



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see so many of you, including our Owls, attend our Coronation afternoon. The entertainer, Rob Pudner, was very much enjoyed by everyone in the hall with his songs, jokes and circus tricks! We would like to thank the PTA again for providing all of the children with this experience. Thank you to those parents who joined us for the tree planting. It is a lovely memento which will last for many generations through the school.

Mrs Vickery and I would like to express how proud we are of the Year 6 children in completing their SATS papers. Whilst SATS reflect just a small part of their education, the character virtues that all of the cohort displayed were super! They showed courage, were resilient, determined and demonstrated fantastic patience throughout the week.

Please take time to read about the Inspiring Volunteers in Squirrel class - what a fantastic achievement! We are still totalling the final amount raised in the coin trail, but would like to thank everyone who donated. It was great to see how far the trail stretched around the playground!

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead before the half term break, so please keep checking Dojo for any updates.

Kind regards,

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Key dates:

13th May - Big Dig Day (10 - 1pm)
15th May - Badgers to the Plough
Theatre
and Fox to Rounders Festival
19th May - Badgers Rounders Festival
26th May - Squirrels to Beer Mill

Focus virtue this week:

Resilience

Owls:

Academic:



Owls have been exploring modes of transport, focusing on water travel. Our 'What is a Port?' provocation led to creating features of boats using the junk modelling, we have had fantastic sails, anchors and masts. We then made predictions whether our boats would float or sink, comparing volume and surface area. We concluded our water travel this week with our Duck Race - thank you to everyone who bought a duck helping us raise over £60.



Character:

As part of our road safety campaign, Owls enjoyed a visit from the traffic Police! Owls demonstrated our focus character virtue, being confident to ask questions and try on the Police uniform. When we conducted our traffic survey, the children noticed a motorbike travelling too fast so some of the children explored the speed gun and we talked about the correct speed limit for the school road 30mph.



Community:



Owls created Coronation crowns to celebrate King Charles III Coronation. It felt like Christmas in preschool with all the glitter! The crowns were entered into the school competition and Owls most creative crown was Reuben Matthews. Owls joined the Coronation celebrations last week, enjoying the circus skills entertainer.



Digital and Innovation:



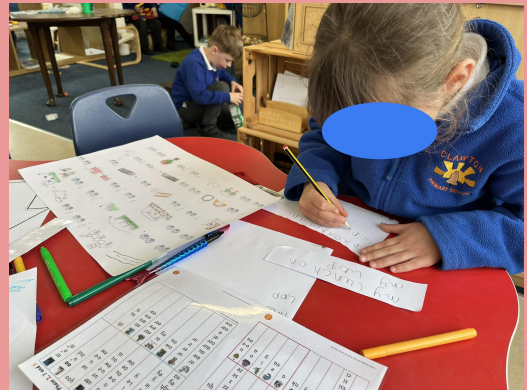
Owls contributed to the school council's coin trail fundraiser for Edukid. Coins were brought in from home and laid along the playground lines to create a brilliant and long trail of coins. Owls enjoyed laying the coins alongside the older children in school.



Hedgehogs and Flying Squirrels:

Academic:

This week we have been very busy learning our Talk for Writing text, *The Train Ride* by June Crebbin. The children have explored pace and rhythm in storytelling and chosen hand held percussion instruments to add sound effects to the story. Please keep an eye out on Dojo for a recording coming soon... It sounds amazing! Some children have even taken the story into their play and created a small world scene of the journey in the text. They used loose parts to build the setting and then added labels of the different things the little girl spotted out of the window on her travels.



Character:

This week we have had a little shuffle around in the classroom and created a new play space for the children. This naturally led into a discussion about how we can continue to make sure our environment is purposeful so that it supports our learning. We agreed that we should have shared responsibility for it and the children were keen to become monitors for certain areas of our indoor and outdoor spaces. At the end of each week we are going to have a 'Tidy Friday' where each child will ensure their area is ready for the following weeks' learning. What Inspiring Leaders you are all going to be!

