



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, the last two weeks have passed extremely quickly and have been packed full of exciting activities.

The children all had the opportunity to learn a new skill playing cricket with Martin Bryce. They all had great fun and we are now hoping to be involved in cricket matches next term against teams from other schools.

Continuing with the theme of sport, Clinton and Dolton children joined us to see Otis McAuliffe, an Olympic Athlete who visited school last week and demonstrated some amazing flips that he does with his gymnastics. We have raised some money to help support him on his Olympic journey.

Badgers and Hedgehogs had their time in the garden with Wendy and her team. Badgers enjoyed blowing eggs and cooking eggs with the cress they had grown and making an Easter tree. Hedgehogs had fun planting potatoes and strawberries, making milk bottle greenhouses in which to grow lettuces and putting mud faces on trees. Looking at most of them, I think more mud ended up on the children than on the trees!

Badgers had their trip to Plymouth to the Waste for fuel plant which was really interesting but very noisy with big lorries emptying black bin rubbish into pits. They all had to wear fluorescent jackets and hard hats.

We have also had World Book Day when the children made fantastic Toilet-Tube characters and looked amazing in their costumes and we also have had Red Nose Day.

Next week the Fox class are off to PGL or, as they like to call it, Parents Get Lost! It will be very quiet in school without them and we all hope they have the most amazing time.



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Key dates:

15th March - Bingo Tetcott Hall
18th – 20th March - Fox Class PGL Residential
28th March - Last day of term
15th April - First day back for pupils

Focus virtue this week:

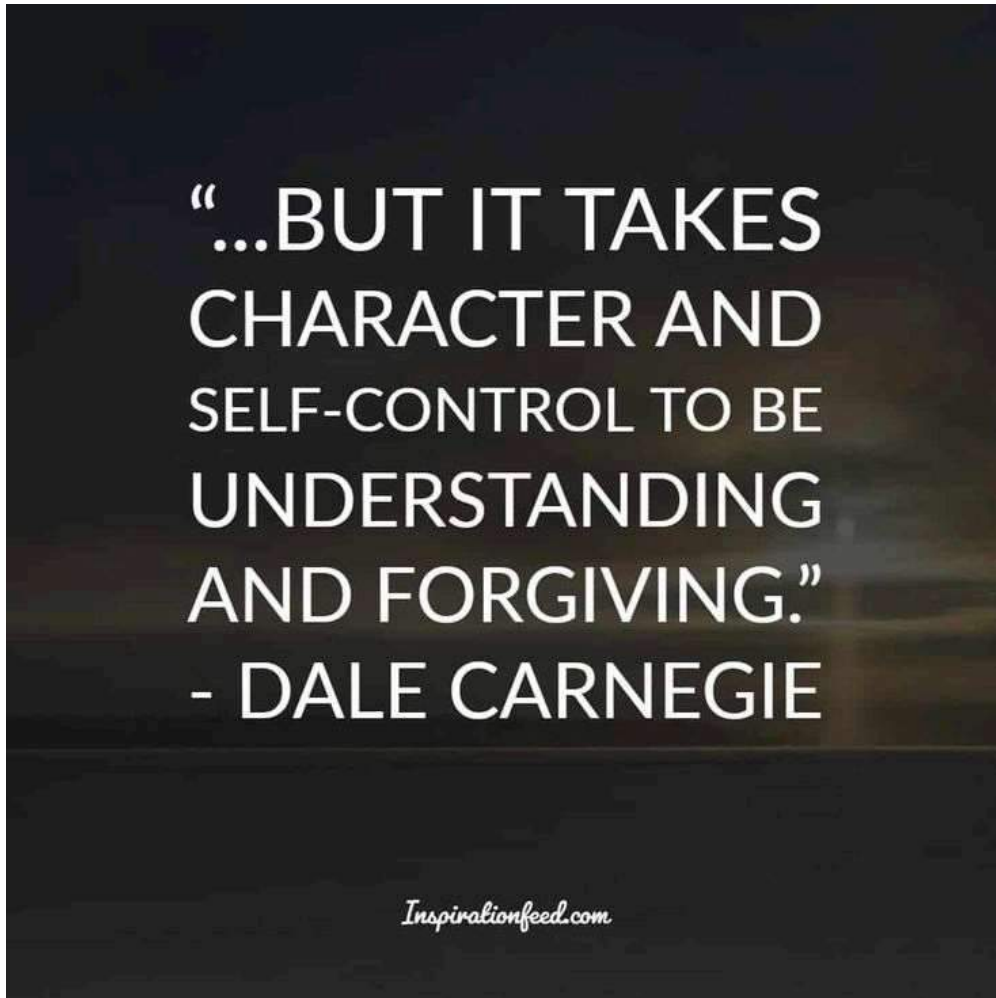
Determination and Resilience

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Once again, thank you to all our amazing volunteers. You all do so much for the school and it is really appreciated.

