This Week at Clifford Bridge

This week at Clifford Bridge, we have been focusing on the value of kindness. We started the week with a whole school assembly where we discussed 'Random Acts of Kindness'. This week’s merit assembly also had a focus on kindness. It was amazing listening to the teachers talking about the children and hearing about all the different ways in which they demonstrate this characteristic.

In our first week back after the holiday, we have World Book Day to look forward to. All of the children will be taking part in an assembly during which they can show off their costumes. They should have received a World Book Day book token which will enable them to buy themselves one of the books printed especially for the day. These are available from all good bookshops!

We enjoyed meeting with many of the parents from Year 5 this week when they attended a presentation evening about the Kingswood residential trip which will be taking place in March. If any of you are still undecided about whether your child would like to go to Kingswood or not, please pop in and talk to us.

I’d like to end my newsletter by saying a big thank you to all of the children for their hard work this half term. I hope they all have a restful half term holiday. I’m sure you would want to join me in wishing that staff enjoy a well-deserved break too. I had the pleasure of spending time in several different classes this week and it was lovely to see the range of activities that the children were involved in and to see them enjoying their learning so much.

Finally, congratulations to Kiran D from 6S who was the winner of the 'British Values Art Competition'; well done!

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd March.

Enjoy the holiday,

Rebecca Moore

The School Calendar

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Early Years

Nursery

The Smartest Giant in Town
I can’t believe it is half term already! My first 7 weeks at Clifford Bridge have gone by so fast. However, they have been a lovely 7 weeks and I have really enjoyed my time with the children and getting to know them all. I would like to thank Mrs. Newsome and Mrs. Brain for helping me settle in and for making me feel part of the team. The children have been extremely kind this week while we have been reading ‘The Smartest Giant in Town’. We found out that he was actually the ‘kindest giant in town’ so we continued with adding to our ‘kindness tree’ and helped him to sort all his clothes out. Then, we gave them back to the animals as he had scattered them all over our outdoor area!
We also used his socks to measure each other with and created some wonderful ties to use as scarfs for cold giraffes!

Reception

Reception have had a ‘mouth-watering’ week learning all about ‘Mr Wolf’s Pancakes.’ They found ways to help Mr Wolf read, write and count when none of his friends would help him. They helped him to read the recipe book and work out the ingredients that he needed to make some pancakes. The children helped him write a shopping list, count his money and give the shopkeeper the correct amount in the shop. The highlight of the week was choosing the toppings for their pancakes. The children are now all prepared for Shrove Tuesday next week. Have a wonderful half term everybody and we look forward to seeing you all after the holiday!
Years 1 and 2

This week Years 1 and 2 were lucky enough to visit Midland Air Museum as part of their Flight Theme. First they learnt all about Sir Frank Whittle and the importance of his invention of the jet engine. Then they designed and created their own paper aeroplanes and tried them out to see how well they flew. After that, they explored the museums and went inside a variety of aeroplanes and helicopters: they even had the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a Vulcan bomber! The weather may have been mixed, but this didn’t dampen the children’s spirits and they all had a fantastic time.

Years 3 and 4

This week in Year 3, as part of their World Kitchen topic, we have been designing our own pizza and the packaging that it will go into, in preparation for making the pizza at the end of this week. In English, the children have been introduced to their new focus of Traditional Tales, starting off with the re-telling of tales that they know based upon a story box. In RE, they have had a visitor talking about why people pray as part of their multi-faith focus. In maths, they have been introduced to the short method of division.

In Year 4, we have also been designing our own pizzas and packaging in readiness for making our delicious pizzas! In English, we have been developing our persuasive writing skills pitched our ideas for a delicious snack to Mr Peet and Mrs Flynn on Friday. Our Science learning this week has been focused on understanding and recording food chains between producers, consumers and predators. In maths, we have been further developing our understanding of 3-digit and 4-digit numbers and using and applying our skills to solve word problems involving all 4 operations.

Years 5 and 6

Year 6 have been superstars this week by completing their penultimate mock SATs tests. We have been very impressed by how they have been rising to the challenge and using 100% effort in every paper. We have also enjoyed learning more about The Earth, Sun and Moon in science lessons, understanding what a day and year is, as well as learning about phases of the moon.

Year 5 have been busy learning lots about fractions this week in maths. They have been finding out all about equivalent fractions and how to compare between them. In their English lessons, they have begun work on their class book ‘Wolf Brother’. In this narrative unit, they have started to look at how to write an effective setting description in order to set the scene of this adventurous, thrilling story!