Community:



Last week we enjoyed a visit from our local police officers who talked to the children about how to keep safe on the roads. They got the opportunity to learn about how speed checks are conducted, recap on their knowledge of how to cross the road safely and try on some uniforms! Thank you to Phil Brown and his officers for giving up their time to visit us! 🚓 🚗 We all thoroughly enjoyed our Coronation celebrations last Friday and loved every minute of the entertainment provided by Rod Pudner. What a lovely way to get the community together to mark a momentous event in history. Thank you to everyone who came along, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Innovation:

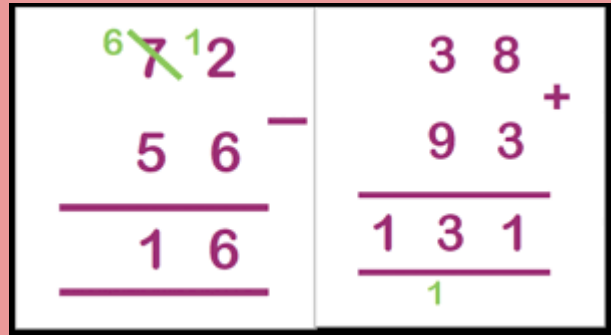
This week the children have been exploring modes of transport that we may possibly use in the future, including Maglev's, driverless cars and Starships for space tourism. The children then got designing their own vehicles for the future and had a go at adding wheels, axles and washers to enable them to move. We have some budding inventors among us and we were very impressed with how imaginative the children can be.



Squirrels:

Academic:

Squirrels have worked incredibly hard in their Maths at recapping Addition and Subtraction over the last week. Year 1 have focused on addition by counting on and subtraction by counting back. They now work confidently and independently at both! Year 2 have worked on using the column method for both addition and subtraction and have risen to this magnificently, well done!



Character:

I would like to focus upon three extremely characterful Squirrels this week: Orla, Ruben Howard and May. They have now raised over £1200 by walking 1 mile every day throughout April. This money has been raised for Nick, who lives in Uganda and is reliant on us to fund his education. All three children have shown outstanding character and we are beyond proud of them. They are truly Inspiring Fundraisers.

Community:



We thoroughly enjoyed spending time with our wider school community last Friday as part of our Coronation Celebration afternoon. Rob Pudner of Entertainingly Different had us all laughing and everyone had a great time trying our different skills with him later in the afternoon. We also felt proud to take part in the tree planting, along with the rest of the school. It was great to share this experience with parents and friends!

Digital and Innovation:

Squirrels are getting ready to apply their recent English learning to diary writing. We have looked at forming the past tense correctly and using contracted words, as we feel that these will help us when writing our diary entries for the characters in our focus story.



Foxes

Academic:



This week in Maths the year 4's have been continuing their decimals unit. They have been looking at rounding to the nearest whole number and ordering and comparing decimals. Whilst the year 3's have been looking at money. They have looked at the different coins and notes. The value of items and how we work out change. In English we have been looking at mythical creatures, focusing this week on Unicorns. We have looked at finding facts about unicorns and using these facts to create an interview! The children presented their findings and interviews in front of the whole class demonstrating courage and patience, alongside creativity in how they delivered these interviews.

Character:

This week Foxes have had to demonstrate cooperation to allow the year 6's to concentrate on their SATs. They have had to work in a slightly quieter environment, which all the children have managed and worked well at. Foxes have also demonstrated courage this week when presenting their interviews in English.



Community:



Last weekend, we celebrated King Charles III Coronation. In School we had a fantastic afternoon on Friday watching the Entertainer, sharing tea, coffee and cake and watching the school community come together to celebrate a huge significant event! It was lovely to spend this afternoon with all the families in school!

Digital and Innovation:

This week as part of our topic work, Foxes have been looking at Flags and why Flags have certain colours and the meanings behind the colours. We now know why the British flag is red, white and blue! They have used their chromebooks to complete this research and created a slideshow to share with the class.



Badgers

Academic:

This week has been full of challenges for our Year 6 children as they have all participated in SATs tests. They have completed papers checking their knowledge of grammar, spelling, reading comprehension, arithmetic and maths reasoning. They all worked extremely well and concentrated hard in silence to finish these. They are all very relieved that they are over and they can now enjoy their final few weeks at Clawton!

We have also carried on with our learning linked to the Victorian era.



Character:



Year 5 children have shown many character traits this week as they have supported their friends through their tests. They have been very considerate and kept quiet when needed. They have also thoughtfully asked their friends how they got on with their work.

Community:

The Coronation celebrations were a great success with the visit from the entertainer - Rob Pudner from Entertainingly Different, the sharing of tea, coffee and cake and the tree planting. It was great to see so many parents, carers and friends in school to celebrate with us.



Digital and Innovation:

Last week we planted different types of beans with the help of Wendy Ward. These are now sprouting nicely on our window sill and are ready to be put inside our bean box obstacle courses which we have made. Hopefully they will grow around the divides and find their way to the light!

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Clawton Toddler Group

We run every Friday throughout term time 9am-11am in the school hall, it would be great to see some new faces.

More Photos