Kind regards,

Mrs Vickery



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/](https://alumnismat.org/online-safety/)

PTA News

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those that have made donations.

Do keep in mind about the following dates for the upcoming events.

Thank you from the PTA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clawton Primary & P.T.A

 Love what you wear day!
(non uniform day)
£1 suggested donation



FEB 08

 Focus on our art!
join us from 14.15
and view our art gallery
Cake sale & refreshments
+ a special silent art auction!





FEB 23

 Easter bingo at Tetcott village hall.
More details soon!

MAR 15

Save the date!

Owls

Academic:

Another busy week for our Owls, as it was world book day, we decided to celebrate our love of books all week long. We started to learn some actions for our Talk for Writing txt - We're going on a bear hunt! We used a story map and recalled the story just by looking at the pictures.



We made some wonderful Mother's Day presents - the children planted a baby spider plant into a pot and made a butterfly with their hands prints, along with a lovely poem and wrapped



up in tissue paper and a bow.

Owls have carried on with the Creative Virtue and have created some beautiful daffodils and minibeast art.

Character:

Owls have used many Character Virtues these last two weeks, Confidence with our visitors, Resilience and Helpfulness for learning new skills.

Community:

Last week, we had a couple of visitors to our school. We had Martin Brice come in to teach our children some cricket skills. Owls enjoyed this and using Determination and Resilience they all learnt some new skills.



Last Wednesday, we had an Olympic Athlete Otis McAuliffe visit our school. Otis specialises as a double mini trampolinist. Otis spoke to the children about how he trains and eats a healthy diet. Owls were very impressed by his standing back flip.



This week we enjoyed a trip up to Beer Mill. We were on the lookout for any signs of Spring. We found some flowers that had started to grow and saw some buds on trees.

We also went on a bug hunt! We found some worms, slugs and spiders. We had a go at measuring them and investigating them through our new magnifying jars. Owls were all very Curious and listened well to Elaine. They showed Friendliness towards our minibeasts and carefully returned them all back to their homes.



Digital and Innovation:

For Klassen this week, we have decided to make pizza! Just like The Little Red Hen did in her story. We have been learning how to be friendly and share. So taking it in turns to use the kitchen utensils and sharing the ingredients.

Owls have been busy designing their own bear hunt story maps, using a range of different materials and resources and using their Critical Thinking, they recalled the story step by step and created some marvellous story maps.



Hedgehogs

Academic:

This half term, the reception and year one children are discovering the changes that happen during spring. In a previous lesson, we looked at how the apple tree outside our classroom changes during each season. This afternoon we learnt about pollination and how the blossom on our tree will turn into apples come the autumn. The children enjoyed helping their honey bees collect pollen (glitter) from different flowers and then pollinate the blossom on the 'tree'!



Character:

This week the children demonstrated their civic virtues of service and citizenship by helping to maintain the garden. Wendy, Sarah and Ads kindly volunteered their time to work with the children, helping them to plant a variety of fruits and vegetables which we will enjoy eating when they have grown!



Community:

The children enjoyed taking part in the World Book Day celebrations last week and they all looked fabulous in their costumes! We had fun with some DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read) and enjoyed sharing some of the books that the children brought in. We loved all the entries for the toilet tube character competition and we were really impressed with how creative you all are! Well done to Robyn and Ashley who were our winning entries!



Innovation:

As you know, we use the environment in Hedgehog Class to utilise learning and we have had some brilliant builds happening in our construction corner this week! Some children have collaborated on a design for an adventure park and worked together to build it using blocks and Lego. This has been an ongoing project which they have returned to each day, encouraging them to use a range of vocabulary, communicate and evaluate ideas and explore structures and shape. We love learning through play!



