

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

Welcome back! We have certainly hit the ground running this half term - we have packed so much in and it's only the end of the first week. On Monday, all of the teachers from across the Trust undertook training about making learning memorable. This training looked at strategies staff can use to support children in transferring learning into their long term memory.

There was a delicious smell throughout school on Thursday and we had Year 3 to thank. They were busy all morning peeling, de-seeding, chopping and slicing. The result was tasty, warming pumpkin soup! The children had an absolute ball and enjoyed tasting the finished product.

Bikeability started in Year 5 this week. Bikeability is a cycle training programme which helps children to gain practical skills and understanding about how to cycle on today's roads. The children really loved their first session and can't wait for next week. On the subject of bikes, can I please remind you that children shouldn't be using bikes or scooters on the playground before or after school. It is always extremely busy and we want to ensure everyone is safe, which is difficult if children are scooting or cycling around. This being said, children are more than welcome to store their scooters and bikes in the bike rack on the large playground during the school day.

What better way to finish the week than with a whole school Design and Technology enrichment day. The day was kicked off with an assembly that involved me getting a little big soggy...it's a good job I had my wellies on! My job was to test the strength of several bridges built by staff by attempting to walk from one side of the 'flooded school hall' to the other without getting wet. I think it's fair to say the first couple of attempts were not the best but the staff quickly learnt from their mistakes and I eventually managed to cross safely. The children then spent the day completing a range of 'bridge' challenges including designing and building the longest and strongest bridge. It was a great day; the children were completely engrossed in the challenges and lots of learning took place. A massive thank you to Mr Wilson for planning and organising a day that the children will remember for a long time.



Have a lovely weekend,

Rebecca Moore

PE - No earrings are allowed to be worn during PE lessons following an incident. If this causes a problem please let us know and we can arrange to have tape put across them.



7.11.19	Year 5 Bikeability (lesson 2)
7.11.19	Netball Match at home -v- Good Shepherd
11.11.19	PTFA AGM Meeting

KS2

Year 3 and 4

Year 3 have had a great week. They have now finished off their information writing on Egyptian gods and goddesses so we are moving on to playscripts next week. They have all worked really hard to add using column addition including carry overs and we will soon be moving onto subtraction. We had a great time on Thursday making pumpkin soup where we all chopped, peeled, sliced and tasted.



During theme, Year 4 have made their Egyptian masks this week and they look spectacular. In English the children have been using conjunctions to improve their writing about mummification. In mathematics they have been adding numbers up to 1000 looking at column addition and rounding.

Year 5 and 6

It's been a busy first week back in Year 5 and 6! Firstly a reminder about our trip to the Cathedral on Thursday 14th November. Please bring in your reply slips ASAP and make your payments online. Speak to your class teacher if you have any questions. Year 5 have started doing rugby in PE with the 'Engage Project'. The children have loved their first session already and can't wait to practise their rugby skills some more. Bike-ability has also begun for some children in Year 5. Please remember to bring their bikes in and store them in our bike rack on this day. Year 6 have begun their poet study on Benjamin Zephaniah. This week the children have worked at trying to understand his poems and his style. Next week we will be looking at writing our own poems in the same style.

DT day was today also - building bridges! Some failures and some success and loads of fun!

100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RD	97.59%	3H	93%
RW	95.17%	3T	96.67%
1J	90%	4O	95.33%
1P	95.83%	4P	89.03%
2A	91.33%	5E	93.55%
2C	95.67%	5M	98.62%
		6S	95.33%
		6H	89.33%

Whole School Attendance is 95.62 %
Best Class 5m 98.62%
Well Done

PTFA Pumpkin Raffle

The winner of the PTFA Pumpkin Raffle was Isabella U in Year 6.



KS1

Year 1 and Year 2

This week Year 2 read the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They looked in depth at the main events of the story and then practised retelling it orally, using actions and different voices, before performing it to each other. In Theme they have been comparing our school with schools in the past. They thought about what was similar and was different and also sequenced a series of photos to create a timeline.



Year 1 have also been thinking about schools in the past and used their knowledge to create simple information texts about Victorian Schools. This week they had their first dance session with Kirstie. They all joined in and had great fun learning the different steps.



Birthday Zone	Birthdays from	
	<i>Klaudia M</i>	<i>Poppy J</i>
	<i>Amber U</i>	<i>Ryleigh W</i>
	<i>William N</i>	<i>Ranjit Saund</i>
	<i>Holly G</i>	<i>George M</i>
	<i>Terell J-D</i>	

Early Years

Nursery

This week the children in Nursery have been enjoying all things Halloween themed. They have been; crafting paper pumpkins, creating magical potions and lotions and even exploring the flesh and seeds of pumpkins in our sensory tray. Fine motor skills are very important in Nursery as we work towards building dexterity and strength in children's hands and wrists ready for the start of emergent writing. Our fine motor activity this week has been Hammering Pumpkins. Children were asked to hammer (using wooden hammers) plastic golf tees into large pumpkins. They needed determination, concentration and excellent hand eye co-ordination to succeed.



Reception

The children have been thrilled to be back at school! We have had some spooky goings on in our classrooms this week. 'Winnie the Witch' has left her mark and the children have been making junk model houses for her, creating their own spells and potions and even making Winnie a new hat. It proved quite tricky as the children needed to learn a range of new skills. This included making a cone for the top of her hat and cutting tabs in the paper plate to join them together. However, it was worth it as the children were extremely proud of their achievement. We hope you had a fun Halloween. Have a lovely weekend everybody!

