

Newsletter



27th September 2019

Last week I wrote that we were 'in the full flow of Claygate life'. Apologies, maybe this is why we had so much rain! We certainly know that Autumn has arrived! Well done to all of the children who wore their coats (some even wellies) to ensure they were as dry as they could be considering the deluge!

Luckily there was a pause in the drizzle for our Year 2s who seized the opportunity to look closely at the buildings on Foley Road. Tudor buildings are a particular interest to our historians as they are researching all about The Great Fire of London! What amazing artists we have....their sketches were super!

Our Enrichment programme is now in full swing. Our team have rebranded and relaunched a 'new and improved' enrichment programme where all activities are linked to our children's well-being; physical and mental health is so important!

Our rich offer includes:

Amazing Artists, Greenfingers, Outdoor Puzzlers, Japanese, M-Fit, Multisports, Music & Drama, Woodland Explorers and Outdoor Problem Solving (KS2 only).

During these sessions, our children are challenged through a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities, all carefully designed to focus on promoting both mental and physical well-being. All activities, individually and collectively foster transferable skills and boost overall academic achievement, leading to better future work opportunities, enhanced well-being and self-esteem.

These opportunities are highly valued as they give children the time to explore and use their imagination, develop self-confidence and self-esteem, responsibility and resilience. Led by experienced members of staff, the carefully designed programme provides vibrant and exciting opportunities to learn new skills and practise them over time in a variety of different ways such as outdoor problem solving, gardening and Woodland Learning in our wonderful grounds.

These activities and skills are built upon in each Enrichment segment; equally experiences are built upon throughout each progressive level. By the end of Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 it is hoped that, with encouragement, all children will have achieved bronze, silver and ultimately gold Charter status.

In assembly this week we also introduced our Worry Monsters and all classes were presented with their very own class monster. Worry Monsters are a new helpful buddy to eat all of our worries. They love to eat all of our scary, anxious or troubling thoughts so we don't have to think about them anymore. (Simply write them down, pop them in his mouth and zip it up). Perfect!

Bude & Stone Farm Meetings

A reminder that we are holding a Bude meeting for Year 6 parents on 1st October. A local headteacher will also be joining the meeting to share transition information and answer any questions. Please note children do not need to attend.

There is also a meeting for Year 4 parents to share information about the Stone Farm Residential on 8th October. Year 3 parents are very welcome to attend to find out more.

Attention Working Party Volunteers

If anyone is able to help with our working party on 19th October please do let us know. A parentmail was sent out on 23rd September with full details. Please email mark.aulds.gov@claygate.surrey.sch.uk if you are able to help. The more the merrier!

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Kuk Sool Won

Our amazing children have been doing fabulously with their outside achievements recently:

“Anton and David (Chestnut and Pine) took part in Kuk Sool Won testing last weekend. David achieved a red belt with a brown stripe and Anton, who is a black belt candidate, achieved another black strip on his brown-black striped belt.”

Tyler (Chestnut) had a grading at Kul Sol Won to try and pass so he could get his 3rd yellow stripe on his white belt. He got his result on Monday and had actually done so well he skipped the 3rd stripe and received a brand new belt and has now moved up to a different group too.

Huge Congratulations to all of you!

Maths Workshops

We are holding two further Maths Workshops for parents following the hugely popular meetings that many of you attended in the summer. These are a repeat of the summer workshops but please do attend if you would like a refresher or didn't join us in the summer. A crèche will be available on both days:

KS1 Maths Mastery - 14th October at 3.30pm in Oak classroom

KS2 Maths Mastery - 16th October at 3.30pm in Pine classroom

Budding Mathematicians



In Year 4, the children have been learning about place value up to 4 digit numbers. They got hands on discovering how to represent numbers using a range of resources, and really got to grips with how much bigger a million is compared to one thousand.

The circus is in Town!

Dust off your juggling balls and have a great time at the Circus tomorrow.....thank you PA for organising this; a super way to launch the new school year!

Harvest Festival - East Elmbridge Food Bank

Harvest Festival is fast approaching and this year we have decided to give our donations to the East Elmbridge Food Bank.

They say:

“The Food Banks operate in Esher and East Molesey and people come to us from your area and further afield. Sadly, we've seen an increase in the number of people that are using us, especially in the past few months, and we're getting very low on stock. Although people are very generous throughout the year, we rely on the Harvest Festival donations to make up the bulk of our stock.

We would, therefore, be very grateful for any non-perishable and in-date items that your community donates to us. There are lots of items that we need but we thought it might be more useful to mention just a few rather than provide a long list. In particular we need please”:

- Tinned vegetables
- Pasta/ rice
- Tinned custard / rice pudding
- Pet food
- Jam

If you are able to bring in any donations for Harvest please give them to the office between Monday, 14th and Wednesday 16th October. We will arrange for the Food Bank to collect them on the evening of 16th October and so won't be able to accept any further donations after that.

Thank You!

Ballet Triumph!



Grace in Elm Class took her first Cecchetti Pre-Primary Ballet Exam in London this summer and was awarded a 'Distinction'. She was so brave travelling up to London for her exam, worked hard and went in smiling!

Well done Grace!