Squirrels

Academic:

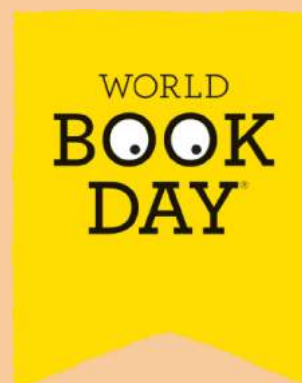


This week Squirrels have been writing their recount stories about an event that has happened, they have had to think about the past tense. In maths the children have been learning about volume and capacity and gram, kilograms, litres and millilitres. We have also been looking at Yanomami tribes in the rainforest!

Character:

Over the last couple of weeks Squirrels have been focusing on motivation. This is in all areas of school. Not just motivation on the work but also encouraging others to be motivated.

We also saw so much creativity when all the children dressed up for World Book Day and created the Toilet roll tube characters. Well done to the winners!



Community:



We have had a couple of visitors over the last couple of weeks. Martin the Cricket coach came in and spent an hour with each class. Squirrels were engaged and thoroughly enjoyed their session. Lots of children now want to join the Cricket Club for the Summer!

We also welcomed Otis the Double Trampoline Athlete alongside the Clinton and Dolton team to our school. Otis made a lasting impression with his inspiring stories of how he became a gymnast and his standing backflips!

Digital and Innovation:

Squirrels have been developing their typing skills in ICT this week. When they have been finishing their presentations and also typing up their stories they made for World Book Day! Squirrels have also been sharing their innovative ideas this week when using Lego to build some amazing vehicles!



Foxes

Academic:

Fox class have been working really hard learning about the commutative law and using it to help us get equations for 'free'. In Literacy we have finally started to write our ancient Egyptian stories, we have some very imaginative story lines forming!

In Geography we have been learning about the water cycle and what affects it. The children were particularly interested in learning about acid rain. We also learnt about the cloud seeding which takes place in Dubai. They have also really enjoyed learning the water cycle rap!

In Science the children have been working on classifying animals and plants. We are working towards completing a habitat survey at the end of next week. We were lucky with the weather last week, so we took to the playground to work on classification keys.



Character:

The children learnt about the character virtues of motivation and determination during their cricket day last week. Especially due to the rain! Once we moved inside the children practised all of the cricket skills before having a mini match. It was lovely to see how the children supported each other and worked as a team.

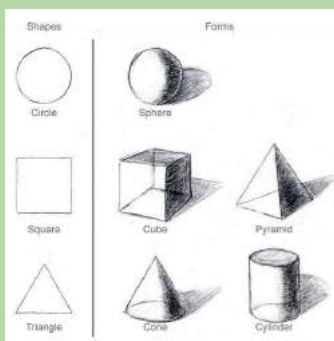
Community:

The children have been very excited to get Clawton recycling. They were very pleased to teach the other children about what goes into our recycling bins and whenever they find an empty plastic bottle they are thrilled to put it in the bin!

The children were also lucky to have a visit from Otis McAuliffe who is a world champion trampolinist.



Digital and Innovation:



In computing we have been continuing with our coding work with the children getting more and more confident at debugging. It has been lovely to see how the children's confidence has been growing with using Turtle Logo.

In art we have been practising sketching 3D objects, using our observation skills to find shapes and shading to make them look 3D.

Badgers

Academic:

Badgers enjoyed their World Book Day and made a huge effort to dress up for the occasion. We spent the day immersed in stories and poems. We took part in an online World Book Day Special with Author Michael Rosen.



Character:

We have been getting muddy in our outdoor learning spaces 'eggsploring' easter traditions and symbols. The children created an 'Easter Tree', complete with decorations and used the cress they planted last week to accompany some fried/scrambled eggs. They also prepared an area for planting wildflower seeds to attract the bees and investigated filtration in soil. A huge thank you to Ads, Wendy and Sarah for their time and effort. All of the children had an 'eggcellent' morning.



Community:

Badgers enjoyed a trip to the Recycling Centre in Plymouth where they learned all about the different stages of recycling and how waste can be converted into energy. The children were each given a free pencil made from recycled banknotes!



Digital and Innovation:

This week in Art we have been applying our understanding of the drawing technique Chiaroscuro. We have been discussing the effects of light and dark on an object/image and considering how to draw it. I think you'll agree they've done a great job.



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, so please spread the word.

Everyone is always welcome, we are quite good at a cup of tea and a chat too.

Clawton Parent and Toddler Group

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/222733272986271/?ref=share>



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.

