



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 12th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic fortnight we have had in school. It has passed in a blur as the school has been buzzing with Production Fever! There are not many times when I am speechless, but this week was one of them! I am so incredibly proud of all of the children for taking part this week. The smiles on their faces during the performance showed how much they enjoyed themselves.

Once again, I would like to thank Mrs Vickery and Miss Halloway for their incredible work in bringing the production together. They have been a fantastic team! I would also like to thank Victoria Norgate (Owls) and Terina Ellacott, for volunteering their time to give their expert advice, coaching and creativity to the show. Thank you Mike for offering to help and ending up as a dinosaur...! And finally, thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments - we all appreciate your support.

The newsletter below summarises how the production meets all of our four cornerstones, so this week's newsletter is a special production edition for Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Foxes and Badgers.

As we approach the final days of the year, please note the dates, which detail the final events of the term and the start of term for September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Steyn



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Key dates:

Last day of term - Tuesday 23rd July
First day back - Thurs 5th Sep
Badgers Rexion Solar Farm - 23rd Sep

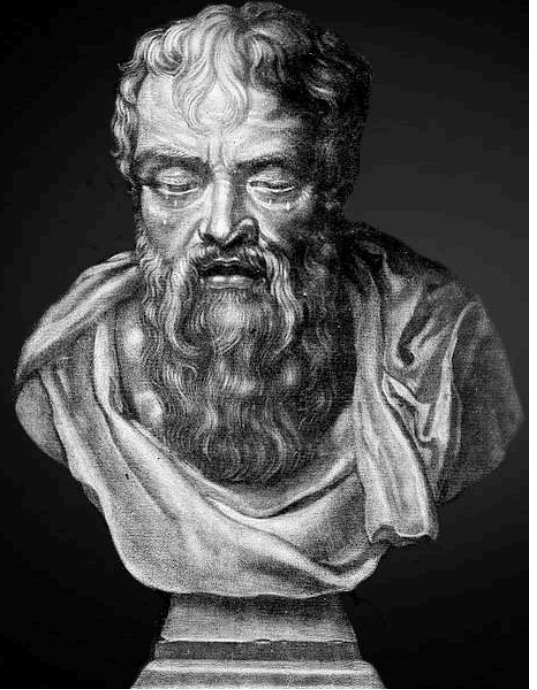
Focus virtue this week:

Gratitude

Good character is not formed
in a week or a month.
It is **created** little by little,
day by day. Protracted and
patient effort is needed
to develop good character.

– *Heraclitus*

AZ QUOTES



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 will keep you updated on any future events that will come up through the rest of the year, so keep an eye out for any dates that are communicated out.

Thank you for your continued support, from the PTA

Vacancies

School Cleaner - <https://alumnismat.org/jobs/clawton-school-cleaner/>

School Administrator - <https://alumnismat.org/jobs/clawton-school-administrator/>

Local Schools Committee (Volunteer): Parent Governor



What YOU must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

- ★ Check your child's attendance every day.
- ★ Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- ★ Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- ★ If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Owls



Academic:

Another two weeks have just flown past. Owls have been busy designing and finishing off their African masks and making African rain shakers for their leavers presentation next Tuesday. Along with their very own Totem pole to dance around. Africa has been a popular topic for our owls and they have learnt and can recap their learning well. A lot of research has been carried out last week linked with what



is a totem pole? Which followed on to the question where does wood come from? What are Totem poles used for? We found out that they are created to represent people or events from the past and that some cultures dance around them in celebration.

Character:

During our assemblies, Owls demonstrate amazing character virtues. They start by doing their wonderful walking and sit down quietly and patiently wait for the assembly to start. They always show respect to whoever is leading the assembly. Sitting down for around 15 mins is a long time for little ones, so we are very proud of them for achieving this. Keep being amazing Owls!



Community:

Last Monday, we had Mary Weblin from Holsworthy library visit us for a whole school assembly to talk to the children about the summer reading challenge. Children can read six books of their choosing and collect stickers along the way. When the challenge has been completed, a certificate and medal will be awarded. The library is free to join so just pop in and speak to a member of their friendly staff to get started!



Digital and Innovation:

Our Talk for Writing innovation this term was all about our favourite preschool mascot - Sunny the meerkat! Meerkat Mail written by Emily Gravett. Throughout this term and last term, Sunny has been going home with everyone, exploring your houses and enjoying some amazing adventures. Sunny has been recording it all in his journal with some fantastic photos! Below are just a few photos but please feel free to visit preschool and have a look at the journal.

We have also packed our suitcases, just like Sunny did for his travels and made our own Sunny meerkats. Owls have been brilliant storytellers by recapping the story from a map and making their own maps.



Rock Bottom Special!

