



## Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic fortnight we have just had! It has been such a pleasure to see the children and the community of Clawton Primary School involved in so many activities and events!

The provision of cooking utensils by the PTA meant that the children were all able to take part in a fantastic session of cooking activities, using food and vegetables grown in the school garden. All of the staff at Clawton are extremely grateful for the support from the parent volunteers for providing the equipment and experiences.

We hope that lots of you were able to try these tasty treats at our harvest service which was so well attended - thank you! It was great to be able to demonstrate the character virtues of generosity in action and hear about the other virtues that the children have used over this harvest time.

A highlight of the term for me was our Bring a Special Person to Lunch. It was lovely to see so many of our extended school community sharing lunchtime with the children and we hope to be able to put on similar events over the next year.

The children also had the opportunity to take part in a fencing workshop and learn about this sport. We are looking into whether this would be feasible as a club run by external providers and will keep you updated about this.

I personally enjoyed the visit by Back Chat Brass, a brass quartet organised by Soundwaves South West. The engagement of the children was brilliant and everyone enjoyed watching the musicians and singing along. Through Sound Waves UK, we are looking to source a peripatetic music teacher and again, will update you in due course.

I am sure, after reading all of this, you will agree that the children deserve a rest, along with the staff here at Clawton! We would like to take this opportunity to wish



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**Key dates:**

30th October - Start of Term 2  
30th October - Tempest photos  
3rd November - Davidstow Trip  
7th-8th November - Parents Evening  
10th November - National Kindness Day

**Focus virtue this week:**

Resilience

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you a happy and restful break and we look forward to seeing you on the 30th October.

Kind regards,

Mrs Steyn

### **Parent Safeguarding Advice**

On the school website, we have some very useful safeguarding tips around online safety, social media, devices, gaming and mental health to provide some support or guidance if needed.

To find what these look like, follow this link  <https://alumnismat.org/online-safety/>

## Owls

### Academic:



Our focus learning this week has been centred all around Autumn. Owls have been busy artists and made some Autumn pictures using all the items that they collected from Beer Mill. We have been learning all about trees and what happens to them in the Autumn season.



We have been reading a book by 'Todd Harrington' - What are Trees for? We found out that trees are needed for lots of different reasons - they are needed for leaves to fall, for squirrels to store their nuts for the winter, for shade from the hot sun and for insects that live under the bark. We have learnt that trees are very important and we must look after them.

### Character:



Every Monday morning we now join the whole school in the hall for Celebration Assembly. This is where we celebrate pupils who have demonstrated our Character Virtues in the last week. Our Character Virtue for last week was 'Friendliness' where one of our Owls was noticed for her friendliness towards her friends. We also look out for pupils that display our other Character Virtues and recognised another Owl for her 'Helpfulness'. To celebrate their achievements the pupils are presented with a character certificate.



**Community:**

Last week Owls enjoyed a trip to Beer Mill and met Elaine. For some Owls, it was the first time visiting Beer Mill and they all showed Courage in a new situation. Elaine taught us all about trees and what happens to them in the Autumn. They built a hedgehog house and met Beer Mill's forest guardian 'Haru-da-badu'. Owls listened brilliantly to Elaine and we all had a great morning.



Owls have also been super busy making apple chutney. We are aiming to raise some money for postage costs for the Salvation Army Shoebox Appeal. To end this week, we have also had our Harvest Festival. Owls joined forces with the Hedgehogs/Flying Squirrels and performed Dingle Dangle Scarecrow.

**Digital and Innovation:**

To finish off Talk for Writing, Owls have been busy with the invention stage. This is where the children have created their own stories reflecting on the moral of our story 'The Rainbow Fish'. Owls have produced some really great stories choosing a character and using communication skills to tell us their plots. The children told us that in the end their main characters made friends and shared.



## Hedgehogs

### Academic:



In science this week the children have learnt all about their senses. They went off on a walk around the school to discover what they could see, smell, taste, touch and hear. We talked about how sometimes, our senses work together and we may use several of them at the same time. They were also surprised that our skin is the organ that is responsible for our sense of touch, not our hands! The highlight was seeing a little robin perched on the fence! The children will now use this experience to write some poetry after half term.

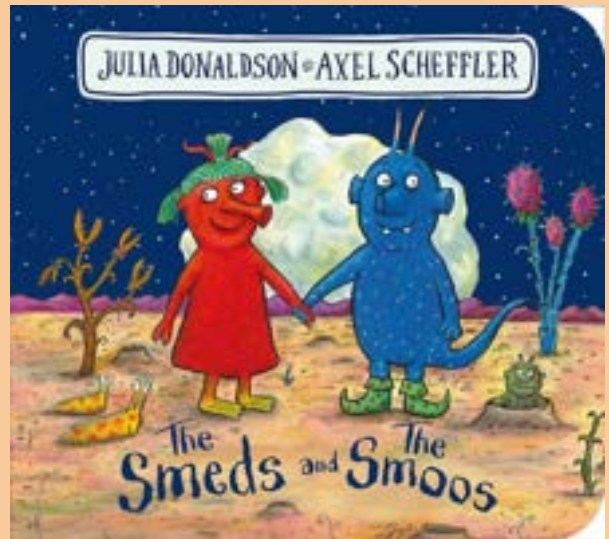
### Character:

This week the children took part in a Smeds and Smoos experiment. They were split into two groups and given either a blue or red bib to wear. The Red Smeds were not allowed to play with the blue Smoos! This was



to enable them to understand how Rosa Parks felt when she was not allowed to sit with white people on the bus and have compassion for her situation.

The children just accepted this so we discussed how Rosa Parks had the confidence to stand up for her rights and that perhaps they should have done this too. We then talked about appropriate ways to do this, such as writing a letter or having a polite conversation! They were thankful when it was all over!



