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7th February 2020

Another busy and exciting week of learning at CPS plus a trip to Reeds for Pine Class on Thursday to complete the Launch Car Challenge (Aspen to go next Thursday). Building cars from scratch, they then tested them to see which could travel the furthest (and in the straightest line). They created some amazing designs and had a fantastic time.



Meanwhile, Year 4 went to the Natural History Museum. More information and some pictures next week!

The children also enjoyed a visit from Jay (multisports) to discuss how we can keep active and healthy; so important to us all!

We had our next scheduled visit from Laura Dobson; a reading consultant who we have engaged to facilitate the effective teaching and progressive development of Reading Skills across the school. Mrs Moorhouse, our Reading Lead, Mrs Ali, Laura and I observed lessons, talked to children and heard readers across the school. We also looked at planning and work produced. This is linked with our Strategic Development plan Reading priority.

As noted in last week's newsletter, after our successful Parents' Forum, we plan to hold Ofsted update information sessions after half term. The consensus was that these would be evening sessions in the main:

Monday 24th February

- 3.30pm EYFS parent session in Beech Class with a crèche in Reception
- 6.00pm ELT AGM at Thames Ditton Junior School all parents are welcome to attend

Tuesday 25th February

- 3.30pm KS1 parent session in Beech Class with a crèche in Chestnut class
- 6.30pm Year 3 and Year 4 session in Beech Class (no crèche)
- 7.15pm Year 5 and Year 6 session in Beech Class (no crèche)
- 8.00pm PA meeting in the hall: all parents are welcome: wine and nibbles provided!

Although these sessions are mainly generic and may contain a greater focus on the age ranges above, you are welcome to attend any session if the timing suits better as much of the information will be repeated. Equally if your children span different year groups, you are welcome to attend as many sessions as you wish, noting again that some of the information will be generic, or one!

These sessions will not be suitable for children: thank you in advance for your support during these sessions.

One outcome from Parents' Forum was sharing a 'one liner' re upcoming learning focus to compliment the topic web information each week. We will look at the best way to share this information and roll this out after half term. Our new Reading Records contain some useful spelling lists too. We have also begun to create a guide about reading working with some of our parents: we are creating a leaflet, and then we will look at similar leaflets for other subjects. On our website there are some useful sections as well as for spelling, maths etc and again we are working on adding greater detail for you to really understand learning for your child at each stage of their journey.

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I would also like to remind you that your child's Spring Record of Achievement will be sent home on March 9th (If an additional copy needs to be sent to a parent at a different address please notify the Office). The children's end of year summary, Claygate Charter Certificate of achievement and their Celebration Evening of Learning will be in the summer term as usual. Spring Parent Consultation evenings are March 10th and 12th. Parents with children with additional needs will have the opportunity to book a longer session after reports are sent out.

Mrs Mak who left last year to have her baby returned briefly from maternity leave working Fridays and has now decided to leave; we wish her well and every happiness for the future! Mrs Bridger, leaves us next Thursday; she is setting up her own business and we wish her every success in her new venture. We are pleased that keeping in touch through will be easy as we will see her with her 'Mum's hat' on! We are also delighted to have successfully appointed a very experienced early year's practitioner who is a qualified Early Years ELSA and Forest School Teacher too. We are looking forward to having the section fenced on the run up to school so the younger children have their very own Mini Woodies Zone, so Mrs Buttery will be a huge asset, driving improvement in the EYFS offer.

CPS has registered to take part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch 2020 over the next two weeks. Our Charter groups: Gardening and Woodland Explorers have already made bird feeders for our allotment and Woodland Learning Zone, to encourage the birds. Please go to www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch for more information if you would like to do some family bird spotting too!

Outdoor learning is so important and we are lucky to have won funding from the Coop Charity token system to enable us to commission a 'traversing wall' and some climbing poles with the money they have donated for this purpose. Thank you to the team who actioned the bid for this funding and helped make this happen ready for the warmer weather.