Academic Excellence:

When putting together a production, there are so many academic skills that the children need to use, whether they are performing a main part or singing in the chorus.

The children with speaking parts have had to learn all of their lines along with the lines of those around them. They have thought about the clarity of their voices and their actions to support the words as well as their position on the stage.



During the performances, you may have noticed that the cast organised themselves, making sure they were in the right place at the right time with no prompting from adults! They paused at the correct time to allow the one-liners and backing tracks to have full effect - something that does not come easily.



All of the school have been busy practising the songs, some of which you may have noticed were quite complicated. The children had to navigate key changes and rhythm changes plus carefully choreographed movements.

Character Education:

There are so many character virtues that we have been learning about over the past year that the children have demonstrated during the production.



During rehearsals, patience is the virtue that jumps out the most.

There will have been times where the children would have had to wait for their turn to go on stage, and they did this beautifully. Our Hedgehogs and Squirrels would have had to use this whilst waiting to come on and off the stage - well done!



For many of our children, this was a really big event for them. They definitely used courage and determination to get on stage and to see their smiles and to hear afterwards how much they enjoyed themselves is very special.

There were times during the production and rehearsals that some of the children had to fill in lines for others. This level of cooperation, teamwork and understanding between the actors and actresses is extremely mature and worked seamlessly!



Community:

There have been so many members of our school community involved in the production. Firstly, our parents and carers within the school. The support within the final performances was amazing, and it created such a lovely atmosphere for the cast. We, as a staff team, really appreciate how helpful it has been to have costumes provided and for any time spent rehearsing lines and songs at home.



Our PTA, a fantastic and committed group of parents, who consistently volunteer their time to provide support and refreshments at our school's events. Thank you!

It was lovely to have Mr Moir (Alumnis CEO) and Mrs Marlow (Alumnis Chair of Directors) attend the afternoon performance - they were bowled over by the production and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



As a school, amongst the children and staff, there has been an excited buzz within the setting as we approached production day. The children knew it had been a success and we are very proud of them.

This community effort and teamwork across all areas of school life is essential to success and we look forward to this continuing.



Digital & Innovation:

Miss Holloway has definitely had to test her digital skills over the past few weeks, navigating the sound effects - cutting and splitting them to suit the production! It was also lovely to hear the Key Stage 2 children had used their chromebooks to find examples of the production songs which supported their rehearsals.



The fantastic creation of the props by Victoria is an amazing example of innovation. I wish that there had been some photos of the whole process - who knew that balloons and a tube would create a mammoth bone! Our Owls were brilliant with their painting skills, and the outside classroom was a hive of activity during lunchtimes



and playtimes with lots of painting and papier mache taking place.



The cast's innovative interpretation of sections of the script is also a brilliant example of how the children and staff thought outside the box. Whilst there was guidance in the script, Clayton definitely put their mark on this one.

The fantastic programme cover was designed by Sennen in Year 3 - Wow!


And that, Rock Bottom, is a wrap!

Summer Holiday Activities

Holsworthy Cricket Club **YOUTH ACADEMY**

Open to All Abilities

Aged 7 – 12

Summer Holiday 

Softball Cricket Camps

9am – 3pm

Stanhope Park, Holsworthy, EX22 6FP

Tuesday 1st August

Tuesday 8th August

Tuesday 15th August

Tuesday 22nd August

Tuesday 29th August

£15 per day per child


Book all 5 days for the price of 4 —£60—

For more information please contact Dan Marks at:
holsworthycricketclub1873@gmail.com or 07719 337218

Holsworthy Cricket Club **YOUTH ACADEMY**

Open to All Abilities

Year 1 — Year 6

Summer Holiday 

Softball Cricket Camps

9.30am -- 2.30pm

Stanhope Park, Holsworthy, EX22 6FP

Tuesday 30th July

Tuesday 6th August

Tuesday 13th August

Tuesday 20th August

Tuesday 27th August

£12 per day per child

—Book all 5 days for £50—

For more information please contact Dan Marks at:
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SUMMER SCHOOL CREATIVES



Workshop opportunities for young people aged 8 - 14

Focusing on a story local to North Devon and working in residence with an art form specialist, young people will develop their skills and knowledge in their choice of visual art, storytelling or photography + film.

- Online registration beaford.org/events/ssc
- Cost is £50 per day
- Discounts/Bursary available

Weekdays 24th – 31st July
2nd – 4th September
9:30am to 4:30pm

Bridge Chambers, The Strand
Barnstaple, EX31 1HB

NB These courses will only go ahead if there's sufficient uptake - please spread the word!

Booking deadlines:

Book for July courses by 17th July
Book for September courses by 12th August



Queries to caroline@beaford.org



beaford.org

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.