**Community:**

Over the past couple of weeks we have enjoyed lots of opportunities to make links with the local community. Our 'bring a special person to lunch' was really successful and it was wonderful to see so many of you joining your children for something to eat. The Hedgehogs were also brilliant during our Harvest Festival with their performance of Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event.



**Innovation:**



Hedgehogs thoroughly enjoyed their time in the garden with Wendy, Ads and Fee. They made scones and pumpkin pie using the produce from the garden which was then shared at the Harvest Festival....we hope you enjoyed them!



# Squirrels

## Academic:



This week Squirrels have been focussing on 'Addition' in maths, the children have been really resilient with their learning especially when challenges have been evident. In English we have been focusing on 'Speaking and Listening' learning about Harvest and why we celebrate harvest, whilst practising the Harvest poem. We also looked at the past and present changes of children in schools and how different they are in the past to how they are today.

## Character:

We have been looking at **Friendliness** and **Resilience** over the last couple of weeks and how we demonstrate these virtues. We have had a focus on resilience throughout our learning and then making sure at break times and lunch times everyone is friendly towards one another. Squirrels were also fantastic Skill Builders last week when we had the Fencing workshop team in to teach the children about the sport of fencing.



## Community:



We thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the parents at our Harvest festival on Thursday. The children were very nervous about this but they were amazing Inspiring Speakers. It was lovely to share this event with so many of you and build our School Community. It was also amazing to share "Bring a special person to lunch" with you all too. Everyone was so respectful of one another and considerate to those who didn't have a special person. We are looking forward to sharing more great things with you next half term.

## Digital and Innovation:

Over the last couple of weeks Squirrels have been looking at colour mixing by using the primary colours and creating secondary colours. We used this method to create a painting of the children's favourite animal.



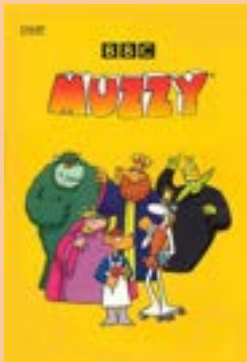
## Foxes

### Academic:

This week the children have been finishing up their BFG stories. In terms of maths we have been taking a deep dive into the methods that we might use in order to complete our daily Tough Tens. We have finished up our topic work on 'Early settlers and beyond'. The children particularly enjoyed learning about the Danegeld and deciding whether it was right to pay the Vikings to stop attacking.



### Character:



The children showed the character virtue of resilience when performing during the harvest festival. They have also been showing the virtue of curiosity during our French lessons. We have been watching Muzzy in order to support the children's french listening skills and the children have been very curious about the meaning of different words. They have also had the courage to make a guess which is really lovely to see.

### Community:

The harvest festival happened yesterday and the children celebrated it with their parents. I am really proud of how the children practised their lines and overcame their nerves. The children were also very excited to try the cakes that they had made in the garden with Wendy.

We were also lucky to have so many special guests come and share lunch with the children. It was lovely to see how the children were so caring and understanding of children who didn't have a special person. It was also nice to see the children showing and being proud of the work that we have been doing in class.



### Digital and Innovation:



The children had a really nice time creating their Anglo-Saxon clay pots yesterday. The children thought carefully about how they would be designing them and then followed through with their design choices. I have arranged to have the pots fired and then we will be exhibiting them at our upcoming art exhibition.



## Badgers

### Academic:

This week the children have finished their literacy unit on Diary writing. Through this they have learnt the sad story of Anne Frank and they have written their own emotive diary entries.

Year 6 children have worked extremely hard to grasp long division, not an easy task! Year 5s have been looking at multi step problem solving with addition and subtraction.

Reading has been an important focus this half term and the children have been earning house points for all their reading at home.



### Character:



Badger class had to show the character virtue of resilience last week when learning the new skill of fencing. They learnt the stance needed to begin, how to move forward and back, how to defend and attack. They even learnt how to catch hoops on the end of their 'sword'! There have been various visitors in school over the last couple of weeks and children from Badger class have volunteered to show them around school, talk through the work they have done and explain how character education makes our school great.

### Community:

Yesterday the children celebrated the harvest festival with their parents. They all read out their words clearly and loudly and showed their posters promoting Dig for Victory.

Badger class thoroughly enjoyed watching and listening to Back Chat Brass last week. They were a totally amazing band who kept the children spell bound for over an hour!

Last week children from Badger class welcomed their special guest to share lunchtime with them. This was really successful and gave guests the chance to chat to the children around school, see the classrooms and experience a Clawton lunchtime!



### Digital and Innovation:



This week Badger children have made WW2 cake using a recipe from a rationing cookbook. They were quite horrified at the thought of using a cup of black tea instead of eggs but once they tasted the cake they were totally converted and found it to be delicious!

## Clawton Toddler Group

It's been lovely getting back together after the summer holidays, it's amazing how much our little people have grown and changed over a few weeks.

We've been busy with autumn activities, picking apples from the apple tree and making apple crumble, scavenger hunt, planting acorns and conkers ready for the spring. This week the children loved the new building equipment we have bought with money donated by the PTA (thank you PTA).

We are off for two weeks now, but when we return after half term we will be doing lots of lovely activities, in preparation for Christmas.

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





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Autumn is here - and the weather seems to have finally realised! There are lots of activities happening across North Cornwall this October Half Term. Pumpkin picking, spooky mazes, Halloween discos and parties, rockpool rambles and nature trails. Head over to the website and use our simple search features to have a look at what's on near you!

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## Free School Meals

Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals? If you are in receipt of any of the following your child should be entitled to Free School Meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

To check eligibility and apply visit

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/> This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.



## Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

**If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium**

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

