wednesday the netball club (year 6) had the privilege to play a friendly match against Thames Ditton. The match was tough, they were a very good team. In the end they won 4-1, Katie scored our amazing goal. We all had a brilliant time and are excited for our upcoming tournament in March.

Amelia - Cedar



The A team played a league match against Thames Ditton. It was a fairly tough match but we did a lot of interceptions with some great movement. Connor scored some amazing goals with great enthusiasm. Well done to Maha for getting player of the match. In the end the score was 11-3 to Thames Ditton.

Aoife - Hawthorn



### Dodgeball

On Friday 24th January Claygate went to take part in a dodgeball tournament at Cranmere Primary. We played each school twice, 12 games in all. After a slow start, winning only 1 game in 5, we then caught up winning another 5 games. We came 4th out of 7 teams. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Report by Haywood, Hawthorn



## Scout extension

The extension at the Scout Centre will be finished and ready for use after half term. An additional Beaver Colony and Cub Pack are planned to allow even more children to enjoy the benefits of scouting. Please see the Flyer sent out with this newsletter for more information.

## Speak Out. Stay Safe. – NSPCC Assemblies

Please see the letter sent with this newsletter for more info about the NSPCC assemblies this week.