

# Clifford Bridge News

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## This Week at Clifford Bridge

We haven't been letting the weather dampen our spirits this week. In fact, we've had a particularly exciting week as Years 1 to 6 have launched their new theme topics.

Inspire Airlines took over the school on Tuesday as Years 1 and 2 launched their topic of Flight. The children grabbed their passports and boarding cards and headed to Baggage Drop-off and then Security. Once safely on board, they sat back and listened to the safety announcements before leaving the wet weather behind and jetting off to sunnier climes.

On Monday the school was full of delicious aromas. The lucky children in Years 3 and 4 were able to taste a wide variety of exotic foods from around the world that they had prepared at home. Lots of the children were brave enough to taste food that they had never seen before and enjoyed rating them for their theme, World Kitchen.

The children in Years 5 and 6 had to work a lot harder as they were put through a series of challenges during Astronaut School. Their physical and mental endurance and dexterity were tested before they could graduate. The theme is called Out of this World.

On Tuesday lunchtime, we had the first of our 5 Choir Creation Scheme workshops in KS2. Our tutor was Mrs Larkin from Armonico Consort and over 30 children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 greatly enjoyed learning a collection of new songs and singing techniques. Mrs Larkin, who goes into hundreds of schools, said she was extremely impressed with both the quality of the children's singing and their effort and enthusiasm to learn. The choir will continue as an after-school club once the workshops have been completed, with Mr Peet picking up the baton as Choir Master - we hope the power doesn't go to his head! In June, the choir will be joining around 2,500 other children from around the UK in a gala concert at the Royal Albert Hall performing alongside world class musicians and soloists. Exciting times ahead!

Thank you to those who have volunteered to come into school and read with the children on a regular basis. If there is anyone else who would like to volunteer, please let the office know. We are always grateful for additional volunteers because this is such an important life skill. This is a great way to have a positive impact on the lives of children.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Beki Moore*

Can we please ask that children do not bring glass bottles into school. We have had a couple of water bottles with a vinyl cover but are glass underneath. These are not suitable for a school drinks water bottle.

A reminder to label / name all items of clothing coming into school.

You will all receive a new 'Acceptable Use of the Internet Agreement for Parents and Carers'. Can you please complete and return to school as soon as possible.



22.01.20	Endball some Year 4 pupils at Alan Higgs am.
22.01.20	Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting 6.00pm
29.01.20	Rags to Riches clothes collection

Merit Certificates	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Tommy-J N	Olivia D	George R	Evie C & Kaiden W	Khaleel O	Kiran D
	Lacey R	Aylmar Z	Caleb W-M	Alex B	Christine N	Isabella U

## KS2

### Year 3 and 4

Year 4 have been practising their Endball skills and tactics in preparation for the upcoming Endball festival. The Endball festival is part of the school games.

Year 3 have had another learning-packed week. In English, they have been writing a character description of the central character in Ted Hughes' 'The Iron Man' using rich and interesting adjectives. In maths, they have been challenging themselves to use and apply their skills to measure and record measurements of real world items with a particular focus on weight. Their Theme Launch afternoon was a wonderfully interesting way to start 'World Kitchen' with the opportunity to taste food from all around the world.



In another exciting week, Year 4 have been continuing to read stories about the 'World's Worst Children' and, after having identified

the features of a diary, they have been writing a diary entry from the point-of-view of one of the 'World's Worst Children', Nigel Nit Boy. In maths, they have been using and applying their growing multiplication and division skills to solve word problems as well as extending their understanding of multiplication and division as operations in themselves. In theme, they launched the 'World Kitchen' topic with an amazing food tasting afternoon.

## 100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RD	96.67%	3H	95%
RW	98.33%	3T	99.17%
1J	94.27%	4O	100%
1P	91.67%	4P	93.75%
2A	95.83%	5E	100%
2C	97.50%	5M	96.64%
		6S	96.25%
		6H	95.83%

Whole School Attendance is 91.6%  
Best Class 4O & 5E 100%

Well Done



Birthday Zone	Birthdays from 13 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> January	
		Seve C
Martha F		Poppu F
Rahees I		Layla B
Alfie Q		Sofia S
Avaani B		Athena B
Crystal W		James T
Zeinab M		Isabella W
Afrah K		

## Year 5 and 6

In Year 5 and 6, we have been learning lots of interesting facts about the planets in our solar system this week. All the teachers could hear, were comments beginning with, 'Did you know?' as well as lots of gasps and faces full of wonder as they began to appreciate just how big our solar system, galaxy and universe is! Ask them about what they have found out this week.

Year 5 have been performing poetry by the poet Kate Wakeling, as well as writing their own poems in the same style! We look forward to seeing their finished performances.

Year 6 have been busy news reporters this week, writing all about the very first moon landing in 1969. We are so proud at how much progress they have made. The children have also taken their homework very seriously - some even attended homework club twice this week! Well done all - keep it up :)

## KS1

### Year 1 and Year 2

KS1 had a fantastic launch for their Flight theme this week. They all took a trip to Clifford Bridge Airport to find out what it was like to take a flight. First they checked in and showed their passports, then went through security to get their luggage checked. Finally after a short wait, it was time to take a trip on Inspire Airlines. The children had a fantastic time and even made it back to school in time for lunch!



## Early Years

### Nursery

### The Gruffalo

We had some very strange footprints in our classroom this week and after much discussion we decided they must belong to the Gruffalo!



This set us off on a whole week of Gruffalo related challenges. We measured the footprints to see how big they were and did you know that a Gruffalo's footprint can be up to 10 cubes long!!!

We also painted some fabulous Gruffalos using puffy paint which we made ourselves and then we finished the week by making some delicious owl toast using fruit loaf and lots of scrummy fruit to create an edible owl!

We also went on a Gruffalo hunt outside but the Gruffalo was far too crafty for us and we haven't found him yet!!

### Reception

Reception have had another marvellous week, as they have continued their learning of the Gruffalo's Child. The children have been using torches to create their own shadows of objects and experimenting with how they can be changed. It is amazing how something so small can create such a huge shadow! The highlight of this week has been making their own 'Gruffalo crumble'. The children could not wait to take it home to bake. "Yummy" and "delicious" were popular words to describe it the following day!