Miss Jenkins who is our Science Lead and I had a very productive meeting with Surbiton Golf Club. Did you know they are 125 years old? (The club, that is!). They are really keen to explore ways of working with us both here with our Woodland Learning provision as well as at the club itself; they were impressed with our site, our pets, our values and of course our Claygate Charter and were immediately keen to get involved! Their knowledge and passion for the environment was evident; they even have badgers! So we are really looking forward to developing this partnership!

We are always looking for ways to engage with the community, encourage new partnerships, volunteers etc so please feel free to share any ideas, links, expertise etc with us

Update re our Swimming Pool Project

We would like to share with you some really positive progress with our swimming pool project. A massive £290,000 of funding has been secured from Elmbridge Borough Council, Claygate Parish Council and the London Marathon. With the money pledged from the Parents Association we now have £340,000 in place. The funding secured does have conditions attached from our funders that it is dedicated directly to the pool project and to enable wider use of the pool for the benefit of the school and local community. There are a number of other funding initiatives underway to hopefully help us reach our target of £500,000.

Following a lengthy tender process we are delighted to have also now appointed a contractor to take the project forward. The first steps will include a thorough survey of the existing swimming pool and working up the detailed design of the building within our budget.

This project is ambitious and offers a great many benefits to the school for many years to come. Whilst many school pools are having to close we would like to secure the future of ours and take the opportunity to forge stronger links with the local Claygate community.

We are excited to share with you the more detailed plans for the swimming pool as they progress but if you have any questions or thoughts in the meantime please do not hesitate to pass these on to the office or email CPScommunitypool@gmail.com. Many thanks for your continued support with this project.

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School Lunch Balances

Following the parentmail sent this week please remember that we require all lunch balances to be on zero by the end of next week. Please add £9.40 to any outstanding balance to cover next weeks' lunches. The amount due for next half term is £70.50. Please credit this to your child's account on the first day back after half term.
Thank you!

The Curly Hair Project – Autism & Anxiety Workshop, Richmond

The Curly Hair Project (CHP) is an award-winning social enterprise founded by autistic author and entrepreneur Alis Rowe. The Girl With The Curly Hair is a character created by Alis to communicate the feelings and thoughts of a person who has autism.

More information about the project can be found here: <https://thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk/>

CHP are holding a workshop on Friday, 20th March from 9.30am-12.15pm in Richmond.
For more information and to book the event, please click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anxiety-asd-workshop-richmond-tickets-92346331363>

Netball

On Wednesday, 5th February the Year 6 Netball B Team had a great victory of 12-3 against Long Ditton St Mary's. Well done to everyone who played, especially Catriona who scored an amazing goal. There were some great passes and amazing marking which led to the win.

Match report by Megan, Beech class



On Tuesday, 4th February the B Netball Team played a league match at Cranmere Primary. We did some great powerful passes with excellent marking. Everyone had a great time and the final score was 13-1 to Claygate.

Match report by Sorcha, Hawthorn class

Cross Country Trials

Thank you to all the children from years 4, 5 and 6 (approximately 70) who took part in the Cross Country Trials on Wednesday morning. Despite the cold, foggy conditions the children ran with great enthusiasm. Again, we should have a strong team to compete in the event on Saturday 14th March



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Kuk Sool Won

William in Sycamore took part in the Kuk Sool Won Club Championships last weekend. He won 1 gold medal and 3 silver medals. This meant that he was awarded the Grand Champion Trophy in his class.

Congratulations William!



Pobble

This weeks' published authors on pobble are:

- Elm - Eddie and Harry
- Hazel - Tess and Luca
- Lime - Harry and Sophia
- Aspen - Jude, George, Sid & Kush
- Pine - Isabelle
- Cedar - Rachel and Harry
- Beech - Anna



We have had 2358 views on our writing this week!

Fund Raising for the NSPCC

In PE lessons this week children have been doing circuits to help raise funds for the NSPCC. These pictures were taken during Year 1 and 4 lessons.



The following is a report written by Steve, Beech Class School Councillor:

For the NSPCC all classes did fitness activities in their PE lessons. The reason is because we wanted to raise money through sponsorship for a great cause. It was very enjoyable because everybody was very active and we all got to do lots of activities we don't do often. It was really great fun.

The children also made some lovely posters which we thought you would enjoy seeing:

