



## Clawton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing at the beginning of the term to welcome you all back. I always say it, but time flies when you are having fun and there has definitely been a lot of fun things happening at Clawton.

As I have been reflecting on the past year, I have been amazed at the different opportunities that the children have had in order to develop into Inspiring Changemakers! Each page below reflects the different challenges completed in each class. The children will be given their certificates early in September along with their Inspiring Changemaker badges.

Our Year 6 leavers' assembly was a lovely tribute to this amazing cohort and on behalf of all of the staff at Clawton Primary and Alumnis MAT, I would like to wish them all the best of luck for Year 7 and beyond.

It is always sad when staff members move on as we are a close-knit team working here. I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Holloway, who will be moving to Bampton School – another Alumnis MAT school so we will keep in contact with her regularly. Mr Steyn is also leaving us to work at Devon Wildlife Trust. We will miss him very much as well and would like to wish them both all the best. An interview process has been completed and we will announce our new admin once the paperwork is completed. We are also sad to say goodbye to Kirsty in preschool, who has decided not to return after her maternity leave. We will miss her working with us, but are looking forward to still seeing her at the gate!

Mrs Hannam, our SENDCO, has also handed in her notice, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September. We would like to also wish her the best of luck for her future plans. With these changes to staffing, I have been able to reassess our SEND provision for September and can advise that I will be taking on the role of SENDCO. Any meetings that you have booked with Mrs Hannam will remain in the diary (unless they are already clashing) and I will have a detailed handover with her in September. This also means that I have been able to extend Miss Vickery's contract as a SEND Teaching Assistant, supporting across Key Stage 2 in the mornings (and Friday afternoon). We are very grateful that she has put her plans on hold for a bit longer as she has been an asset to the team.

Over the summer, the staff will be on holiday, so email access is not guaranteed. I will be keeping an eye on my emails and will post any urgent updates on Class Dojo. Mr Creek (07596 476 145) will be contactable should you need any support from our Social Inclusion Team.

So finally, a huge thank you from me to all of our school community. Clawton Primary School really is a fantastic place to work and the children are amazing – I am very grateful for this and already excited about next year. Your support has not gone unnoticed and we really do appreciate it. I would like to wish you all a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

With kind regards,

Mrs Steyn

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### Inspiring Fundraiser

Owls have been Inspiring Fundraisers throughout the year on various topics, Harvest Produce sale selling apple chutney. With the money they raised from the chutney, Owls sent a shoebox full of items to the Samaritans shoebox appeal for children less fortunate than themselves.



### Inspiring Adventurer

Owls have been Inspiring Adventurers during our Beer Mill visits. They have shown resilience and determination to trek to the top of Beer Mill to see what we can see in our community! We even met 'Harudabadoo!'



### Inspiring Researcher

During our expressive art theme, Owls displayed bundles of curiosity with our chosen artists. They researched their own questions surrounding art and their techniques' they used. Owls displayed many character virtues with this topic, including patience, confidence, critical thinking, resourcefulness and many more.



### Inspiring Skill Builder

Owls have been very keen to look after our wildlife. During a visit to Beer Mill, Owls became skill builders. They listened carefully to instructions from Elaine, and then gathered all their materials. As a team they worked together and built an awesome hedgehog house.



### Inspiring Volunteer

Owls have reached the final branch of our Character Tree by becoming Inspiring Volunteers. We offered our services to help tidy up the school garden.



### Inspiring Speaker

Talk for writing has been extremely popular this academic year. Owls have thoroughly enjoyed recalling the various stories using story maps and then inventing their own versions of the stories. They have even built up the courage and confidence to perform the stories in front of the whole school.







# Alumnis Community - Inspiring Stories



## We are Hedgehog Class at Clawton Primary School.



Hedgehogs have been confident speakers this year. They have performed in special assemblies such as The Harvest Festival, taken part in Show and Tell and spoken about their learning to adults who have visited the school. They also politely told Father Christmas what they wanted under the tree!



Hedgehogs have worked hard on developing their research skills this year. They have used books, the internet and spoken to specialists to find out about animals and their habitats, different countries around the world and historical events such as WW1 and The Gunpowder Plot.



Hedgehogs have been Inspiring Volunteers this year by raising money for many charities including Children in need, Edukid and Otis McAuliffe, an Athlete we had in school to demonstrate his fantastic gymnastic skills! They also volunteered to take part in a beach clean when we visited Crooklets as well as many jobs that needed doing around the school such as litter picking on the field.



Hedgehogs have enjoyed being Inspiring Adventurers this year. They have been on nature walks and taken part in pond dipping activities at Beer Mill, visited a war museum and enjoyed a day out at the beach. They also had lots of fun at the Christmas film night!



Hedgehogs have had the opportunity to develop a range of new skills this year. They have enjoyed their gardening sessions with Wendy, cooked lots of delicious food such as chapatis and banana bread and been able to try new sports such as cricket and fencing.



Hedgehogs have been Young Leaders this year by taking on the role of 'Helpful Hedgehogs' and carrying out tasks to help with the running of the classroom. This has included delivering the lunch orders to Sue, setting up the snack table and leading the class to assembly and lunch. They have also had the responsibility of keeping their classroom tidy!



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## We are Squirrel class at Clawton Primary School...



Squirrels have been fantastic speakers this year. They have spoken aloud in assemblies, in front of other children and adults including visitors in school. They even spoke in the church at Christmas. More recently performed in front of everyone in the whole school production!



Squirrels have worked hard this year. They have been working their way around the chromebooks. The children have created a presentation around Habitats and a presentation about the Rainforest when we looked at the Rainforest!



Squirrels have been Inspiring Volunteers this year by raising money for many charities, from Children in need to a sponsored read and even for Otis McAuliffe, an Athlete we had in school to demonstrate his fantastic Gymnastic skills! All these fundraisers have been selfless and have raised money for causes that really need the extra money.



Squirrels have been Young Leaders this year by helping the younger children at lunch times and sharing some learning time with them. They have also been learning how to become young leaders when they are in Key Stage 2 from the older children in school.



Squirrels have been Inspiring Adventurers this year. They have walked to Beer Mill several times taking part in many different activities. They also participated in the whole school Beach Trip and even taking part in many assemblies with visitors we have had this year including a visit from Giles King-Smith which is Dick King-Smiths Son!



Squirrels have been Inspiring Skill builders this year learning new cooking skills, new learning strategies and new information from Beer Mill, the Beach and all the other events in school such as Fencing and theatre club that some children attended!





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## We are Fox class at Clawton Primary School...

Foxes have been inspiring speakers this year both in class and in the wider school environment. They have been working on being good talkers and listeners in class and have spoken in assemblies throughout the year. Furthermore, they have performed brilliantly in the play and have been practicing throwing their voice so that the audience will hear.



Foxes have been inspiring volunteers by raising money for a variety of charities throughout the school year. They've also worked alongside 2minute.org when they cleaned Crooklets beach. They have also taken an ownership over the recycling in school this year and have been volunteering to empty the paper bins.



Foxes have been completing lots of research this year using their Chromebooks and books. They have researched both independently and in school and they have produced some fabulous homework discovering how the Romans and Egyptians lived.



Foxes have been Young Leaders this year by helping the younger children at lunch times. They have also been setting a fabulous example during play rehearsals showing the younger children all of the dance moves.

Foxes have been Inspiring Adventurers this year. They had a fabulous time taking part in adventurous activities at PGL, especially getting muddy! They have also been to Beer Mill several times learning about our local natural environment and the wildlife that lives there. They also adventured to the beach to think about the different wildlife and the ways that we can help it.



Foxes have been inspiring skill builders this year. Academically they have been working really hard to build their handwriting and presentation skills as well as learning about conducting science experiments and accurately using the equipment. They have thoroughly enjoyed working with Wendy in the garden to build gardening skills and cooking skills. They have also learnt how to build roman roads!



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## We are Badger class at Clawton Primary School...



Badgers have been Inspiring Volunteers this year by raising money for many charities, from Children in need to a sponsored read and even for Otis McAuliffe, an Athlete we had in school to demonstrate his fantastic Gymnastic skills! All these fundraisers have been selfless and have raised money for causes that really need the extra money. They also raised money for class activities by holding a film night. They also volunteered to help clean the beach.

Badgers have been fantastic speakers this year. They were all very keen to take on speaking and singing roles for the production 'Rock Bottom' and their performance was spectacular. They were also amazing speakers for Harvest festival and for the Christmas Carol Service.

Badgers have worked hard this year. They have researched their topics using their chrome books and created films, books and presentations which they have shared with the class.



Badgers have been Inspiring Adventurers this year. They have walked to Beer Mill several times taking part in many different activities. They also participated in the whole school Beach trip. They enjoyed visiting the Davidstow air museum and also their sports festivals at Launceston college.



Badgers have been Young Leaders this year by being lunch helpers, play leaders and also House Captains. They were also School council leaders and used some of their fund raised money to buy ice cream for everyone on our Beach trip.

Badgers have been Inspiring Skill builders this year learning new cooking skills, new learning strategies and new information from Beer Mill, the Beach and all the other events in school such as Fencing and theatre club that some children attended! They also learnt new gardening skills with Wendy.

