



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 25th June 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Another exceptional week has passed with much excitement around the release of class teachers for September. The mini school structure in Key Stage 2 with Mrs Steyn as School Improvement Lead across is an innovative way of continually driving progress within our C360, providing a distributed leadership model and another key person that can link in with the wider school communities. In the first instance, when you have a query, it is always best to go to your child's class teacher however if you need further assistance the staff below have key roles that you can contact if needed:

- Mrs Jaime Paget; EYFS and community engagement lead
- Mrs Emily Partridge; Key Stage 1 School Improvement Lead for Clawton, Clinton and Dolton.
- Mrs Maryl Steyn; Key Stage 2 School Improvement Lead.

As highlighted in my last letter, Miss Christine Knight will be working in Hedgehog class full time in September, which means she will no longer be in Preschool. Christine has worked in preschool for a number of years and has been pivotal in its development. Although Christine will be missed, I know she will pop in and out regularly. As Justy is back from maternity now we will be saying goodbye to Heather at the end of this term. She has been an amazing colleague but will be moving onto another job once she has finished her role with us. I know you will join me in thanking Heather and wishing her well.

As the term moves forward at pace we have a range of activities planned for the children to enable them to continue to work towards their inspiring skill builder badges. There will be a letter coming out in the next couple of days about surfing for Badgers and a camp out for year 6's. We have rescheduled sports day for **Tuesday 20th July** where we hope to spend a



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Key dates:

Whole school beach trip 6th July
Pupils school reports out 19th July
Sports Day Tuesday 20th July
Year 6 camp out 8th – 9th July on
Clawton grounds
Year 6 leavers assembly 22nd July

full day on the school field participating in sports and running a mini marathon to raise money for Mim. Providing COVID restrictions are further relaxed, parents will be invited to join us from 12.30pm for a community picnic with competitive races starting from 1.30pm.

Pre school C360 this week:

Academic: This week we have been exploring the 'understory' layer of the rainforest and which animals live there. Our 'Talk for Writing' drew us to tropical animals; the Toucan and the Kinkajou, where the children learnt some interesting facts on the nocturnal 'honey bear' and toucans fruit diet. They particularly enjoyed the surprise message hiding in our story's umbrella! Our animal focus this week has been the snake and the children found out they live in the vegetation of the Rainforest.

Innovation: The children were critical thinkers whilst creating our chain snake to ensure our snake was long enough to coil around the tree, they knew they had to measure the tree to find the length and added more links until the snake was long enough. Outside, some children went foraging! After talking to each other about foraging silage, they decided to create a silage pit, collecting grass and stones and using a bin liner to sheet the silage down.

Community: The children had some help from Badger class during break time this week to fill the preschool water tray. The preschool children listened and responded well to the older members of the school community.

Character: The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork and cooperation this week, working together to create our display paper chain snake. A group of children chose to create their own individual snakes and then linked them together to create one long chain snake, which is proudly coiled around the tree display. The children continue to use the virtue of service by helping around the preschool room.

Hedgehogs C360 this week:

Academic: This week we have had lots of fun using food to learn how to share amounts into two equal groups. The children have been great maths detectives and used their knowledge of doubles to help them with their learning

Character: We have continued to learn about how minibeasts are helpful in the garden and thought about ways in which we could provide a service for them. The children said we could plant wild flower gardens to provide them with food, collect scraps of food to help the worms make compost and make a bug hotel to give them somewhere warm to stay.

Innovation: The children have been very resourceful this week and used the loose parts in the classroom to set up their own A&E. We talked about our character virtue of 'service' and how doctors, paramedics, surgeons and nurses are very helpful members of our community. We also enjoyed a visit from Captain D who encouraged us to think about plastic pollution in our oceans and what we could do to help the animals who are suffering.

Community: After talking about ways in which we could help the minibeasts do their jobs in the garden, the children decided to design and make a bug hotel for them. We collected up resources around our school grounds and worked together to create a safe place for them to live when it is cold.

Squirrels C360 this week:

Academic: Squirrels have been looking at letter writing and asking questions to gain knowledge and information this week as part of our work on the story Dear Greenpeace.

Innovation: We had a great visit from Demelza of Captain D who talked about the sea creatures and how we can keep them safe by using paper bags, recycling, snipping can plastic and various other things.

Community: Our class have been amazing in school this week looking out for each other. They have helped each other, been caring and considerate and genuinely had a great week.

Character: Squirrels have thought really hard about the character virtue service this week. Several children were great with cleaning up at lunchtime and doing litter picks around the field therefore contributing to their inspiring volunteer badges.

Foxes C360 this week:

Academic: Fox Class have been looking at Tsunamis around the world and the destruction a wave has caused. We have also completed our assessments with all children showing co-operation and determination.

Character: Fox class have shown leadership qualities in PE with Rob on Wednesday when they each had to show the younger children how to participate in the games.

Innovation: Fox class took part in the Marine Litter workshop on Tuesday. It was interesting to see how the planet is affected by litter and we learnt how we can Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Community: Fox Class have been helpful this week in school by helping to sort all our books so that we can find the books we need quickly and easily on our new reading scheme.

Badgers C360 this week:

Academic: We have been learning about the natural resources in the polar regions and indigenous people who live in the Arctic. We have also been demonstrating fantastic resilience in our assessments this week!

Innovation: We took part in a fantastic workshop about Marine Litter and the problem with plastic. It was shocking and inspiring at the same time, motivating us to start thinking about how we can do fundraising events to help solve the problem.

Community: This week Badgers have been demonstrating fantastic character virtues during break and lunchtimes. They have been creating games for the younger children to play, encouraging positive play and have been excellent role models!

Character: We have participated in a PE workshop with Mr Pugh from Holsworthy Community College and saw some fantastic determination and motivation! If any of the children found the activities tricky, they went straight back and had another go! Children also became inspiring leaders when supporting Squirrels in practising sports day skills.

As always, you have my best intentions.

Kind regards,



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